

Meet our Patient Heroes



Tyler

Leukemia Survivor

Age 12

Tyler was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in November of 2011. During this past year, Tyler bravely endured numerous hospital stays, intensive chemotherapy treatments countless spinal taps. Today, Tyler faces two more years of maintenance therapy, including oral chemotherapy and even more spinal taps.

But nothing is holding him down! Although he can no longer play football & baseball, Tyler has become an avid golfer. He is a bright & outgoing young man who maintains a positive outlook on life!

Brendan

Leukemia Survivor

Age 14

Initially diagnosed with ALL at the age of 3, Brendan has battled leukemia three separate times. After enduring a 2 ½ year regimen of rigorous chemotherapy, spinal taps & more needles than anyone would ever imagine, Brendan remained in remission for 5 years. However, in 2008, his family received the devastating news that the leukemia had returned. Once again, Brendan battled back through another grueling treatment protocol. But it was not over for Brendan & his family. In May of 2011, the leukemia returned once more. Brendan spent the ensuing year with yet more chemotherapy, and then received a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor. Today,

Brendan is cancer free. However, as a result of the transplant, Brendan developed Graft vs Host disease and is battling its lingering & somewhat debilitating effects. Brendan had a theme song... Tom Petty's "I Won't Back Down". Throughout his horrific ordeal, Brendan hasn't.

