



2025 Grant Final Update



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INTRODUCTION

Each section of this deck starts with an introduction to a LifeList participant you are supporting.

WISH

Next, you'll find information on the participant's wish and its status.

FULFILLMENT

Then the fun stuff! We'll share pictures of their wish being fulfilled thanks to your generosity!

alexandra

In 2024, Alexandra began experiencing pain in her right leg that grew increasingly worse. After going to the ER and being told that she had a mass on her leg that was most likely some sort of bone cancer, Alexandra began the hard process of finding a primary care doctor to refer her to get testing and a biopsy done. Just a few weeks after turning 21, Alexandra was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. She is currently undergoing treatment. Alexandra shared, "having an official cancer diagnosis was terrifying, but a diagnosis meant I could finally begin to fight."



art meets heart

Alexandra is a digital artist and wished for a MacBook to support her art and help her when she can get back to school.

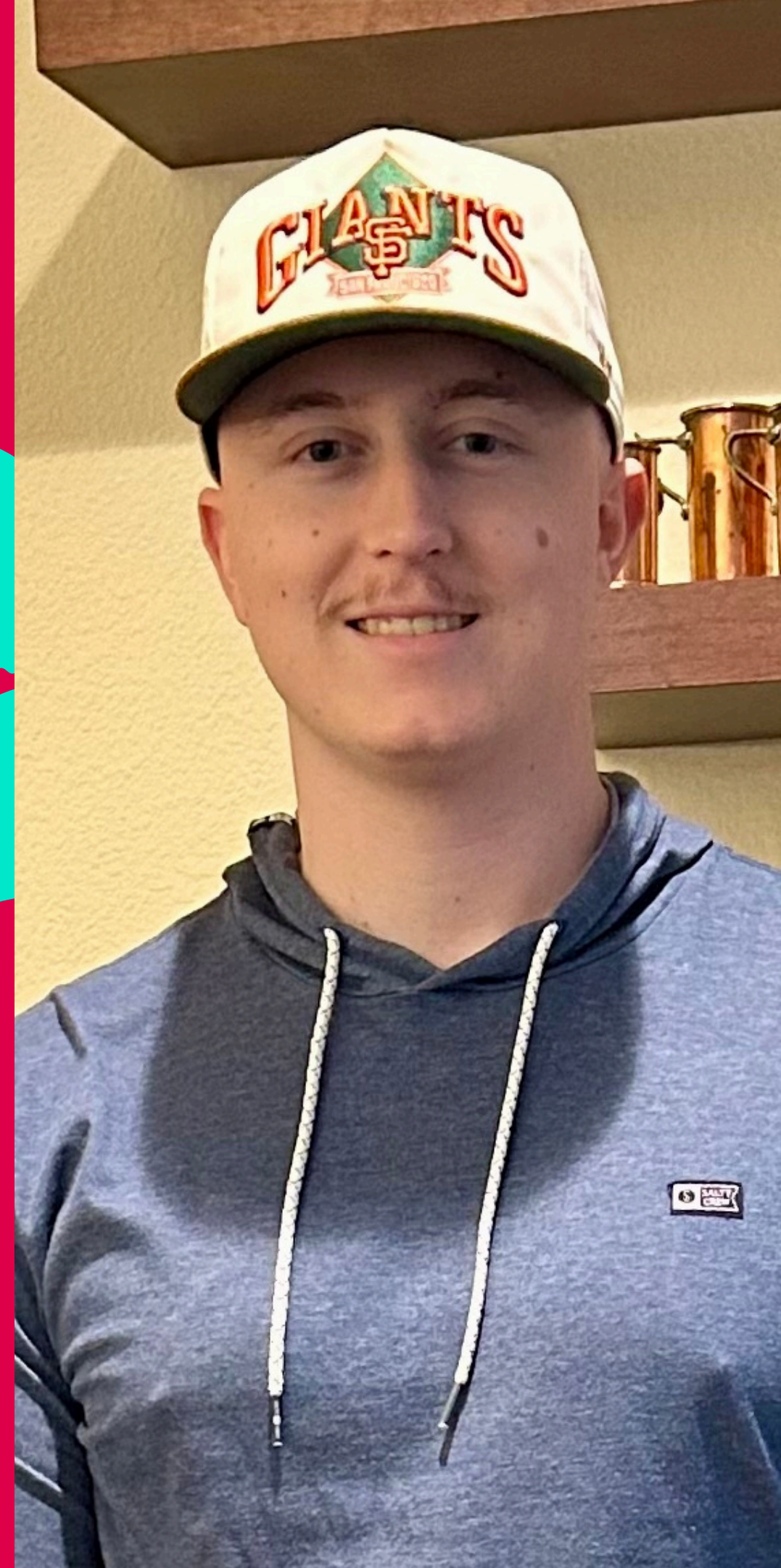
When she got her new computer, she said, "I'm so thankful to have it and am loving it so much!! Since I'm not back in school yet I get to use it only for fun stuff like playing too much Minecraft, but I'm sure it will also see me through many assignments and essays when the fall semester starts haha!"

