



# angel TREE MISSION



## *The Cox Family*

### **Battling: 3-year-old, Jake**

Jake is 3 years old and has two big sisters, Hayley who is eleven, and Hanna who is nine. With Hanna participating is Dynamo Dash Competitive youth program and Hayley a competitive dancer who attends the Houston Ballet each summer, Jake's family was surprised eleven months ago, when he became sick because they were a healthy and active family.

Jake was a typical toddler who was always on the go until one day last November, when he fell while running around the house and complained of pain. Two days later, the doctors found an

8x10cm mass on his adrenal gland. Jake has been diagnosed with Neuroblastoma with cancer in his Kidney. Jake has had many treatments in his journey. Chemo, both IV and Oral, two bone marrow transplants, twelve days of radiation, and he is currently on his third cycle of antibody chemotherapy. He is inpatient for six days once a month at Texas Children's Hospital and has three more cycles of this planned schedule. They are hoping that this series of treatment will be completed in February. Then they will repeat his scans and have his bone marrow checked. He gets transfusions and scans on a regular basis.

Since his diagnosis, the Cox's world completely changed. Jake's Mom, Tiffany, and Dad, Shawn, have had a decline in income as Tiffany had to resign from work in order to care for Jake and make sure he makes it to all his treatments. This has caused financial struggle for this family of 5.

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