

A Review of
Adam's Journey (2012)
Author: Margaret M. McCarthy

Adam's Journey is a beautifully written account by Adam's loving grandmother, Margaret McCarthy, of a family's search for a miracle cure of the rare Mitochondrial Disease that threatens his young life. Against all odds, with the support of prayer, a world class Pittsburgh transplant team and the living donation of a mother's partial liver, Adam and his family survive the relocation and challenges of that journey.

The story is captured "real-time" in blog excerpts that the author uses to engage the reader in the daily trials and triumphs of the roller coaster ride this family endures for the months of searching and treatment. The reader, whether medically challenged family member or medical professional, or just casual general reader, cannot help but be inspired by the strength of family bond and spirit exhibited by both mother and father with their children and this grandmother storyteller who takes on the caregiver role for those children while parents do what they must to save Adam in that distant Pittsburgh medical center for many weeks/months. The family of eight lives in West Michigan, but basically relocated for ten weeks with the loving hospitality of a local Pittsburgh family who took them in and added to the miracle of the story.

Margaret provides us a window into the struggles, fears and triumphs that eventually lead to the miracles that happened to this seemingly everyday family. Be prepared to have your heart touched as she draws you into these amazing lives with her gifted writing. If you are faced with overwhelming odds, especially if they involve a child's life threatening medical condition, this is the book to carry with you when you need to believe that hope is possible and life is worth fighting for beyond that daily struggle. To add weight to the success story, her book concludes with the fifth anniversary of Adam's liver transplant and the vision of many growing life filled years to come.

Thank you, Margaret, for letting us deep into your life through this very personal loving story of family strength and faith in miracles.

See www.adamsjourneybook.com for purchase details.

Reviewer bio: Jim Gleason, receiving his own heart transplant Oct. '94, retired after 37 years with Unisys Corporation in 2005, is a volunteer leader with TRIO, UNOS and the Gift of Life Donor Program in Philadelphia, as well as a nationally recognized speaker and author. His own book, **A Gift from the Heart**, is offered in thanks to his donor family and can be viewed on-line from his blog at <http://gleasonjim.wordpress.com> or obtained (without cost) on a CD in PC readable format by contacting him at GleasonJim@aol.com

