

## Mommy's Light

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**M**y friend Mary Murphy—diagnosed with a terminal disease in December 1996—worried for her 10-year-old son, Bryan, more than herself. She wanted family and friends to take Bryan to the amusement park and bake his favorite cookies at Christmas. She and Bryan did those things together, and she wanted him to keep on doing them after she was dead.

But what about other children with terminally ill moms? Mary started Mom-

**Laura heads Mommy's Light in honor of her friend Mary.**

my's Light, an organization that helps children after the death of a mother. The group focuses on day-to-day activities that they enjoyed with their moms. They plant gardens, go to the zoo or paint seashells. Mary died in January 1998. By then the organization she founded was under way. Thanks to her, dozens of children keep the light of their mothers' memory burning.

