

Little Star Foundation “Your Example”

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2022 marks 37th Year Helping Children with Cancer, Families & Communities

You are helping Levi's family and other families that feel like...

Sparkling Holiday Cheer

Pictured: Andrea Jaeger, at one of three recent Florida hospital programs, bringing cheer, care and support.



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What it feels like: Reflections from Levi's Mom; while in her own pain, helping other parents also receiving financial assistance from Little Star Foundation.

"When you hear your child has cancer, I am not sure there is any particular thing to do or say.

It feels like you have been punched in the stomach. I remember walking around for months feeling like I was going to vomit at every moment.

I think letting new parents know that that is "normal" may be helpful. To hear that it does get easier to even breathe as time goes on. For months I had very few words I even knew to say to God. So many times I would sit to pray and just say HELP.

I was angry and hurt that God would allow something like this to happen to my child. We have wrestled through this greatly over the last year.

I think the key has been to just be encouraged to continue to pray. Reminded that God wants to hear from me. That God is hurt and saddened by the road that Levi is navigating as well. And that even though I love Levi an outrageous amount, God loves him even more." Levi, his Mom and family's story continues...

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"Levi was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma. How we learned Levi had cancer was Levi had swollen lymph nodes that the Dr. cleared as him fighting an infection.

Levi's labs were clear and his chest x-ray was clear. Less than 2 months later the swollen lymph nodes were still persisting. We were sent to an ENT to consider tonsillectomy. Levi was concerned and the Dr sent us straight to the hospital for labs and x-rays again. It is then they found a 5.5inch mass laying on his airway in his chest.

Levi is 9 years old and his favorite sport to watch is football, (Dallas Cowboys). Levi loves to play baseball and basketball and hopes to play again.

The most helpful things that people did when we first found out Levi has cancer was the little practical things. Made dinner, went grocery shopping for the essential random things and just showed up at our house. Offered to come and clean the house before we would come home from longer hospital stays. Helping give gifts for our "healthy" kids.

We are so blessed by an organization like yours, anyone that can help us keep our family afloat during this battle with cancer. Help to pay daily house bills you could provide we would be so thankful for. We have spent 9-10 months in survival mode and realize this is our new normal. We are thankful people are willing to help us who don't even know us and they care enough to help."

Levi admitted at hospital with cancer.



Levi 6 months into treatment.



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Aurora is slightly younger than Levi, and has already in her young life had two bouts of cancer, having recently relapsed. Aurora's Mom shares: "Treatment Protocol includes being treated at CHOS in preparation for Aurora's bone marrow transplant in the next few months.

My husband and I are going to be out of work for at least four months. I will not be able to receive FMLA because I just started back at my job in July, (I work at a high school). My husband's FMLA will run out before he can go back to work. We will most likely have to resign from our positions in order to be with Aurora as she undergoes multiple procedures including radiation and the bone marrow transplant.

Aurora has an older brother, Zander, age 14. My daughter's saying that keeps her spirits up is, 'Keep swimming.'

We try to stay positive no matter what.

For any parent, be thankful your child is healthy. It is the very worst thing in the world to hear that one of your babies has a disease that could kill them. The best thing anyone can do is pray and offer support. If there is a worse thing people can do that don't understand the cancer world, it is to ask a parent with cancer when will our child be better.

If you could help us, we would use the financial aid for our monthly expenses such as utilities, phone, insurance, and house payments."



Aurora in the hospital receiving treatment doing all she can to get better from her cancer.

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