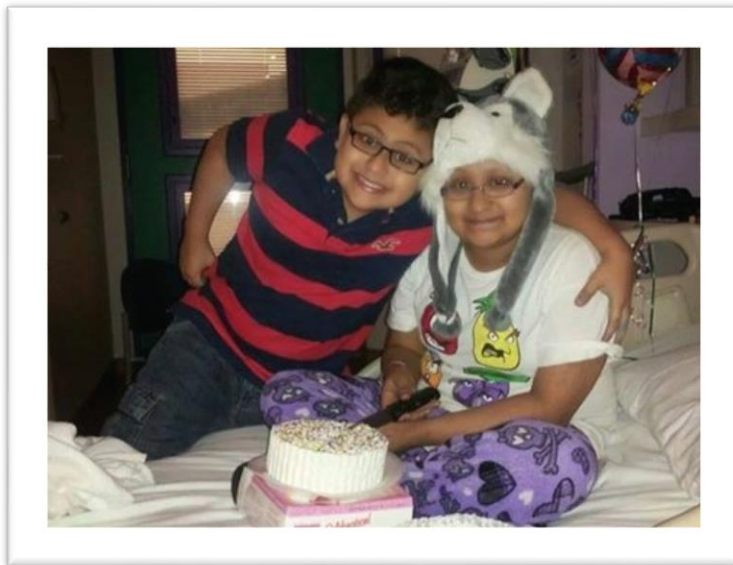




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The Bustos Family

Battling: 16-year-old, Monica

At just 12 years old, Monica (now 16 years of age), was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma. She had multiple tumors throughout her body. Her treatment included surgery to remove her fibula and tumors along with 10 months of chemotherapy. Although she suffered permanent nerve damage from her surgery, Monica was happy to be cancer-free.

Just a short 15 months later, her cancer returned; this time in her lungs. She was then put on chemo for another 6 months, however the cancer remained. It was then Monica had her second surgery. Two tumors were removed from her lungs and she was put on an inhaled treatment for one year. As if that wasn't hard enough, just two weeks before that year was up, they found yet another tumor in her lungs which resulted in another surgery to remove the tumor and the removal of her top right lung lobe.

The Bustos family continues to struggle while trying to beat this reoccurring fight against cancer. Her mom is unable to work as she cares for Monica. Although she's been given this hard road in life, Monica is a wonderful teen with an incredible sense of humor. She knows what odds she is up against and choose to live each day to the fullest. She is devoted to her family and spends every moment with them. She lives at home with her mom, Alma (37), her step-father, Roque (29) and her little brother, Anthony (13).

This year we join together to help this family have a wonderful Christmas!