She sent us a "little thank you doodle" that we just had to share!



austin

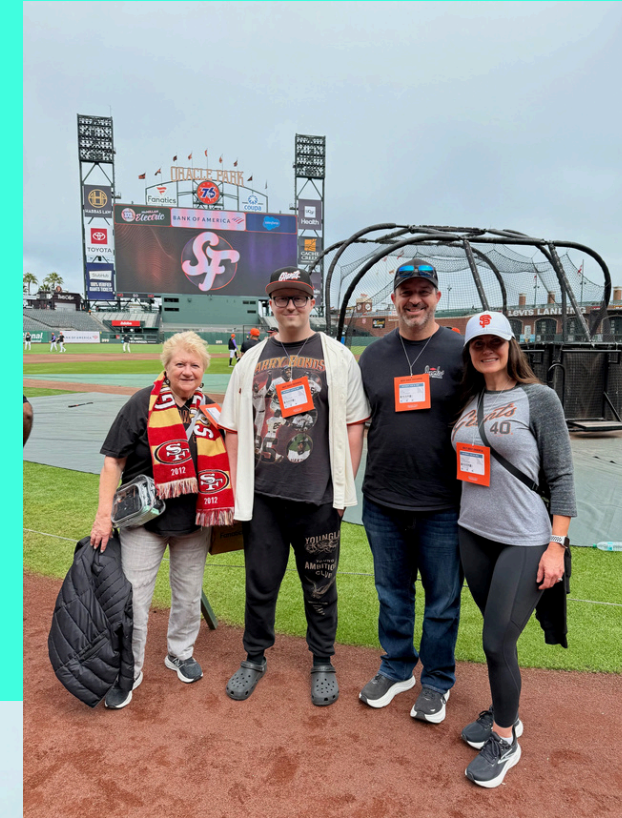
Austin was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma in September of 2024 at the age of 20. After months of increasing pain in his right hip and leg, an MRI showed tumors on his femur and in the soft tissue next to the bone. Prior to being diagnosed, he was a college student and athlete, studying Criminal Justice and playing baseball. Due to the aggressive nature of his cancer, his treatments typically require him to be admitted to the hospital. He had to withdraw from school for the year to focus on treatment and recovery. The treatment he needs to save his life has ended his baseball career.



from hospital to home plate

Thanks to all of you and the incredible team at the San Francisco Giants, Austin had an unforgettable day at Oracle Park. He and his family were brought down to the field for batting practice, where he met players, got some amazing Giants gear, and got to soak in the atmosphere of the game from just nine rows up along the third baseline.

One of the highlights? During batting practice, Giants outfielder Grant McCray took a moment to sign Austin's ball, congratulate him on finishing treatment, and share his own family's cancer story.



brandon

In 2020, Brandon was diagnosed with stage IV Hodgkin's lymphoma. At the time, Brandon was only 23 years old and said he felt very scared and anxious. After doing twelve rounds of chemotherapy, he was in remission and was cancer free for three years. Unfortunately, in the middle of 2024, Brandon's cancer returned and had spread to his bone marrow. He started treatment again, but the cancer continued to spread. He is currently getting ready to start a more aggressive form of chemotherapy that will require him to be hospitalized. Brandon said this experience has been "so much harder and scarier" for him and his family.



theme park therapy

After undergoing a stem cell transplant, Brandon knew exactly how he wanted to celebrate when the time was right—a trip to Orlando with his mom and a visit to Universal Studios.

