

My Idol

By Suzy Hopkins

Someone who champions a cause is known to fight for that cause. I think this would describe Malala who has been bringing attention to the lack of available education for girls in her birth country of Pakistan. The Taliban said it was against their beliefs to educate girls. They made their position clear by boarding her school bus and shooting her in the head. Unfortunately for them, she survived. But, she had to move to England since they have threatened to kill her if she comes home.

Since her first television interview, at the age of 11, she has been championing the cause of education for all children. On her 16th birthday she gave a speech to the United Nations urging countries to allow girls to go to school. After she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, when she was 17, she started her own non-profit to raise money to build schools.

This Friday, October 9th, a movie about her life is opening called *He Named Me Malala* so you will be able to go see for yourself why she is my idol.