



Families
Fighting
Cancer
Together

Newsletter

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Welcome to our first FFCT newsletter. We will share with you some of the stories, struggles, successes and adventures encountered by families in our FFCT circle. We appreciate all of you who have sponsored or participated in our fundraisers.

We will start off with a story familiar to many of you as to why we started our foundation.

Carson Hatch was diagnosed with cancer in May of 2006. Four months later his left leg was amputated below the knee in hopes that it would prevent the cancer from spreading to the rest of his body, but it was too late at that point.



Over the course of the next six years, Carson went through about 21 surgeries and countless chemo treatments. After getting his prosthetic leg and learning to walk and run on it, he continued playing soccer on his high school team. He set an example for all of us as he never quit at anything and did not let his leg slow him down. Carson passed away on January 30, 2012.

Fast forward eight years, when we decided to start a foundation that is now Families Fighting Cancer Together. The name does not tell the whole story, because we help children with other life-altering

illnesses as well. In the the foundation's first year, we had 3-5 families under our care. Now, two years later, we have 21 children and their families that we have helped or are now helping in a variety of ways. FFCT has given us the opportunity to meet some very brave and wonderful children that are going through tremendous challenges. They have been lights and examples to us.



Coming Events

2ND ANNUAL FFCT

***SODA SHOOT OUT**

\$100 TEAM

***SINGLE PLAYERS CAN REGISTER**

3X3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL GYMS

For more information on how to register your team

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

FAMILIES FIGHTING CANCER TOGETHER:

WWW.FFCT.US

AGE DIVISIONS

- *10U- Coed
- *12U- Coed
- *14U- Coed
- 16 & Under Girls
- 16 & Under Boys
- 18 & Under HS Girls
- 18 & Under HS Boys
- 18 & Older Women
- 18 & Older Men

Depending on registration, we will try and create separate boy/girl divisions for 14 & Under.

***3 PT CONTEST**

Our next fundraiser is our 2nd Annual FFCT 3 x 3 Basketball Tournament on June 17. It will be a fun event for everyone who participates. We encourage you to spread the word and to register your kids for this memorable activity.

With the growth of our foundation and our desire to help as many families as possible, we are adding another fundraiser to our schedule: Family Fun Night in September. We plan to have games, prizes, food and drinks, a team walk, and more. Details will be coming soon.



Featured Warrior



This is Oscar Cisneros, a very special young man who was referred to FFCT. Oscar was born with Caudal Regression Syndrome. In Oscar's case it affected his ability to walk and to sit upright.

He was three days old when he got his first set of casts. He's had four sets since then. They helped make his legs straight and later enabled a sitting position so he could sit in his wheelchair. He has had two surgeries, with another coming in May.

He received his electric wheelchair just in time for this school year. It was a great confidence booster

for him. Now he is able to eat at the table with his friends and walk with his friends and be as tall as they are.

Oscar has a brother and two sisters. He has lots of cousins, aunts, and uncles who are very supportive of him. He has adjusted to life without walking, but he does ask his mother weekly if he will be able to walk if he has one more surgery. She tells him that one day, with all the technology out there, they might be able to make him walk.



His mom tells us that Oscar loves sports. He throws the football to classmates during break time. At home he plays basketball and football with his grandfather. She says, "He would have been a heck of an athlete because he shows so much heart in anything he does."



Don't forget to RSVP for the FFCT family dinner at 5pm on May 20 at 4050 W 2nd St in Thatcher.