

No Shave CT

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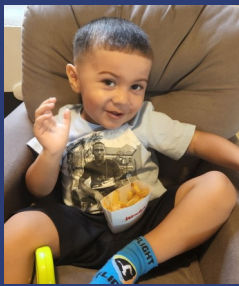
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MEET THE NO SHAVE CT 2022 AMBASSADORS

This November, police departments, companies, and individuals across CT will be participating in No Shave CT for the CT Cancer Foundation.

Starting on November 1st you can volunteer to put your razor away for 30 days. During this time, friends, family, and members of the community can go on-line and make donations to sponsor participants. 100% of the funds raised for No Shave CT go directly to CT cancer patients. Every year, we select Ambassadors to be the "face" of the campaign. These brave cancer warriors will receive a significant financial aid grant based on funds raised. Supporting No Shave CT is a great way to help local families battling this terrible disease.

You are not only providing help, you are providing hope! Make a difference today at www.NoShaveCT.org.



Anthony is a 2-year-old who loves everything Mickey Mouse. He was diagnosed on June 14, 2022, with B-cell Leukemia. Displaying numerous symptoms, mom took him to see his doctor where he was sent directly to the ER and after 4 hours of testing was diagnosed and sent to Intensive Care at the hospital for the next month. On day 3 Anthony started chemo 4 days a week and will begin phase 3 in October where he will be admitted into the hospital every other week for 2 months to receive very intensive chemo. The poor little guy has not been tolerating the chemo with side affects of nausea and vomiting. Mom and Dad have gone through their savings to barely stay afloat, mom has not been able to work her job as an LPN since Anthony's diagnosis. They also have 3 other children to care for at home along with the challenging situation with Anthony. In light of this hardship, Mom says they are doing the best they can and has a remarkably positive attitude.

Camila is a 2 year-old who loves Baby Shark and is the apple of her mom and dad's eye along with older sister. She was diagnosed on June 1, 2022, with ALL Leukemia. Upon going to the ER for testing, she was transported to Yale by ambulance and hospitalized for a week to begin immediate treatment. She receives treatment twice a week and will begin her 2nd cycle of chemo in September. She is in and out of the hospital for checkups, receiving blood transfusions with hope that the treatment will work. Mom, who is a domestic worker, is unable to work so that she can be there to care for Camila and her father often misses work as a mason when needed to assist. Mom, in tears, said she never knew this could happen to a family, changing everything overnight.



Bryson is a 5-year-old who loves to ride his bike, school, soccer, and anything outdoors where he can run around. All that changed when he was diagnosed with AML Leukemia on April 14, 2022. He was immediately hospitalized and started his chemo treatments the next day. He was in very bad condition and was hospitalized for 30 days. He has since spent 1-2 weeks each month in the hospital receiving high doses of chemo. He is supported by his loving single mom who can't work at her job at the Post Office as she is the only one to care for Bryson. She has exhausted all of her leave and vacation time. Her attempts at getting child support have been unsuccessful so she relies on little available family support. Mom was proudly able to purchase her first home last year with a nice backyard for Bryson that he was thrilled about. She now fears they'll lose their home as she navigates this financial and emotional hardship all alone.

Paisley is a 7-year-old who describes herself as a rainbow and loves swimming, barbies, & aliens in space. She was diagnosed on October 7, 2021, with B-cell Leukemia and was immediately admitted into the hospital for the next 30 days. She is on her 5th cycle of chemo that will be followed by maintenance for 1 year. She recently spent 34 days in the hospital dealing with the adverse side effects of her treatment feeling sick and having trouble walking after spending so much time in a hospital bed. Paisley is supported by her devoted single mom and older brother & sister. Mom works as a medical coder, when possible, her FMLA leave has ended, has no other financial support, and has applied for disability. Mom had to quit nursing school to care for Paisley and they live with her parents.



Brandon is a 13-year-old who loves his dog Lucky, soccer, swimming, & phone games. He was diagnosed with AML Leukemia on June 28, 2022. Upon seeing the doctor at Yale, he was admitted into the hospital for 1 ½ months to receive treatment, went home and the following week was back in the hospital for 8 days to receive his 2nd treatment. He goes to the hospital twice a week for bloodwork and port maintenance. He has been experiencing side effects of fatigue, fever, and poor appetite that makes life very difficult. Brandon is supported by his single mom and older brother. Mom has been working 2 jobs, one as a manager of a laundromat and a night shift cleaning banks. She had to quit her nighttime job and works when able during the day which is seldom so that she can care for Brandon. Mom says she is doing her best to manage everything, but this has been really, really hard.