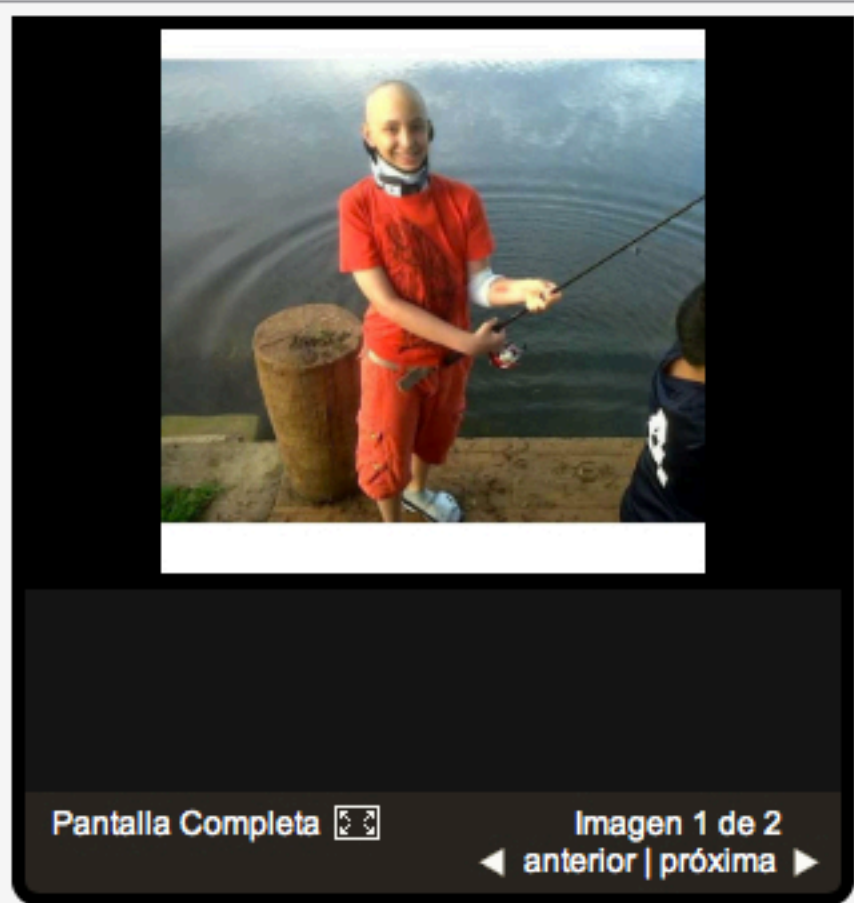


Young Cuban fighting cancer travels to Florida to fulfill his dream

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Miami - A child who traveled from Cuba to the U.S. to be an aggressive cancer, dream erected on Captain "Junior" nautical festival Winterfest event held each December in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Rolando Penaranda, 15, competes through the organization "Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation" in this section of the festival, dedicated to raising awareness about childhood cancer.

The young man arrived in the country last year with his parents, hoping to beat the metastatic Ewing sarcoma was diagnosed.

After a long medical treatment, which included ten months of chemotherapy and two sessions of radiation, Penaranda is free of this disease and now want to be an inspiration to those who struggle against this evil.

"My son wants to serve as an example to other children that you have to struggle to fulfill dreams and that cancer is not the end of the world," said the teen's mother, Tamara Penaranda.

Roly's mother, as his friends call him, said that his son's struggle has become more sensitive to the family in relation to other children suffering from this disease, and therefore seek to help in some way to the foundations that offered their support.

For now, the great illusion of Roly is to be the winner of this event, as this "will feel happy and proud to have overcome cancer," said Tamara.

"We have the best life possible and try to make him happy. So it is that we are so involved with this contest. I'm exhausted, but just thinking how happy he would win, no rest until the end," said Tamara.

The deadline to vote in this contest is September 15. Those interested should enter <http://bit.ly/1acQ0LG> link and click on "Like" Winterfest Boat Parade. Then press the blue button that says VOTE and beneath the story (the "Like" below the picture is not valid). You can share with your friends and vote every 24 hours.

September is the month dedicated to the fight against childhood cancer and the websites of the institutions St. Baldrick's Foundation (www.stbaldricks.org) and Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation (www.jjccf.org) can make donations to help with the cure of this disease.



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