



angel TREE MISSION



The Alvarado Family

Battling: 35-year-old, Racheal

Racheal's beautiful family includes her husband, 33-year-old James, 7-year-old son Arlo, who is High Functioning Autistic, and their newest addition Ellis, who made his debut on November 5th.

Racheal's cancer journey began in May 2019 when she noticed a lump. Pregnant at the time, they thought it was just a clogged duct since this can be common among expecting mothers. Within a month, the lump had quickly grown to four times the original size and became quite painful. Taking action, she had an ultrasound and mammogram. To any woman's dismay, on June 20th, her 35th birthday, she was officially diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer.

Racheal is thankful to have a great team of doctors that have given her the best possible care. They ensured her pregnancy was safe and successful. While pregnant, she received four rounds of chemo, which she had to stop due to complications. Racheal was induced and delivered the perfect baby three weeks early in order to continue treatment as soon as possible. Now that Ellis is here, she will begin weekly chemo by the first part of December. She will then have a mastectomy and radiation post-surgery.

It is a lot to welcome a newborn while having a seven-year-old with Autism. Imagine being diagnosed with cancer on top of it all. Although blessed with friends and family who help when they can, Racheal and her husband are overwhelmed with the struggles that lie ahead with treatment and finances. Her biggest hope this upcoming holiday season is to give her kids the most normal and happy Christmas she can.

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