



Jeneece's pluck and a decisive streak led her to act to push back against the menace of childhood disease. At seven, grateful for the help she'd received from Variety Club—the Children's Charity—she launched a penny drive at her school that raised \$164. The next year, with help from CHEK-TV, she raised \$27,000. She went on to raise more than \$300,000 while taking part in other charity projects including Cops for Cancer, the Easter Seals 24-hour relay and events for the BC Neurofibromatosis Foundation.

Recently Jeneece received well-deserved recognition for her efforts—a Coast Mental Health Foundation – Courage To Come Back award – presented at a ceremony hosted by Silken Laumann.

Jeneece undergoes regular chemotherapy treatments, but she still attends Glanford Middle School in Saanich during the mornings, enjoying the reading and drawing components of the class.

While she lives with pain most days, she believes it is really nice to help other kids. "It's not a big deal," Jeneece says with typical modesty of her work with Variety Club. "They've helped me," she adds, "so I really like to help them.

Today it's our pleasure and privilege to recognize you, Jeneece, here at the Legislature, and to thank you for giving all of us such an inspiring example of courage and leadership.