

Jahi McMath Supporters Pressing for Release from Children's Hospital Oakland

Supporters of Jahi McMath continue to work for her transfer out of Children's Hospital Oakland. The 13-year old patient who suffered massive complications after a surgery that led to a "brain death diagnosis" continues to show signs of life.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 31, 2013 / -- Under the direction of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, numerous organizations and individuals have been working on behalf of Jahi McMath and her family in relative silence for the sake of the sensitivity of her case.

At this point, Terri's Network, Life Legal Defense, Angela Clemente & Associates, The Wrongful Death & Injury Institute, New Beginnings and others defending Jahi's life, see that it is now appropriate to step forth publicly and represent the many supporters who have been working tirelessly to obtain Jahi's release from Children's Hospital Oakland and transfer her to a safe place.

Jahi McMath has been labeled a "deceased" person. Yet she retains all the functional attributes of a living person, despite her brain injury. This includes a beating heart, circulation and respiration, the ability to metabolize nutrition and more. Jahi is a living human being.

Together with our team of experts, Terri's Network believes Jahi's case is representative of a very deep problem within the US healthcare system – particularly those issues surrounding the deaths of patients within the confines of hospital corporations, which have a vested financial interest in discontinuing life.

"Families and individuals must make themselves aware of what so-called 'brain death' is and what it is not," said Bobby Schindler, executive director with Terri's Network. "Additionally, families and individuals must educate themselves regarding their rights as patients, the advance documentation that must be completed prior to any medical procedure as well as how to ensure best any patient's rights.

"Every person needs to understand that medical accidents happen every day. Families and individuals must be more aware of the issue of accountability and patient rights."

We continue to work toward Jahi's transfer.

The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network was established by the family members of Terri Schiavo to protect the rights of people with cognitive disabilities. It has communicated with and supported more than 1,000 families, and has been involved in hundreds of cases since Terri's Death. To learn more about the work of the Life & Hope Network, please visit lifeandhope.com

