



angel TREE MISSION



The Mendoza Family

Battling: 34-year-old, Luis

Luis and his wife Angelica, have four beautiful children, Jazmin 10 years old, Luis Jr 9 years old, Ashley 7 years old and Gabriela 4 years old. For Luis, cancer came swift and relentlessly.

Luis had mane strong headaches at the beginning of it all. He then started to lose his vision slowly worsening until one day he lost it completely. So, Angelica rushed him to the ER knowing it was not normal. The next thing they knew, Luis was suffering with a brain tumor known as Hemangiopericytoma. He was diagnosed in July with Cancer and since then, Luis has had 5 surgeries. The doctors have surgically removed majority of the tumor and implanted titanium mesh in his skull. He will be on medication for the rest of his life due to infections and the titanium mesh in his brain.

Though he has had multiple surgeries on the tumor, it's impossible to have it completely removed due to complexity. He is currently living with 10% of the tumor on his brain. He now must have radiation to help prevent it from growing again. He goes to radiation Monday-Friday which is expected to be completed in the second week of December. Even with most of the tumor removed, the damage to his vision has likely been done and will now live without vision in both of his eyes.

In addition to his life turning upside down due to cancer, he can no longer support his family of six due to loss of vision and cancer treatments. Angelica has been looking for a job but also struggles as she must care for Luis and their four children. The financial and emotional impact this has had on their family has been a struggle. Even still, Luis has faith and hope that help is on the way.

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