



angel TREE MISSION

The Martinez Family

Battling: 7-year-old, Jayla



March 8th, 2015, the Martinez family was in a horrible car accident and all four were rushed to Memorial Herman. Both little girls were in car seats, but 4-year-old Jayla had a bad head injury that caused internal bleeding and their daddy tragically passed away in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

“The heartbreak to look my girls in their eyes and tell them they wouldn’t ever see their father again was one of the hardest things a parent has to do,” their mom, Blanca says.

But their hardship didn’t end there. On June 7th of this year, Jayla, who is now 7-years-old, complained about a headache. Concerned, her mom took her to urgent care, where they said nothing was wrong. But something didn’t seem right, so her mom took her to Texas Children’s Hospital, where they said they thought she had strep throat.

The next morning, she couldn’t keep her balance and urinated the bed, so Blanca decided to take her right back to Texas Children’s. They told Jayla’s mom that she had meningitis and worse, they found cancer cells in her blood. While at the PICU, Jayla had two strokes, lost mobility on her left side and she also had multiple seizures, back-to-back. She is now going through chemotherapy and has her mobility back, so her mom still feels blessed.

Jayla, her mom and her 10-year-old sister Hailey are staying strong but could use all of the love and prayers friends and family have to give.

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