



IAN

In February 2018, Ian was diagnosed with Metastatic Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare bone cancer.

The first line of treatment is 14 rounds of chemotherapy, including 5 different chemo drugs, weeks of hospital stays, with ER visits and accompanying hospital admissions between each round. Ian finished treatment in September 2018 with a high chance of relapse, but he celebrated life like no other! His hair grew back; he went to high school like normal kids do, and he was on top of the world. A relapse was discovered in March of 2019.

Ian underwent his first high-dose chemotherapy with Stem Cell Rescue

Transplant in September 2019. That was an extremely intense treatment. Particularly after Ian had already been exposed to so much toxic chemotherapy compounded over time. The toxicity of this severely high-dose chemo made Ian very sick. But in true Ian fashion, he recovered quickly and had zero complications. He was discharged from the hospital after 24 days of being inpatient. That was Day +14 after his "cell day." It was incredible for his family, friends and entire medical team to see him out so early and doing so well.

Ian began his next transplant the week after Thanksgiving. This procedure was an Allogeneic Transplant, so his mother served as the selfless donor of her bone marrow and NK Cells. The process would have his mother's immune system fight the cancer for him. This treatment was also a clinical trial, with few participants. Ian did exceptionally well through the transplant process, however his battle is not over. He has to watch for rejection of donor cells. His immune system is also extremely compromised and will remain so for some time, so risk for so many viruses and infection are high.

Ian's ability to stay positive through these intense times is a gift not many have. He has been in the hospital for most of his early teen years and missed out on so much of the "normal" life moments for two straight years. However, Ian's sweet spirit and great outlook on life has helped him get through the unimaginable. This has also forced him to grow up in ways most people don't and with a perception that very few people have. He has an incredible level of maturity and kindness at such a young age. There is a silver lining in all of this, and that lining is IAN!



EVERY 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer.

More than 40,000 children are in cancer treatment each year. **More than 15,000** children & teens will be diagnosed this year in the U.S.

95% of kids who win the fight against cancer, have other life-long side effects from the cancer and/or its treatment.

Since 1980, ONLY 3 drugs have been specifically approved & less than 10 drugs have been developed for use in children.

4% of government cancer research goes to childhood cancer.

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