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Ενα μικρό άρρωστο αγοράκι, το οποίο δίνει μάχη για να κρατηθεί στη ζωή έχει ένα όνειρο: Όταν μεγαλώσει να γίνει αστροναύτης. Μία μικρή, η οποία πάσχει από μία σοβαρή ασθένεια επιθυμεί να γίνει πριγκίπισσα. Και όμως! Τα όνειρα των δύο μικρών παιδιών έγιναν για λίγο πραγματικότητα, χάρη στη βοήθεια ενός 37χρονου φωτογράφου.

Ο Shawn Van Daele είναι ένας φωτογράφος από το Οντάριο, ο οποίος εδώ και σχεδόν δύο χρόνια ταξιδεύει σε όλη την Αμερική και βοηθά αφιλοκερδώς άρρωστα αγοράκια και κοριτσάκια να πραγματοποιήσουν τις πιο τρελές τους επιθυμίες.

Μέσα από τις φωτογραφίες του, τα παιδιά γίνονται ήρωες των αγαπημένων τους παραμυθιών και βλέπουν τα όνειρά τους να πραγματοποιούνται.

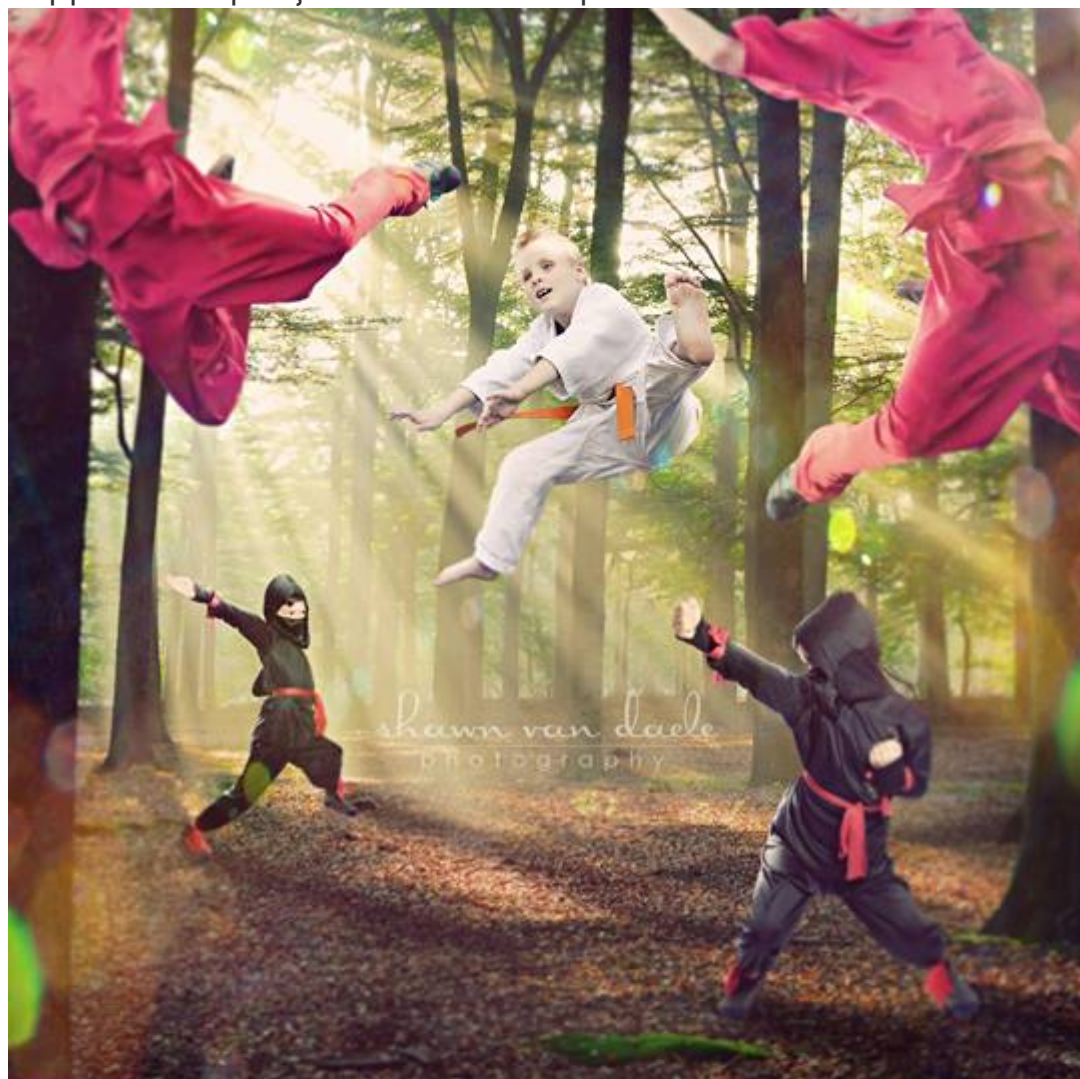
«Θέλω τα παιδιά και οι οικογένειές τους, που μπορούν να ζήσουν μια στιγμή μικρής ευτυχίας στη ζωή, μέσα από τη μαγεία της παιδικής ηλικίας να δουν ότι όλα είναι δυνατά», είπε ο Βαν Νταλ σχετικά με το έργο του -που του έχει δώσει το όνομα «The Drawing Hope Project»- μιλώντας στην Huffington Post.

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Ο Van Daele έχει συνεργαστεί με περισσότερα από 30 παιδιά, ενώ συνεχίζει να



λαμβάνει αιτήσεις από όλο τον κόσμο



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"He told me he would be a 'good' ninja and he would be wearing a white ninja outfit.  
He told me he would fight bad guys.  
I asked if it would be day or night in his picture, and he said "daytime".  
I asked if he would be indoors or outdoors, and he said, "Outdoors, with lots of trees around."