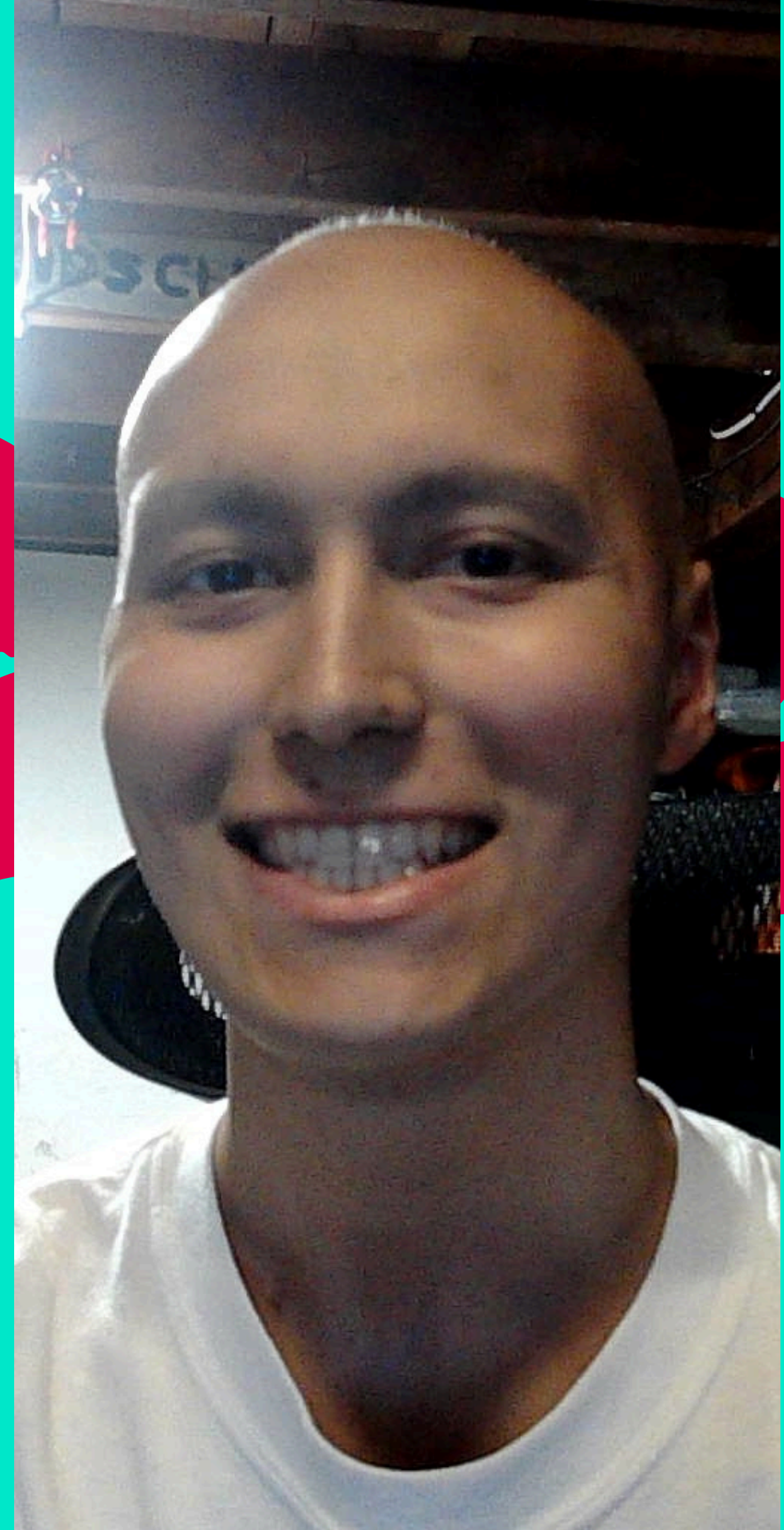
It took time, healing, and patience as he waited for his immune system to recover enough to travel safely. But once he got the all-clear, Brandon made the most of every moment.

“I had so much fun!! It was amazing and I made so many memories that I will always remember. My mom and I are so grateful . It was an amazing way to celebrate beating cancer.”



brett

When Brett was 21 years old and finishing up his spring quarter at college, he decided to finally see a doctor to check the pain he had been having for the last year in his pelvic area. Brett assumed this pain was a hernia and visited his primary doctor for an official diagnosis. However, after Brett had scans done, it was discovered that he had sarcoma. After his diagnosis, Brett had to put his whole life on hold – including his education, sports, vacations, and plans for his future. Brett has undergone radiation, and he is currently going through fourteen cycles of chemotherapy.



campus comeback

Brett has wished for help with a trip to Yellowstone and for help getting back to college.

