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Team **carter** posts a win

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DECATUR — **Adam Carter** gets by with a little help from his friends. Battling cancer and undergoing chemotherapy, the Decatur boy says there are days when he doesn't feel much like getting out of bed. Then, the 11-year-old Holy Family School student tells about his friends, and a grin creases the skin all the way up to a head made bald by chemo drugs.

"The guys on the football team shaved their heads for me. It makes me feel good when people do things like that," **Adam** explained. "It gives me motivation."

He got another big dose of it Sunday when hundreds of visitors turned out to support Team **Carter's** Carnival Against Cancer in the parking lot of Holy Family Church and Holy Family School.

The carnival was expected to raise thousands of dollars towards the **Carter** family's medical expenses and featured inflatable carnival attractions for children, a silent auction and dinners from LaGondola restaurant. The event ran from noon to 5 p.m. and also boasted a dunk tank, which got heavy use throughout the afternoon.

"I've dunked my coach twice and my priest once," **Adam** said, grinning again. He spoke as a swirl of people moved around him, checking out all kinds of lots in the silent-auction room.

"And to see all these people here is amazing."

When it's suggested he must be a popular guy to attract such interest, the star of the show sees no point in modesty. "I can't argue with that," he said. "I am a pretty likable guy."

Resilient, too. His mom and dad, Shannon and Tim, and big sister Maegan, 17, explained that **Adam** was diagnosed in February with Ewing's sarcoma, a cancer striking soft tissue and bone. **Adam** had a tumor removed and has just finished his seventh round of chemotherapy, with six more to go by December. Radiation therapy will then begin in January.

The **Carters** have medical insurance but still face major expenses as the treatment regimen rolls on. They say the support of a caring school and church community is a major help, financially and spiritually. "I just feel like they've opened up their arms and hugged us," Shannon **Carter** said.

Family friend Dana **Adams** helped organize Sunday's carnival. She echoed Shannon **Carter's** feelings: "This is about the Holy Family community getting together and saying we care about you, and we want to help you."

If you want to help the **Carter** family, go to helpadamfightcancer.com.

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Adam Carter celebrates hitting the target that dumps that coach Bryan Kenney into the dunk tank during a carnival to raise money for his cancer treatment.

Facepainting was one of the most popular activities at the fundraiser Sunday at Holy Family School.

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