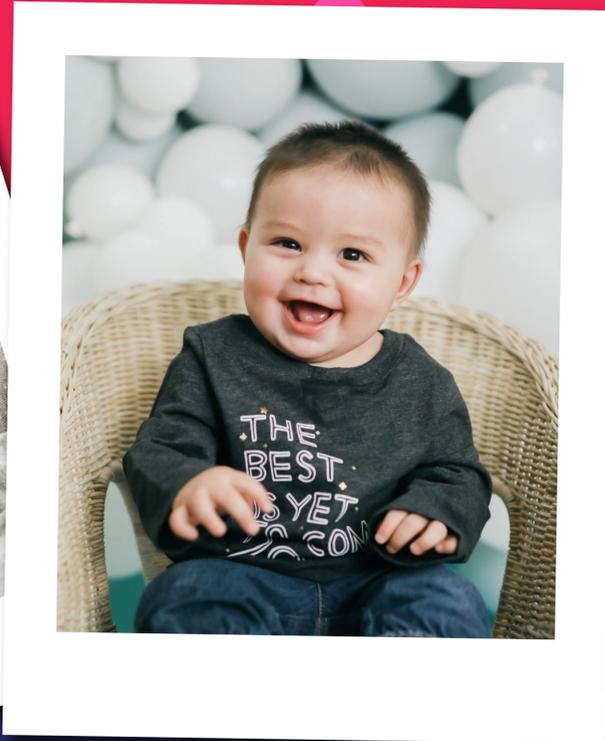


JULIAN

9 MONTHS OLD

Diagnosed with
Neuroblastoma



Julian was diagnosed at 6 weeks old. Our lives changed instantly when we ended up in the emergency room with our new born fighting to breath. His massive tumor had shifted his heart and airway, and at the moment no one had answers if our child would survive the weekend. This was the beginning on how cancer changed the way we lived every moment of our lives. We had 5 weeks at home as a new family of four, we enjoyed every moment of it and now we would enjoy every second we had left with our baby boy. The unknown is the hardest part. We didn't know what the life of "going through cancer" was, and how long this process would take. Our community stepped up and helped us. Every need was met by people we loved and by people we didn't even know we loved yet.

Julian loves to crawl around the home and is almost walking. He loves laughing at his sister being silly, hugs from his family and Veggie Straws. All through his treatment our little Hero has smiled, warming the hearts of everyone he meets.

For such a little time here on earth he has had to fight so much.
Watching him grow will be our forever miracle.

Cancer reminded us that God is good and with us each moment. We had faith in just the next day, hours that our child would be with us. It forced us to live with what moment we had and not worry about the future. It has changed how we spend our time. It's so important we spend time together as a family as much as we can.

Smile! Julian is cheering you on!

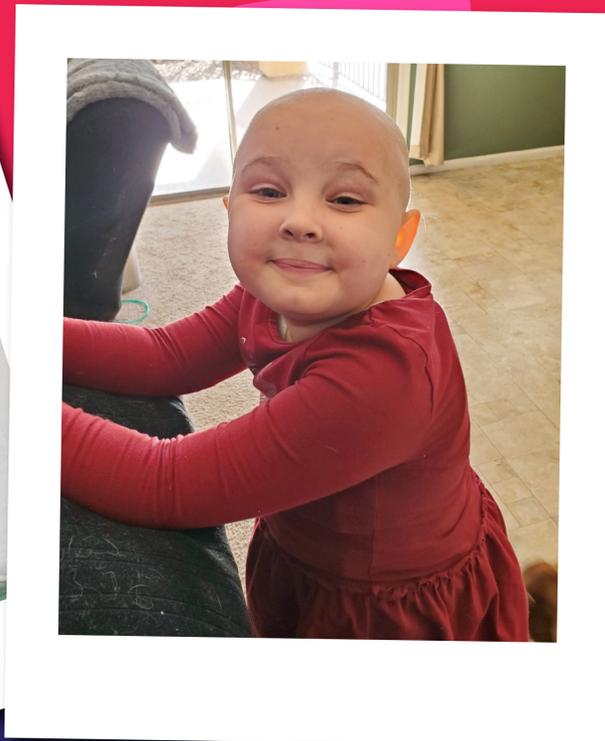
Think about all the smiling faces you have helped while you run or walk!



ELIANA

8 YEARS OLD

Langerhans Cell
Histiocytosis (LCH)



Eliana has been ballet dancing since she was 2 years old. After experiencing severe abdominal and back pain for several weeks, she was diagnosed with single system, multifocal Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (LCH).

Hearing your child has cancer is terrifying. It just knocked me off my feet and crushed my heart. I have lost a few members of my family to cancer and I was so afraid I'd lose my baby too.

Imaging showed a mass over her spine, causing a complete collapse of her T4 vertebrae and loss of height to her T10. Weekly chemo treatments and continued back pain was difficult, but Eliana has been so brave and strong. She has been such an amazing inspiration to her family and friends. We could not be prouder of our tiny dancer!

One good thing that came out of the diagnosis was seeing the huge outpouring of support from our family, friends, church members, and Eliana's school. We have a whole wall in our house filled top to bottom with cards, pictures, and words of encouragement to Eliana. Seeing how many people love and care about our little girl and our family has been so amazing!

Eliana's cancer diagnosis has brought our family so much closer together. We lean and depend on each other so much. Eliana's older brother has been so supportive to his sister and helpful to us.

Our sweet girl has united us through her fight.

In Eliana's words "I have learned that cancer is hard, but there are lots of people who love you and will help you. Don't be afraid, your fight will only make you stronger"

Remember who you are running for... run, walk, and fight like a CHAMP!

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