

CODY HANLON

Cody Hanlon will never forget the day he was diagnosed with leukemia. It was August 14, 2000, and he was just 9 years old. He stopped playing video games with his brother and went to the doctor's office with his parents to receive the news.

After learning he had cancer, Cody knew that he wouldn't be in the fight alone. "It was the love and support from my family, friends, and even strangers that got me through my diagnosis and helped me cope."

Cody was successfully treated here at Columbia. He thanks the doctors and nurses for providing the compassionate care – filled with optimism and positivity – that helped him fight every day and provided a sense of comfort for his family.

After treatment, Cody received support through our Survivor Wellness Program. This program is crucial to ongoing care for cancer survivors with an emphasis on long term complications and late effects as well as physical, emotional and social wellness. Cody credits the program with creating a plan that was tailored specifically to his past medical treatment and experiences—serving as the blueprint for him to lead a long and healthy life.

Your support of **Hope & Heroes** ensures that patients like Cody receive the best care – both during treatment and after treatment – so please donate today!



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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Storytelling is a powerful tool you can incorporate in communications with customers and employees during the September campaign. Every cancer patient has a unique perspective on the disease and its impact. Telling the stories of individual children and families impacted by cancer makes our work real and so much more compelling for donors.

** Each of these patients and their families has granted permission for their story and photo to be shared by Hope & Heroes and its partners during the September campaign.*

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