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Funds Raised Benefits:
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We feel weaker this year with James passing. He was always our Wingman, and we were always his. The issue of wings was always special to James because his thoracic surgeon had a unique method of making the incision so that the curved surgical scars across the back brought wings to mind. His pediatric patients always referred to them as “Angel’s Wings.” To help us remember James each year, we are starting the “Wingman” program. Each year we will have a special pediatric cancer patient as our guest so we can always remember James and the reason we Fundraise each year.

As James always believed, together, we will someday Triumph Over Kid Cancer.

Mecklin Ragan

Our Mission
IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO IMPROVE TREATMENT AND SURVIVABILITY OF PEDIATRIC CANCERS.

The other part of that puzzle and part of our mission, is to also bring some joy and happiness into the daily lives of children with cancer.

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As James always loved new beginnings, it is fitting that TOKC is embarking on a new project to make his vision a reality. Having completed the initial TOKC mission of raising 1.5 million dollars which was matched by M.D. Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital to fund pediatric cancer research through the Children’s Sarcoma Initiative, we now turn our attention to the future. The most promising step in cancer research in recent years has been whole genome sequencing for adult cancers. As with other types of research, little work has been done in whole genome sequencing for pediatric orphan cancers due to the cost. Yet genome sequencing is essential to providing the knowledge and understanding necessary for researchers to learn how to cure pediatric cancers. For that reason, TOKC is pleased to announce the start of The Childhood Genomic Research And Sequencing Project, which will provide longitudinal whole genome sequencing for childhood cancers. This is an ambitious project, but it holds the most promise for the future. As with the Children’s Sarcoma Initiative, which we will still fund, and due to the importance of this work in solving the problem of pediatric cancer, the first 1.5 million dollars for this project will go to M.D. Anderson which has agreed to match it dollar for dollar.

The Childhood Genomic Research And Sequencing Project - because the key to curing pediatric cancer is within our GRASP.

“And I suppose none of you have looked into the face of a doctor who has cared for you since you were a kid who wants nothing more than to save your life and instead has to tell you that you have no more options and you need to go enjoy the rest of the life you have left. If you could look into the face of that doctor and see that sadness and despair, then you would fund pediatric cancer research and help those doctors. I want you to remember my face. Because my face is the face of every kid that dies from a pediatric cancer that isn’t profitable to cure. My face is the face of every kid that dies because the drugs don’t have "a rigorous business plan demonstrating demand and self sustainability."

And everyday you ignore a cancer like pediatric cancer, you cost this country the energy and leadership of thousands of kids just like me with infinite potential to secure the future of our Country.”


Mecklin V. Ragan, Co-Founder, TriumphOverKidCancer Foundation

Matching Funds Raised Dollar for Dollar

5/7/1993 - 2/17/2014