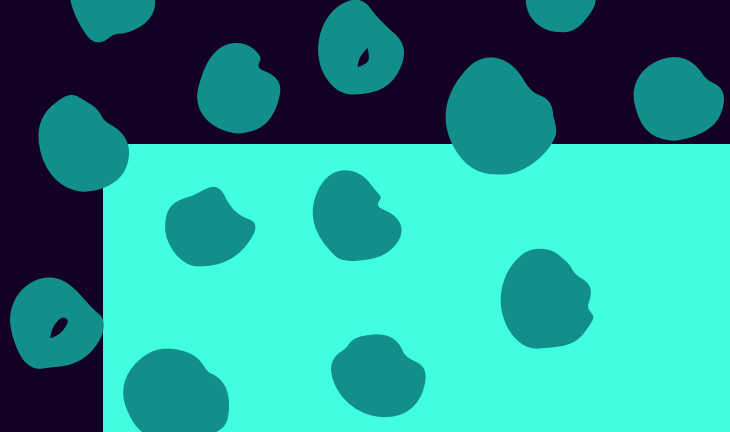
Brett had an amazing time on his trip to Yellowstone!



emma

Emma knew for a couple of years that something wasn't right with her health. With no family history of cancer, she was repeatedly told that she was healthy and young so nothing was wrong. In May of 2024, at the age of 27, she was diagnosed with Her2+ breast cancer. Further testing revealed that she has Li-Fraumeni Syndrome, a rare gene mutation that increases the risk of developing cancer. Emma has since had multiple rounds of chemo and surgery. She has had some difficult side effects and still has numerous rounds of treatment to go.





wish in waiting

Due to a change in her treatment plan, Emma has had to change her wish and we are working with her to craft something lovely that will bring her joy.

Emma used her LifeList to get some health minded items for herself and her family. This included some workout gear, cookbooks, a mindfulness workbook and other home goods.

joe

In January of 2022, at the age of 37, Joe went to the ER thinking he had kidney stones. He was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma. He was shocked and scared. He had surgery a few months later and it was a success. Unfortunately, a year later the cancer had returned and was now in his lymph nodes. He has been through multiple treatment plans since then. He is currently finishing radiation and his care team is looking into clinical trials but his cancer is incurable.



treasured time together

Joe is booked for a family trip to enjoy the great outdoors in Boulder, Colorado and then MOAB.



Joe and his family had an amazing trip. His wife, Rachel, emailed to tell us, "It was incredible! We made so many great family memories."

Joe featured his wish in a recent blog post. You can read it here:



michael

Michael was 24 years old when he was initially diagnosed with leukemia in 2022. He was hospitalized for several months and then spent several months recovering at home. Since then, he takes medication every day to keep the cancer under control.



brothers reunion

Michael has wished for a trip to visit his brother in Austin and is headed there in April. We got his plane ticket and some restaurant gift cards so they can go out and have a fun time together.

Michael had an amazing time visiting his brother – they even got tattoos together! Michael's tattoo is a combination of a nod to two video games – one he always played with his brothers and the other that helped him get through his first year of treatment and the accompanying mental health struggles.

He used the remainder of his budget to get supplies for his new kitten, Ranni.



