Emilee was a junior in college, all set to graduate early and already accepted into graduate school when things started going wrong. Normally bubbly, Emilee suddenly became anxious and depressed. Then the physical symptoms began. She lost the ability to walk, speak, hold a pencil, and her vision deteriorated. At her worst, she even needed a feeding tube. After many misdiagnoses, Emilee was diagnosed with Wilson’s Disease - a rare, genetic disease characterized by too much copper in the system that attacks vital organs.

Since February 2014, Wings of Hope has flown Emilee and her family 10 times from her home in Springfield, Mo., to the Wilson’s Disease Center for Excellence at University of Michigan. Because she has been able to work with a team of experts, Emilee has made great progress. She is walking (and running!), swimming, learning to speak again - and exceeding expectations on all fronts!