



The 10th Annual Caledonia Chili Cook-off

Presented by:
The Knights of Columbus - Council 9300
'Major Community Event of the Year 2019'



Tanika Jacobs

Tanika is currently 18, but she has lived with a critical life-threatening illness for half her life. She was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes 8 years ago when found in a diabetic coma. Due to septic shock and aspiration, she has lost a limb and has undergone 2 double lung transplants. Unfortunately, both transplants resulted in rejection and until recently, she was listed for a third. She also has a condition called Bronchiolitis Obliterans. Tanika currently lives with a tracheostomy and requires constant ventilation and Oxygen. Her mother is her full-time caregiver. She receives home instruction for school but can get out once a week to a youth group in the community. She enjoys painting, crafting, and animals. She also raises money for Sick Kids Hospital with cards and paintings.