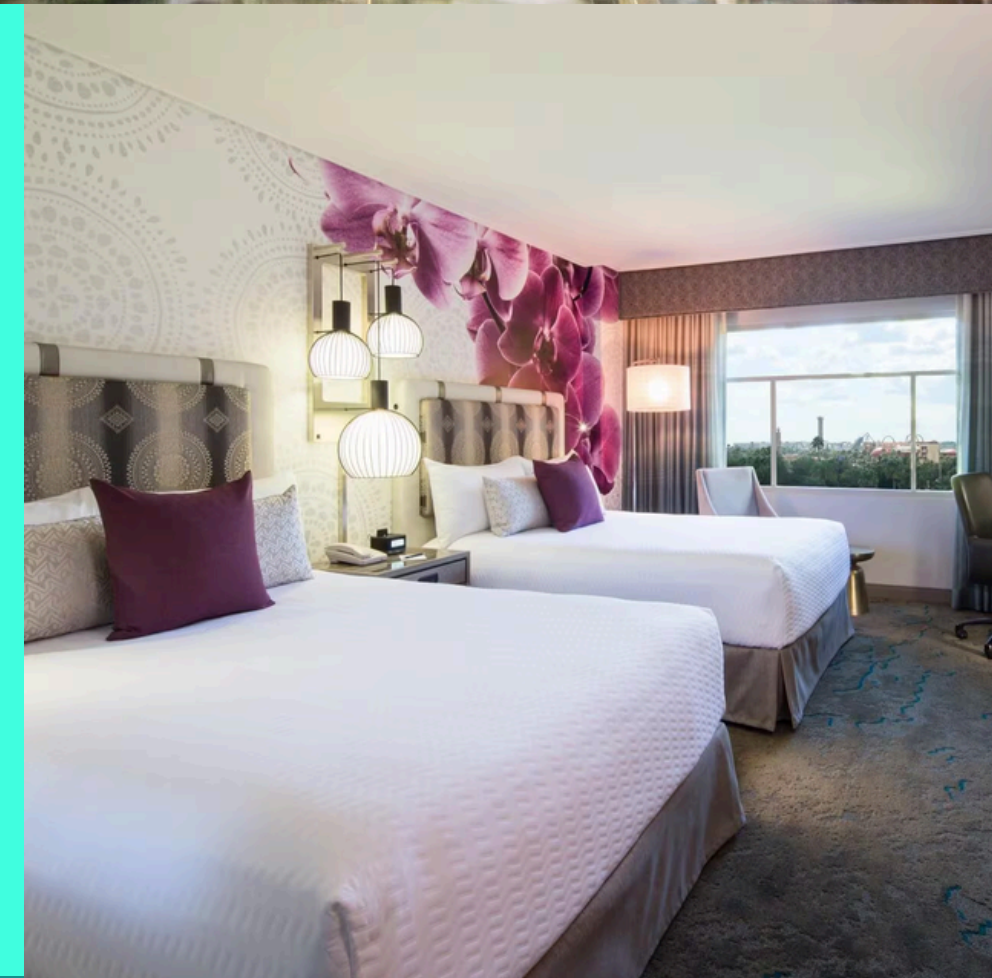
sarah

Sarah was 30 years old in June of 2023 when she was diagnosed with stage 2b triple positive breast cancer. She moved home to be closer to a renowned hospital and her treatment moved quickly after that. She immediately had medical and surgical oncologists and, not long after, had a radiation oncologist as well. She started chemo on August 1st and also started on a hormone blocking drug which put her into medically-induced menopause. She has since been through radiation, a trial, and surgery as well.



from nurse to neverland

Sarah and her mom had an amazing time on their trip to Universal and Disney in Orlando. They wanted to make it as decadent as possible, so your incredible grant went toward their stay at the Loews Royal Pacific Resort!



trey

Trey has been a competitive swimmer since the age of eight. Despite the fact that he has epilepsy, he was incredibly successful and competed for a spot on the Olympic team at the US Olympic Trials in 2024. He was continuing his dream by swimming in college as a distance freestyler and was registered for summer classes. He moved into the dorms on his 19th birthday but, unfortunately, a few weeks later he started getting horrible pain in his neck and an MRI revealed a tumor growing on his spine. On the first day of fall classes, he was starting chemotherapy for Ewing's sarcoma instead of going to school. Knowing the long road ahead of him, he moved home for treatment. He is taking things day by day throughout treatment and is looking forward to being back in school and the water.



waves to wheels

Trey wished for a OneWheel Pint. We got this delivered to him last week! His dad got one so they can get outside and enjoy some time together. Trey is excited to use it when he goes back to college.

Trey said, "I started riding the Onewheel on Sunday. I had quite a few falls but luckily I was on grass. I took a day off and watched some videos and the difference was night and day the next time I got on. I could finally maintain my balance and am now doing turns. I think something just clicked between my brain, hips, and ankles. Once I've mastered riding on grass in a week or two I'll move to pavement."



tyler

In 2023, when Tyler was 30, he was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He said that his diagnosis seemed unbelievable at first, but he has since come to terms with it, and now feels confident in his ability to go through his cancer journey. After getting his diagnosis, Tyler started chemotherapy, but had to stop due to an infection in his hip. Tyler had to have his prosthetic hip removed, and is currently unable to walk without his crutches. Due to his infection, he hasn't been able to undergo treatment, but he hopes that he can restart chemotherapy and radiation soon.



digital dreams delivered

Tyler is a musician and wished for a new MacBook. His had a broken screen and it made it very difficult to produce and mix his music. Thanks to you, his MacBook has been delivered!

Tyler said, "I want to thank you and everyone for this amazing opportunity. I appreciate it very much and am very grateful for everything."





The Dear Jack Foundation is deeply grateful for the I'm Not Done Yet Foundation's transformative support of our LifeList program. Your partnership enables us to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of young adult cancer patients, creating meaningful moments of joy and normalcy during their challenging cancer journey. Together, we're making a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

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you!**

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