



I would like to recommend **Howard “Anthony” Richards, Jr’s family** for your advocacy Program. Anthony is 5 years old and has been battling Acute Myeloblastic Leukemia (AML) since he was 2 ½ years old.

Due to the aggressiveness of his disease Anthony was sent up to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in Memphis, TN immediately upon diagnosis. Anthony has endured more in his short life than most of us will in a lifetime. He has undergone intensive chemotherapy two bone marrow transplants and is now receiving more chemotherapy which initially they thought would only control his symptoms but has miraculously finally caused his bone marrow to be negative for leukemia which is a happy surprise for all. The only question now is how long this will last. Throughout this time Anthony & his mother have been staying in Memphis so he can be treated at St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and have only been home to Florida for a few days in these past 2 ½ years. Needless to say this has been very difficult for this family since Anthony’s older sister Trinity, who is 6 years old and Anthony’s Dad have had to remain in Florida for school and work and have been only able to visit as school and work schedules allow. As you can imagine this has put both an emotional and financial strain on this family. Any assistance you can provide to help Anthony’s family financially would be greatly appreciated and give them one less thing to fret over.

*Yours truly,*

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