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GIRL NEEDS NEW LIVER

BUT FIRST SHE NEEDS A GREEN CARD



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When 14-year-old Rose Frederic stepped off the plane from Haiti in February and arrived in Naples to visit her father, she didn't know she needed a new liver.

When her father drove her to the clinic at HealthCare Network of Southwest Florida, she didn't know she would be rushed by ambulance — alone, because her dad couldn't take off time from work — to Holz Children's Hospital at Jackson Memorial in Miami and stay for 17 days.

And when doctors told Rose she needed a liver transplant as soon as possible, she had no idea she wouldn't be eligible for the United Network for Organ Sharing transplant list because she still is in the process of getting her green card application approved, meaning she doesn't have access to her father's insurance, which would help pay for the surgery.

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TOP: Rose Frederic, 14, has her eyes checked by her father, Biencher, nicknamed Freddy, at their home in East Naples on Aug. 3. Rose has cirrhosis of the liver and needs a transplant. But first she needs a green card to be covered by her father's insurance, which would pay for the surgery and the drugs she will need for her body to accept a new liver. She is awaiting approval of her green card application.

ABOVE: Freddy gives Rose her daily medication at their home. Rose keeps her numerous medications in a purse that she carries with her at all times.

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Fla. schools struggle to hire enough armed officers

Terry Spencer
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FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida reacted to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre by becoming the first state to require police or armed guards at all public schools. It's a mandate many districts are struggling to meet, financially and logistically.

In the first comprehensive statewide examination of the program, an Associated Press survey of Florida's 67 countywide school districts found all campuses will be covered when they reopen this month, but many districts are having difficulty funding the program and finding enough applicants. About a third are supplementing officers with armed civilian security guards, including, in some cases, school staff members.

Before the Feb. 14 attack, a few districts already had officers at every campus, but the majority of districts

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Hurricane Center director warns: Storm assumptions can be dangerous

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MELBOURNE — "This is just a Cat 1 hurricane."

"It has never flooded here before."

"I've been through a Cat 3. Nothing happened here."



Graham

National Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham has compiled a list of misleading — and dangerous — assumptions uttered by politicians and emergency managers over the years.

In fact, a couple of months ago in Key West, Graham said, he stopped a meeting after an official incorrectly claimed, "We've been through a Cat 4. Nothing happened here," when

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