Little Star Foundation “Your Example”

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Chicago roots - Kash and his Mom ask for help. "From Kash's Mom," Kash was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia just 2 months after his 6th birthday and a day before mine. See story on page 2.

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Kash's Mom continues, “We found out about Kash's diagnosis during a visit to the ER. I noticed small red spots on his body, not wanting to eat and a change in his skin tone along with being extremely tired. Once at the ER Kash was seen immediately, the doctor took blood and within 10 mins returned with a couple of nurses and told me that Kash has cancer, Leukemia, and Kash would need to start a blood transfusion and be life flighted to a different hospital that specializes in pediatric cancer.

Worst day of our lives and everything happened so fast after we were told his diagnosis.

The hardest part was helping Kash understand what was happening to him, why this was happening to him. He had a lot of questions and I didn't know how to answer them (at the time).

Words of wisdom: I don't know if this is wisdom, but staying positive and trying to stay silly and fun during our hardest days has been our saving grace. This was our life now and we have been making the best of our situation.

I am looking for financial assistance. I recently left my full time job to provide better emotional support/ care for my son. I am a single mother to Kash and his sister Alena and have exhausted all funds and retirement to get by. Kash knows that he needs these treatments to get better. In the beginning, Kash often questioned why this had to happen to him and why God gave him this. That was a tough conversation to have and help him understand.

Once Kash started to lose his hair he refused to look at himself in the mirror and hated the way he looked and felt. With a little love and some fun, he quickly got over that setback. Physically Kash was exhausted, tired, and annoyed his goal for that summer was to learn how to ride his bike with no training wheels and he is yet to accomplish this.”

Follow Andrea Jaeger and Little Star Foundation on Facebook and @littlestarfoundation @AndreaJaeger8888 on Instagram.

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Thank You!
A plea from Kash's Mom, “Your financial gift will help with all of our household bills, utility bills, rent, credit card bills (used these to pay previous household bills) and a car repair needed. I need my rear brakes replaced due to the long travel to and from the hospital and the stop and go traffic to and from the hospital.”

"Your help will keep my family afloat and give me a sense of relief, allowing me to focus on Kash's needs and my daughter's as well. My daughter is often forgotten because so much attention is needed for Kash's care and me worrying about how to make ends meet. The stress and anxiety are overbearing some days. I am eternally grateful for any help given," from Kash's mom.

A message from Andrea: I was born in and grew up in Chicago. Since a kid, I have been helping children and families from Chicago and worldwide. But it is because of you that Little Star Foundation is in its 38th year! Together is what it takes and together we will help Kash, his Mom and his family. Let's keep going! We are making a difference!
I am asked often what is—“A Day in the Life at Little Star Foundation” like? There are complex natured and heart wrenching parts to our humanitarian work. We do provide brief glimpses into children with cancer and their families’ lives, those granting us, fellow families and audiences their story and Words of Wisdom, for educational and inspirational purposes and to thank supporters for their generosity in helping.

Programs are year round, free, (have been for 38 years), & long term care participants have the opportunity to receive College and Vocational Scholarships. You are helping raise children with cancer to have a better quality of life and receive emergency and long term care for children and families nationwide. Little Star Foundation also has award winning programs helping hospitals, schools, orphanages, shelters and grass root communities.

It is an honor to share the exciting news of the launch of the Little Star Light Podcast! The main hosts are myself, Adriana and alumni childhood cancer survivor, Karen, and guest hosts childhood cancer survivors, Cory and Rebecca, with many more to come. We invited a few friends along as guests and new people too, you included, to connect special adventures for anyone to enjoy, learn from, be inspired by and share together.

Starting March 29, 2023, our Little Star Light Podcast will be available in Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts or anywhere else podcasts are found. It’s free! Just Click Follow or Subscribe so you never miss a weekly Wednesday episode. Please share this exciting news with everyone you know too! Little Star Light is made in partnership with Little Star Foundation, but not made with your donation dollars. This is new for us and we are trying our best. Our hosts and remarkable guests are excited to share conversations for listeners to benefit from. It is a gift for people and we look forward to you joining us on this light filled journey. We are excited to share and shine our light with you!

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