



TALIA

Talia turned three on February 4, 2019. She was a very healthy and active three-year-old. On March 15th we noticed blood in her urine. We called her pediatrician and took her to urgent care. She was diagnosed with a bladder infection and sent home with an antibiotic. A few days later our pediatrician called us with the culture results, and it showed that there was not a bladder infection, so he had us stop the antibiotic and bring her in the next morning for an exam. He did not find

anything in particular, so he ordered an ultrasound. The ultrasound showed a mass (Wilms Tumor) on her right kidney. We were immediately admitted to Children's Hospital of WI. Within a few hours of arriving, we met our entire team of doctors (Surgeon, Urologist, and Oncologist).

There was not enough time to comprehend what was going on, more or less what was ahead for us. Talia's right kidney and 10cm Wilms tumor was removed and she was a trooper during her recovery. Talia was diagnosed with Stage 3 kidney cancer and would begin 6 rounds of radiation and 25 weeks of chemotherapy. After her weekly chemo treatments, she would be tired and sometimes feel sick. We were very blessed that she only had one visit to the ER for a high fever. Throughout her radiation and chemotherapy, she was still a spunky and smiley three-year-old!

We could not imagine living any further away than our 20-minute commute to Children's Hospital of WI. The love and care that they have for their patients is so comforting when you are going through a tough time. We have had so much support from so many family and friends. Family and friends have helped us with meals, helped care for our other children, started prayer chains, purchased #TaliaStrong and Talia Fire Department t-shirts, invited her to be part of a parade, and collected many toys so that we can give back to fill the toy closets at Children's Hospital of WI.

She just ended chemotherapy the end of September 2019...one week after becoming a big sister! We may not have chosen Talia's diagnosis, but it has changed how we choose to look at the gift of each day and how we choose to forever support childhood cancer awareness.



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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