

June, 2009



January started out great for Adam Carter. What child isn't excited for their birthday? Adam turned 11 years old in January 2009 and was getting ready to finish off the second half of his 5<sup>th</sup> grade year at Holy Family School in Decatur. Soon after that birthday, Adam and his family was shocked and distressed to learn that, with nearly no symptoms, Adam was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, specifically, Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor (PNET), a rare cancer that is found in soft tissue and bone. Ewing sarcoma cells can also spread (metastasize) to other areas of the body including the bone marrow, lungs, kidneys, heart, adrenal gland, and other soft tissues.

Adam's primary tumor was removed with clean margins in March. Unfortunately, after further testing, the doctors learned the cancer had metastasized, spreading to his lungs.

Adam is undergoing an extremely aggressive treatment plan for the next 18 months. His treatments consist of in-patient chemotherapy, which means Adam is in the hospital for a week, out for two weeks, and then the cycle starts over again. He is also participating in a clinical study for treating the metastatic cancer in his lungs. This treatment will consist of either radiation or a bone marrow/stem cell extraction and transplant.

Because Adam is not in this fight alone, *Team Carter*, a benefit event scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, will be a time for his friends and family to rally together and join Adam's fight. It will be a time for raising the money that can help ease the burden of medical costs and other expenses that are part of a fight against cancer.

The *Team Carter Benefit* will feature a silent auction and raffle, and we will appreciate any items you can donate or any cash donations you would like to make. Every cent raised during the *Team Carter* benefit will go to the Carter family.

Please join Adam Carter in the fight of his young life. Contact the *Team Carter* benefit committee at [committee@HelpAdamFightCancer.com](mailto:committee@HelpAdamFightCancer.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for any contribution you can make.

Sincerely,

Team Carter Benefit Committee