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“The presence of a grandparent confirms that parents were, indeed, little once, too, and that people who are little can grow to be big, can become parents, and one day even have grandchildren of their own. So often we think of grandparents as belonging to the past; but in this important way, grandparents, for young children, belong to the future.”

Fred Rogers

Some pictures are worth more than a thousand words. For our family, this photo is one.

Look closely at this picture and you can see the story of a little girl, diagnosed when she was just two, nearly twenty four years ago, who grew up, went to college to become a nurse, passed the boards to earn her RN, got married to Adam, found work at a beautiful hospital, opened her heart to a puppy named Baxter, and will soon welcome a little baby boy into her family.

As I reflect upon the words of Fred Rogers, it's clear to me that those wonderful little blue shoes are an affirmation of all that our kids can become, and proof that, even as the next generation joins us both at home and at CWD, there remains much yet to do, and I look to the future where I will be a CWD grandfather, sharing new and different stories with you, our friends for life.

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