



# JOSIAH

Josiah was 4 years old when he started getting strep throat repeatedly for a few months straight. After some time, it was recommended he get his tonsils removed, but 10 days before surgery he started having symptoms of strep throat again. Both mom and doctor agreed it was time to run a panel of tests, both to be sure he was in tip top shape for surgery and because of the higher risk of developing leukemia in individuals with Down syndrome.

By the end of the day we had confirmation that Josiah had pre-B cell ALL. He spent one month inpatient at CHW, then during the course of the next 12 months he'd be admitted for 1 week to 1 month at a time due to complications...cumulating 7 months inpatient during that year.

Josiah made it through treatment with more complications than we care to remember but is now a happy 9 year old Leukemia **SURVIVOR**. He is back to playing with his 3 younger siblings and enjoying school and sports.



**EVERY 2 minutes** a child is diagnosed with cancer.

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**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.

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

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

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**4% of government cancer research** goes to childhood cancer.

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT

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Women for MACC brings hope to families through research & awareness to end childhood cancer and related blood disorders. Your support of Women for MACC will benefit ongoing critical childhood cancer and related blood disorders research made possible through the MACC Fund.