



RE: Nathaniel Glaster

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Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

I am writing to you with the story of Nathaniel Glaster, a young boy battling osteosarcoma. Nate was diagnosed with cancer back in 2022. From the beginning, the cancer was aggressive. It was found, not only in his leg, but in his lungs. Over 15 lung masses were surgically removed and it, unfortunately, caused him to lose his leg. Nathaniel then underwent numerous cycles of chemotherapy and spent countless nights in the hospital. He was fighting back just as hard. The treatment had been working, and Nathaniel was able to complete his treatments in 2023.

Nearly a year later, it was discovered that the cancer had returned. The imaging revealed new lung masses. The treatments were hard on his body. He began having problems with his heart and needed ICU care to save him. In summer of 2024, Nathaniel was enrolled in hospice. While comfort and quality of life were very important, his mom knew that he still had a lot to give. His chemotherapy journey continued but he was able to spend more time at home with mom and the focus was still to get Nate better.

Now, in what appears to be a series of beautiful miracles, Nathaniel is still with us. Nate takes most of the credit, but his mom's faith and dedication are right up there too. She has never left his side and has been his #1 supporter. She fought for him even when her back was against the wall and her hard work was paying off. Mom shared that, if all continues well, Nathaniel might be eligible for lung surgery soon.

This has all come with its sacrifices. This has been over a two-year endeavor, and it has been so hard for her to maneuver through this as a single parent. This family needs help with covering rent, transportation costs, food, and basic necessities. Any drop in the bucket to help this family will go a long way and the gratitude will be endless.

Wishing you well,

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