



Paxton

Eight year old Paxton was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma in 2013. After a long struggle with chemotherapy treatments, Paxton has finally finished chemotherapy. But monthly check-ups and painful pokes remain part of the norm for Paxton to ensure his continued good health.

He and his Mom have started a tradition to make these monthly check-ups something to look forward to instead of dread. After each appointment Paxton gets a new stuffie, usually a cat or dog (Paxton has a special affinity for animals, especially his cat Ninja who was by his side through treatment), then he and his Mom enjoy a sushi lunch.

Despite the many changes to their lives since Paxton's diagnosis, his family remains in awe of Paxton's boundless energy and zest for life. Between skating, rollerblading, BMX biking, and hanging at the skate park, his mom, Angela, can't seem to get Paxton to sit still. Paxton even recently earned his yellow belt in karate; an accomplishment he is very proud of. It comes as no surprise that his favorite class at school is gym and all of his teachers admire his positive attitude and inquisitive mind. Paxton is always watching the Discovery Channel's *How It's Made*, *Daily Planet*, and especially, *Man vs. Wild*.

When it came time to decide on his Wish, Paxton wanted to incorporate his passion for adventure, love of outdoor activities, and make sure it was something to whole family could enjoy. Paxton and family headed to the Big Island of Hawaii to explore its volcanoes and learn to surf. "Hang loose!"