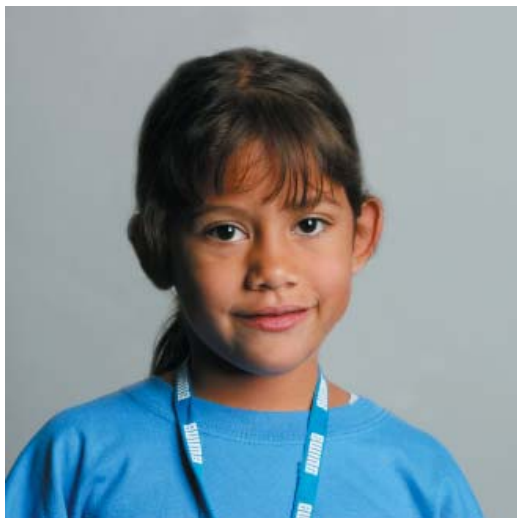


“All Dried Out”



Leslie Andrade

Nine-years-old
Sugar Land, Texas

Nine-year-old Leslie Andrade watches “Krypto the Superdog” on the Cartoon Network, is really good at math, likes to wear blue, and eats pepperoni pizza as much as her parents will let her. She lives with her mother, Anna; her father, Luis; her sister, Stephanie; her five dogs and six parakeets. Out of all the animals in the house, Cookie the dog is her favorite. When she grows up, she wants to be a vet so she can be around animals even more. But growing up isn’t something she wants to do. She is perfectly content as an honor-roll-listing fourth grader at Barrington Place Elementary. After school she usually hangs out with her friends: Shelby is her best friend, but Brianna is a close second. They like to walk around the block, talk girl talk, and go to the movies. In her opinion, the best movie is Disney’s “Valiant” and Carrie Underwood is the most amazing singer. One thing you probably didn’t guess about Leslie was that she runs half marathons with her family. Her dad says she can just “run, and run, and run.” Her parents are very proud of her. When asked who, out of all the people in the world, she looks up to, she said her parents. “They have taught me everything.”