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A Journey of Resilience

Supporting Will and the Fight Against Leukemia

They say life can change in an instant. It's hard to comprehend these words until it actually happens. For our family, this became a reality on April 25th of this year when Will was diagnosed with APL (Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia), a rare form of leukemia. Thankfully, this is a very treatable and curable form of leukemia!

The first few delirious weeks spent living at Seattle Children's have faded a bit and settled into incorporating five days a week of visits back to children's for infusions.

Although we didn't know this four years ago, we believe that Will began training for this marathon when he told us in 8th grade he wanted to play football at JHS. From the rigorous early mornings at SAC, to two a days, learning to push through, grit, team work - all prepared him for his most challenging game in life. Although it is a huge disappointment that he can't contribute to plays (in a literal sense) on the field his senior year, I think the gift he's contributed off the field is far greater.

We are grateful and thankful to the incredible community for your support. The love from the Pack is felt deeply. Parents, you should be proud of the empathy your boys have!

September is Leukemia Awareness Month. It seems an appropriate opportunity to remind you that donating blood is a simple, yet life saving way to give back. Will had over 20 transfusions while in the hospital and we are so grateful to the donors who gave.

Many people ask us how they can help. Our ask is that you consider donating blood. And if your heart calls you to donate monetarily, we would ask for donations to Seattle Children's Leukemia & Lymphoma Program. They are doing incredible work every day for children fighting this disease!

Thank you!

The Turpin Family



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