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MOVING AHEAD



RACHEL MAYNARD, 8, doing water therapy at home with her father, Ray. Rachel has juvenile dermatomyositis, an autoimmune disease that attacks healthy cells and tissues. **JORGE ENCINAS SAHUARITA SUN**

Sahuarita girl, 8, family take on rare disease

By Jorge Encinas
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Rachel Maynard was a typical seven-year-old girl before the new year. She enjoyed going to school, ballet and playing with her friends. Then her life changed overnight.

Rachel, now eight, was diagnosed with juvenile der-

matomyositis, but the rarity of the disease and severity of her case took a heavy toll on her. Now Rachel's parents, Cheryl and Ray, want to raise awareness so other families can act faster and find treatment plans better suited to their child's needs.

Cheryl said stress and exposure to other illnesses may have led to triggering

JDM in Rachel. Cheryl's two kids, Rachel and Dylan, 12, switched schools from Tucson to Sahuarita and then back to Tucson. Plus, they visited family in California over the holidays and Rachel was exposed to strep throat. Eventually the strain took its toll on Rachel.

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RESOURCES

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Mother: I-19 shooting stemmed from years of violence

By Kim Smith
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Every time Susie Stemper looks at her granddaughter Natalie, her heart breaks just a little bit more.

On Saturday, the 7-year-old's mother was shot to death on Interstate 19 in Green Valley; her mother's on-again, off-again boyfriend was arrested in connection with her death.

Again and again, Natalie asks her the same questions, Stemper said: "How could he do that? How can he tell me he loves me and he misses me and then hurt mommy?"

Stemper has no answer. How do you talk to a second-grader about something as complex as domestic violence? And domestic violence is what led to her daughter's death, said Stemper, who lives in Rio Rico.

Her daughter, Marilynn Patricia "Matty" Pacheco, 25, was trapped in a cycle of domestic violence for at least two years, she said.

She doesn't know how her daughter met the suspect, 21-year-old Mateo Zavala, but she says the relationship was never healthy. She first heard about Zavala two years ago and a pattern quickly emerged. The couple would argue, they'd break up and they'd get back together. Once, Stemper said her daughter pretended to be unconscious to end a fight where Zavala dragged her by the hair and kicked her in the face. She has photos of her daughter's swollen face on her cellphone.



ZAVALA

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