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STUDENTS OF THE YEAR



OLIVER

November 5, 2018 was a day that changed our lives forever. I heard the words no parent wants to hear from the E.R. doctor, "We think Oliver has Leukemia". I met with the Pediatric Oncologist, and thus began this journey. Oliver was admitted to the hospital and got a bone marrow biopsy the next morning. He was officially diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Oliver got his port and began treatment.

We had caught it early and were hopeful that after his first month of chemotherapy (induction), he would be in remission. Unfortunately, his next bone marrow biopsy showed he was not in remission. Additional tests gave us a diagnosis of Philadelphia-Like ALL. We were moved to the high risk treatment to begin consolidation. These last couple of months have impacted us in ways I cannot describe.

Our lives have changed so much, but Oliver has been so strong and resilient. His brother, Carson, has had to adjust and try to understand all of this. We have been so blessed to have so much support from family, friends, school, church, my work, cub scouts, Oliver's team at Mercy, Friends of Kids with Cancer, LLS, and so many others. This has been the emotional roller coaster of a lifetime!

Every morning, I wake and try to wake up from this nightmare we now call our normal. Then I look at Oliver's sweet face, and start the day. The hardest part as a mother is seeing my vibrant, passionate, and outgoing 8 year old son miss out on the things in life he enjoyed the most. As we near the end of this treatment phase, we are hoping and praying for remission at his next biopsy.

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