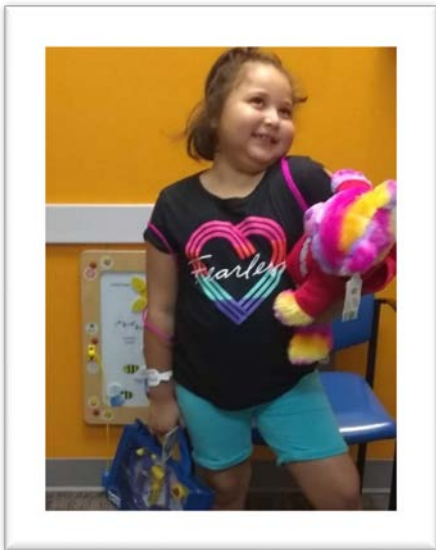




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The Flores Family

Battling: 7-year-old, Emilia

Emilia is the middle of three siblings. Her oldest brother is Fernando, 12-years-old and youngest brother is Alejandro, 19-months-old. Her single mom Gaby, 34-years-old, cares for all three on her own.

This summer, July 2nd, when Emilia should have been playing and swimming as most 7-year-olds do during the summer, she found herself in the hospital diagnosed with Leukemia ALL. Emilia is now homeschooled to continue her education while going through her

Leukemia Treatment. She is four months into the journey, but it's only the beginning for the Flores Family as this is a 2.5-year treatment schedule. This treatment will be a stressful holiday season for this family as Emilia will be receiving weekly chemo treatment through the remainder of the year. After the end of the year, she will then continue to the next phase receiving chemo twice a month. In addition to receiving chemo, Emilia also receives 1-2 lumbar punctures each month.

Single parenting is no easy task. Gaby being the sole caregiver, had to quit her job to tend to Emilia full time as well as still be the glue for Fernando and Alejandro. It is very overwhelming to Gaby, and they have to take it one day at a time, something they learned after being a victim of Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The Flores' lost everything when they took on 6ft of water in their home. It seems there's no break as they're still recovering from Harvey even now. The Flores' have family in the area; however, they are not as involved as a someone in need would hope. Now that income has decreased to solely Social Security, the bills are piling up, and making rent is more difficult each month. Though feelings of worry and not knowing what to do next are constant, Gaby keeps her faith and hope in God, knowing that He will find a way for them.

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