

# “Kids’ Chance was the biggest savior for me”

**Kaitlyn Dalton** is nothing short of a Kids’ Chance success story. The 22-year-old from Southern Maryland graduated with honors from Towson University and now works as a 5th grade teacher for the Prince George’s County public school system.

She credits Kids’ Chance of Maryland, Inc. with giving her the opportunity to go to college and earn her teaching degree – an opportunity she may not otherwise have had. When Kaitlyn was just 2 years old, her father, J.C. Dalton, a lumberjack, was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder as a result of a workplace chemical accident.



Kids’ Chance of Maryland, Inc. provides college scholarships to the children of Maryland’s catastrophically or fatally injured workers.

It is the children who are often forgotten when these losses occur. Kids’ Chance of Maryland provides an opportunity for these children to pursue their education, reach their goals, and fulfill their dreams for the future.

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lost their lives in a workplace accident. Registration for the April 28th event and corporate sponsorships will help raise much needed funds for the Kids’ Chance of Maryland, Inc. scholarship fund.

Register to run or walk for this event at [www.charmcityrun.com](http://www.charmcityrun.com). There is a registration fee of \$35. For more information on this event, go to [www.kidschance-md.org](http://www.kidschance-md.org) or call 410-832-4702.

“He suffered with that disease for a long time,” recalls Kaitlyn. He died three years later, when she was 5. Kaitlyn’s mother was left to care for her alone.

“I started thinking about college as soon as I started high school,” Kaitlyn reflects. “I knew I wanted to be a school teacher.” It was through her high school guidance counselor that she first heard about Kids’ Chance and the scholarships offered by the non-profit organization to children like herself who have had a parent catastrophically injured or killed as a result of a work-related accident.

“My mom and I both realized that I met all the criteria for the scholarship, so I applied,” explains Kaitlyn. “Kids’ Chance was the biggest savior for me. It took a lot of the stress off my mom of having to pay for college costs.” She adds that Kids’ Chance helped pay her tuition for four years of college. Kaitlyn graduated from Towson with a degree in Elementary Education in May 2011. She landed her first teaching job shortly thereafter.

“I absolutely love being a teacher,” she beams. “Every day is a new challenge. One of the biggest rewards for me is seeing my students take what I teach them and then applying that not only to tests but also to real life.”

Kaitlyn graciously agreed to participate in a video interview for Kids’ Chance of Maryland to share her story with others and to help spread the word about Kids’ Chance.

**You can view Kaitlyn’s story at** [www.iwif.com](http://www.iwif.com), as well as on the Kids’ Chance of Maryland website, [www.kidschance-md.org](http://www.kidschance-md.org).

“Kids’ Chance has done so much for me, I wanted to give something back,” says Kaitlyn.



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