



Brett

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BRETT'S STORY

Brett is like many boys his age. He likes playing Xbox, being in Boy Scouts, playing lacrosse and spending time with his rescue dog, MJ. But unlike most 15-year-olds, he's already faced a significant life challenge: being diagnosed and treated for leukemia.

It all began in the winter of 2019. Brett was on a lacrosse team and during practice, he got hurt. Brett was sore and had some bruises, but X-rays showed no broken bones. However, by the following week, his bruises still had not healed, plus red spots were appearing under his eyes. His pediatrician referred him to Nemours.

At Nemours, doctors told Brett and his family that he had leukemia. His mother Jen explained, "To hear those heartbreaking words when you least expect it is devastating."

During his 10 months of chemotherapy, Brett faced many challenges, from steroid-induced diabetes to extreme weight loss and a septic infection that led to pneumonia. But through it all, he stayed strong and even kept up with his studies by taking online classes.

Brett's motto has always been, "I've got this!" That attitude has served him well and after treatment, he was eager to get back to school and his activities.

"Throughout every challenge, every visit, every overnight stay, each and every nurse, doctor and specialist made our family feel comfortable," says Jen. "They answered our numerous questions and continue to be Brett's advocate. We could not ask for a better team. They treat our son as if he were their own."

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