



THERE are two reasons why gorgeous soap star Hunter Tylo looks so happy - her son Mickey is celebrating his 14th birthday and her daughter Katya has miraculously recovered from a deadly cancer!

"Katya is doing great! She's as healthy as can be, completely cancer-free," Hunter's manager Marv Dauer tells GLOBE. "She's active, lively and a real computer wiz. She's having a ball being a 4-year-old and she's a joy to her parents."

Shortly after her birth, Katya was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a cancer of the eye that kills 8,000 children every year. When she was just 3 months old, her right eye was removed and she was forced to endure debilitating chemotherapy.

But the worst was far from over. Little Katya developed a blood infection and then, three months later, doctors discovered tumors in her left eye. Fortunately, more chemotherapy did the trick and the new growths disappeared, saving her vision and her life.

"Hunter came through that ordeal like a real trouper," a close friend of the 39-year-old *Bold* and the *Beautiful* star tells GLOBE. "I don't know many women as brave as she is."

The pal credits some of Hunter's remarkable fortitude to the Tylo clan, which includes actor-husband Michael, 53, daughters Katya and Izabella, 5, Mickey, and the actress's 21-year-old son, Chris, from a previous relationship.

"They're always there for each other," says the friend. "Plus, the Tylos are a church-going family and Hunter gets a huge amount of strength from their prayers."



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