



angel TREE MISSION



The Chandler Family

Battling: 6-year-old, Cameron

Cameron is the youngest of four siblings. He has 2 sisters, Mia age 18, Aliah age 17, and Gary Jr age 13.

Cameron has overcome multiple issues through his life. First, when he was born, he was lacking oxygen. Of course, he recovered and progressed. Next, when he was one, he stopped talking so he went into speech therapy as one would expect. Then, when he was three, he began having semi frequent headaches, but the doctors just instructed to give Motrin. Finally, when he turned five, he started slowly

losing weight, so the doctors began monitoring his weight. Georgette then noticed that Cameron was frequently urinating, but not alarmed because he would drink a lot of water. He also started growing hair in uncommon places for an almost five-year-old boy. In addition to all of that, he was starting to wake up at nights, gagging and feeling sick.

This past June Cameron, with his family, was celebrating Mia's graduation party. It seemed everything was going wrong that day, and then Cameron started feeling very sick. So, Georgette took him to the Doctor. The doctor examined him and noticed he lost more weight during this time frame so with all the small things happening tests needed to be done. This was the moment that things took a turn for the worse, especially the additional weight loss. Cameron's Doctor recommended Georgette to take him to the ER so she could get a CT Scan and an MRI promptly. The ER doctor's admitted Cameron immediately. Cameron had his CT Scan but his MRI was delayed because he had caps and spacers in his mouth, Georgette had to take Cameron and have them removed and later Cameron got the MRI. On July 1st, 2019 they got the news they found the mass. Cameron had a tumor on his Pituitary Gland and was diagnosed with Intercranial Germinoma, Brain Cancer. Georgette was shocked to the point of not being able to function. The location of the mass was the culprit of the multiple issues Cameron was dealing with. The Doctors did a biopsy and inserted a shunt due to fluid in his brain. They were in the hospital

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for two weeks. Cameron underwent four rounds of Chemo immediately. After having an allergic reaction to the first round, they made adjustments and he was back on track. Three days a week, two weeks off and so on. The plan was to start radiation as soon as Chemo was done. However, something was still visible in the scan, so the Doctor continued chemo a little while longer. Cameron is now receiving daily radiation, Monday-Friday, on his head which will continue through the Holidays.

When all of this started this past summer, the Chandler family had already had their struggles. Georgette and Cameron's dad, Gary were separated at the time. The holidays are typically a bit challenging for the family. Gary does his best to support, but work isn't the greatest of circumstances for him.

One good thing has come of this, that Cameron has brought the family a little closer as they be there for each other. Cameron's older sisters have had a challenging time with this journey but have also been strong for Cameron. Cameron has been through so much, but you would hardly guess when you meet him, aside from not having any hair. He's always smiling and has been such a warrior.

Georgette's wish is to have the best Christmas for her kids, even just one day, to not have to worry or think about this tumor that dropped in and caused so much pain to Cameron physically and his family emotionally.

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