

## **Tori Named Honorary Chair of the 26th Annual BBQ and Boogie**

The importance of early vision screening is never more appreciated than by the thousands of children who, through our screening are able to receive the treatment early enough to forever impact their lives. Like many parents Tori's mom and dad would never have guessed that there was any problem with their daughter's eyesight. Children learn quickly to compensate and often do not know that what they



are seeing is not how everyone else sees the world. When Vision Is Priceless Council (VIP) came to Riverside Presbyterian Day School two years ago to screen the children, they noticed Tori had little vision, if any, in her right eye. Her parents were contacted and encouraged to take her for a full eye examination. Those few brief hours that VIP visited Riverside Presbyterian Day School were just enough to make a difference for Tori and her family.

When Tori's parents took her for a full exam, the eye care professional sent them immediately to a retina specialist. Within a week, they were sent to Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and Tori was undergoing surgery to remove the tumor which was identified as malignant. Tori now has a prosthetic eye and has testing done every three months as a precaution. This very rare, but very serious form of cancer is extremely hard to identify and may have otherwise gone undetected. Today Tori is now starting her fifth grade year at Riverside Presbyterian Day School. She is thankful for the partnership between VIP and the school that offered the early screening and is enjoying horseback riding and tennis with her friends. She is thrilled to be the honorary chair for this year's BBQ & Boogie and looks forward to greeting each of you who have made a difference in her life by supporting VIP.

Thank you for making a difference!