Catching Up With...Raven Lopez

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D.O.B.: June 10, 1990

Tested Positive: 1990

Hospital Trips: 218

Dream Catcher: In May, McDonalds and Disney, in conjunction with the UN, chose her as one of 2,000 Millennium Dreamers, young ambassadors making a global difference.

Pez Dispensary: This close to fourth grade and already a long-term survivor, Lopez packs PB&J in her lunch box; Viracept, d4T and 3TC in her pillbox.

Mini-Me: “I want to be like my mother.” That’s PWA powerhouse Michelle Lopez.

Best Friend: “Felicia Simpson. Me and her get along even though we argue.” About? “Little things.” Like? “I call her ugly. She calls me a brat.” Are you? “Oh yeah.”

Broad Fan Base: Since they met at Camp Heartland last summer, spiritual big sis is fellow Gemini and HIVer Hydeia Broadbent, 16, star of a FUBU clothing ad.

Beats Britney: “She put up Hydeia’s ad on her wall,” Michelle says. “She said, ‘Mommy, they let her be a model!’ And it identified Hydeia as an AIDS activist. Raven doesn’t want to be seen as just a kid with HIV, either. She’s an educator.”

Media-Sassy: With all the attention, is she used to reporters? Quoth this Raven, “They ask too many questions.”

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