### Travis – The Watchman

At 22 months old, Travis became very ill from a form of E. coli, spending 2 months in the hospital, and ending up on dialysis. He lost 80% of his large bowels, had significant cardiac complications...and lost complete vision in both of his eyes.

Now 7 years old, he has grown into a confident, Judo-loving little boy who believes that anything is possible if you choose to see it that way.

Even protecting the world from bad guys.

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### Kaleigh - Princess of Rose Castle

Kaleigh was diagnosed at 13 months with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, preventing her from moving around like a "normal" toddler should. For several years, she required a weekly injection of a harsh narcotic, which finally put her into remission. Last December the arthritis returned but injections directly in her joints have helped. Despite the pain even most adults never know, Kaleigh still believes that anything is possible - even becoming Princess of Rose Castle.

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## McKenna - Princess of Flight

McKenna was born with Jacobsen's Syndrome, a very rare genetic disorder that resulted in a risky surgery at 3 years old to remove a part of her skull to avoid severe brain damage, as well as Paris Trousseau Disorder, a rare blood disorder, making her surgery even more dangerous. She is also living with Autism, and despite all her challenges, she still believes that anything is possible - even walking your dog in the sky.

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## Jack - The Hero of Hope Street

Jack was born with a rare liver disease called Biliary Atresia, going into complete liver failure at only 5 months old. 2 months later he received a life saving liver transplant. He has been through numerous surgeries, and may need another liver transplant in the future, but he is able to save the day because an organ donor saved his. When you register as an organ donor, anything is possible. Even saving The Hero of Hope Street.

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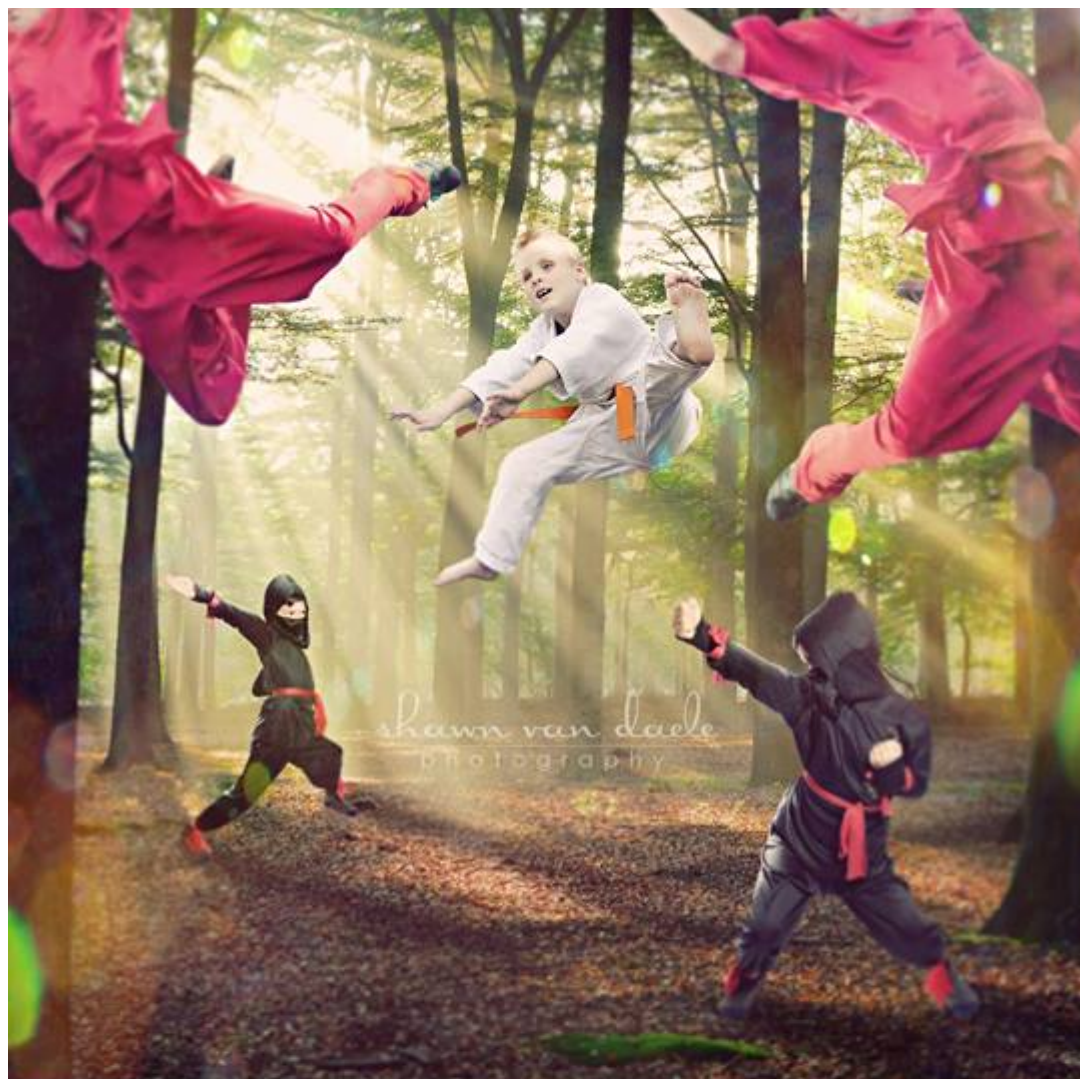
### Marco - The Explorer

Marco was born with a broken heart. By the miracle of a heart transplant at 34 days old, Marco received the gift of life, only to face cancer at the age of 4 - which he heroically fought, and won. With determination and a donor family through [www.beadonor.ca](http://www.beadonor.ca) anything is possible.

*Even magic apples;*

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