

# I wish to go to Atlantis.



*Ethan, age 17  
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia*

Wish child, Ethan, was diagnosed with B-Cell ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) on April 1, 2014 when he was at Children's Hospital. ALL is an aggressive (fast growing) type of leukemia (blood cancer) in which too many B-cell lymphoblast's (immature white blood cells) are found in the bone marrow and blood. It is the most common type of ALL. Ethan is considered high risk because of his age, as he is considered old for this diagnosis. 

Ethan is a talented musician and has been creating music since he was very young. Ethan plays classical and jazz piano, saxophone and sings. He has performed many times over the years and has qualified for state in both piano and saxophone. Ethan enjoys acting and singing, as well, performing in many theater productions through his high school and community. Ethan also loves playing sports. Over the years he has played baseball, soccer, hockey and golf. Ethan played on his high school hockey and golf teams and qualified for sectionals in golf. After his senior year, Ethan plans to attend college and pursue a music degree.

Starting in November, 2014, Ethan will progress to the third phase of treatment, which is a monthly regimen of chemotherapy treatments for three years. The total treatment time is over three and a half years, as long as all goes well. Ethan has responded exceedingly well to treatment and for that his family is very thankful. The doctors found no cancer cells in his bone marrow after the first phase of treatment and his family continues to pray that it stays that way. The treatment is not easy by any means, but Ethan is a trooper and handles it all with grace.

Ethan's family was in shock when they heard his diagnosis. His parents went through many stages of emotions; shock, pain and grief to acceptance, determination and a willingness to do whatever it takes to get their son healthy again. His mother said, "There are times I feel sad for Ethan and our family, but then I know Ethan has too much potential and still has too much to share with this world and cancer will not take that away. As we don't know the reason why this has happened, I believe it can only make Ethan and our family stronger. This is just a bump in the road on his journey of life, for his bright future is waiting."

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