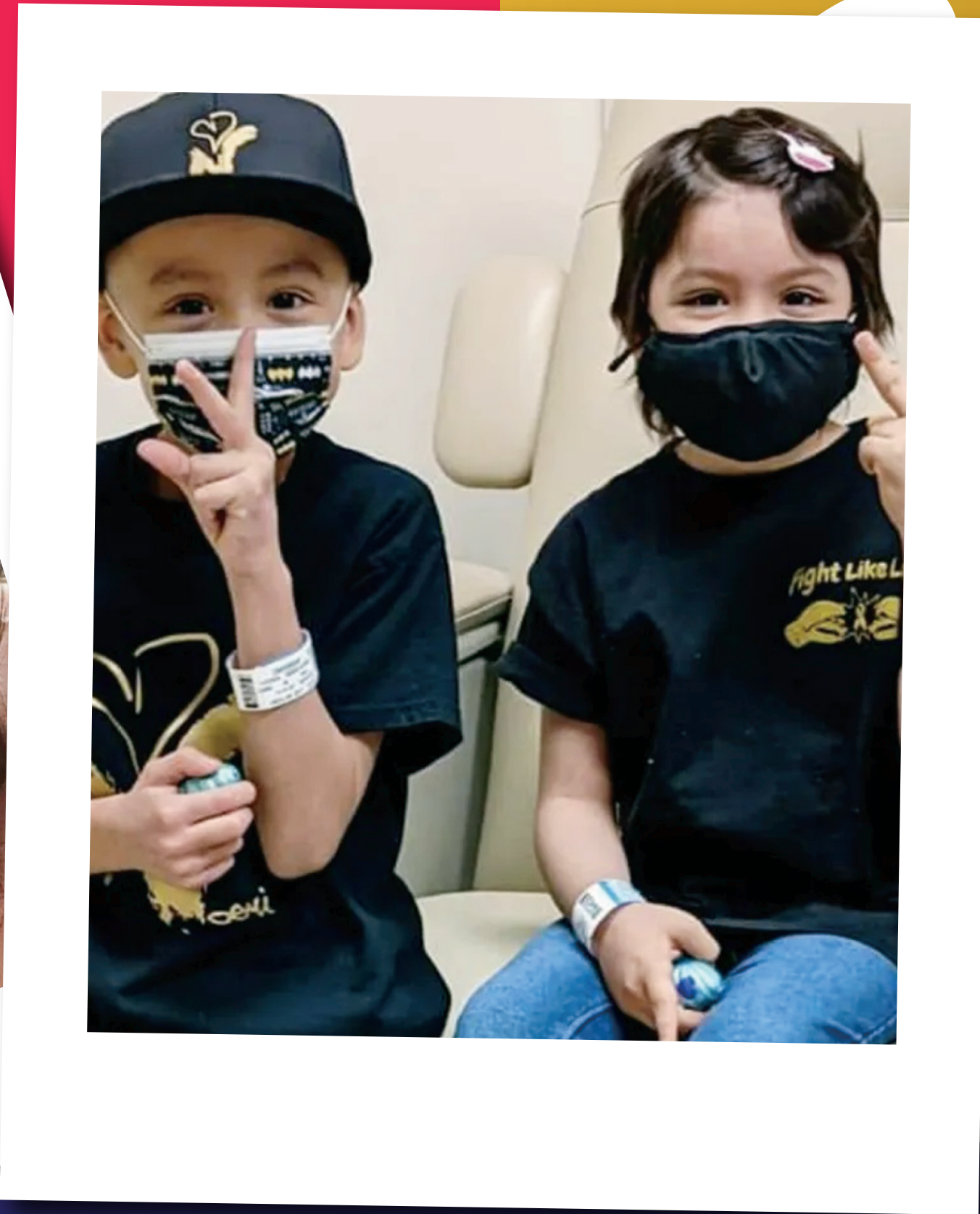


# NOEMI

## 6 YEARS OLD

Diagnosis: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



# LIAM

## FOREVER 7 YEARS OLD

Ewing's Sarcoma

Liam and Mimi ~ Best Friends Forever

Liam and Noemi (Mimi) found each other during their most difficult time of their life.

Both were battling childhood cancer, Mimi - Leukemia and Liam - Ewing's Sarcoma. At 5yrs old these warriors were preparing for online kindergarten. Due to being in constant treatment, in-person school was risky. They were excited and nervous, but on their first day Liam noticed Noemi in his video class; she also had a bald head. He smiled. It made him feel not alone or different. On his next appointment, it was brought up to his nurse. His nurse was in awe; little Mimi was also her patient! With the help of his nurse, Liam and Mimi met in person. From that moment the most beautiful friendship blossomed. Nurses found out, and from then on playdates were orchestrated on their treatment days. They would talk through Xbox headsets almost every day and were always laughing, giggling and of course also had their lil fights as if they were a long-time couple. They encouraged and helped each other to take their home meds. They understood what each other was going through in their own language, it kept them strong.

Liam's disease sadly did not respond to the numerous treatments. After a long 3 ½ year fight, Mimi's best friend entered into heaven, gaining his angel wings Nov. 2021. Even during mourning, till this day Liam is constantly on Mimi's mind. Appointments are lonely without him, she visits his memorial, paints him pictures, she misses his laugh and craziness.

At such a young age to be able to make that kind of inseparable friendship, is a blessing, truly rare. We are so glad that they found each other to experience that type of love.

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

