



# angel TREE MISSION



## *The Rubio Family*

### **Battling: 4-year-old, Mateo**

Ana & Mali are parent to three boys, Miguel (14), Max (6) and Mateo (4). In December 2016, they purchased their first home and were very excited to start a new chapter in their lives. But within 2 weeks of moving in, their little one was diagnosed with cancer at the tender age of two.

After three months of chemotherapy, testing showed no improvement. In fact, the cancer was even more aggressive, and his status elevated to high-risk. The plan is that Mateo's new treatment will take about 3 ½ years and they're about half way there. This little guy has been through so much.

Mateo has had a hard time walking due to the neuropathy and at times, he couldn't walk at all. He has had sores all the way down his throat. Their hope is that he can recover from the side effects of his intense treatments and beat this thing once and for all.

The Rubio family has struggled with their financial situation. They had to dwindle down to one income and then, Hurricane Harvey hit. Their family has been displaced for over a year and is having to pay their mortgage and rent on an apartment. All they want is to be back in their home as a family.

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