



Eliot

"WE WERE NEVER ALONE
AT NEMOURS"



ELIOT'S STORY

Eliot was on top of the world. A star high school athlete. A strong student. Accepted to the college of his choice. He was thriving and ready for the next chapter of his life. It was a lump in his abdomen that changed his focus from graduating high school to fighting cancer.

Eliot's mom Sophie vividly remembers the beginning of this unexpected journey. In a short time, they went from initial evaluation, to surgery at Nemours, to a diagnosis of B-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma. "My husband had tears in his eyes when he told us the news. And treatment had to start right away," she says.

Nothing prepares a family for the unpredictable, scary path of a cancer diagnosis. But as Sophie describes, having a strong and competent team working towards the same goal — to beat cancer — makes a world of difference.

"We were never alone with Nemours," said Sophie. "Everyone from the doctors and nurses, to the support staff and volunteers, was patient and knowledgeable. At every point, they helped us understand what was happening and what to do next."

Meeting other parents and families was a blessing as well. "We became a team, sharing information, supporting one another, and fighting cancer together," Sophie added.

Eliot's treatment began in February 2019. Through those difficult days, he stayed strong and found ways to make his time at Nemours more enjoyable.

"There's a game room and other things to do while you're here. I started playing guitar during music therapy, and I'm now quite good at pool," says Eliot. "I also found some of my current favorite shows watching Netflix."

While Eliot didn't make it back to finish his Senior year, he did graduate from high school. He even walked across the stage to receive his diploma to a standing ovation by his peers. "It was an incredible moment for me," recalls Eliot.

Eliot completed his first year of treatment and has more to come. He's grateful that his Nemours team has always been, and will be, there for him. He shares, "Nemours is truly special. Everyone I meet, even if it's just once, remembers me and tries to help in some way. It's good to know they will be there when I go back."

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