



APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Alexander at Relay For Life, preparing for Victory Lap

Alexander is the youngest of 6 very healthy, happy, children. He is part of an immediate extended family of 54 persons..... none of which had been diagnosed with cancer. When he was 3 years old (on his third birthday) he was diagnosed with leukemia – after being referred to a specialist for juvenile diabetes for leg pain. He was admitted to McMaster Children's Hospital that very night and began the protocol immediately. He was treated for 3 years and had several scares and side effects that shook the family's day to day life. During his treatment the family drew together and bonded. The older siblings took control of what they could and created a fundraiser of their own which benefited the Canadian Cancer Society, McMaster Child Life and the home town organization to assist families living with cancer. After the successful fundraiser, we learned of the Relay for Life and have participated since 2006 raising thousands of dollars for the Society.

Thanks to the Canadian Cancer Society, our family was recipients of funds to assist in the cost of traveling to Hamilton for treatment. We Relay to ensure the awareness of the disease is increased and to ensure the fundraising for research continues with the end result being "find a cure in this lifetime".

The relay is a time for reflection, hope and FUN! It allows us all to meet, reflect, pray and hope the disease is met with a cure

The different faces of Cancer

Alexander the Great!



and less and less people will suffer. It is well organized and guarantees the monies are used for a combination of treatment assistance, and research. Our most memorable relay experience was the first year the luminaries were lit and the silence and unspoken what ifs of life and the way in which the people we know have had to address cancer. Last year we drew in a friend we had met in our new community and she was overwhelmed by the power of the numbers who attended the relay in Georgetown. She bonded quickly with Alexander as she too had battled leukemia the year before we arrived in town. She walked with Alexander in the Georgetown event as a survivor last year. I don't think we said much.....just...let her know how emotionally charged the event is

The way in which the Relay has progressed and is run in Georgetown, keeps us coming back. We moved in late 2011 and were not sure we would return, however, the younger siblings felt it was very important to who they are today. There friends are instrumental in the teams' success and they are not ready to give it up. Every year they are relaying for someone, in addition to Alexander.

Our goal for Relay 2013 is to continue building on the foundation of our family/friend participation and ongoing hope for all who are battling and all who have fought cancer.



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