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## TRISTAN'S STORY

When Tristan was 11 years old he was diagnosed with metastatic Ewing's Sarcoma in 2014. Tristan's positive attitude helped him through aggressive chemotherapy treatments, surgery and radiation and eventually led to being free of cancer late in 2015. A relapse in November 2016 did not waver his positive spirit to keep fighting and beat cancer, however when secondary Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and Myelodysplastic Syndrome of the bone marrow was discovered in May 2017 Tristan was told he would never be cured, never go into remission and there is nothing left that the doctors can do for him.

Despite the reality of never realizing his dreams of becoming a doctor or experiencing his future goals, Tristan remains dedicated to making the best of the life he has left. At 15 years old Tristan could have become angry and bitter over a future lost, however he chooses the path of awareness and charity. Tristan believes there needs to be more awareness about Childhood Cancer. For over 3 years Tristan has been getting treatment at the oncology clinic in the Alberta Children's Hospital and has seen numerous young children as well as many kids his own age receiving treatment for cancer diagnoses that will change their lives forever.

With this knowledge of what is happening to children and how they are affected living with cancer Tristan has decided to try and make a difference. No child should have to live with any life threatening illness but the reality is that there are a lot of kids who do. Tristan believes with the help of Kimmitt Cup and Children's Wish every one of these kids should experience a joy in their life that can only come from being granted their most heartfelt wish.

Tristan's wish was to learn how to fly a plane. Through Kimmitt Cup and Children's Wish Tristan was gifted a special and most memorable day of going up in a helicopter with Luca from LR Helicopters. Even though Tristan was feeling a little off from his treatment, this day gave him energy and adrenalin that he was able to take back with him to the hospital and share his experience with his care team. It was remarkable that he was able to talk to his doctors and nurses about something other than his diagnosis. While Tristan was able to participate in the joy and excitement of flying in an LR Helicopter, due to his prognosis he will never have his true wish of learning how to pilot and fly a plane.

We do not know how much time Tristan will have left with us. What we do know is Tristan will spend the rest of his life sharing his wisdom of how important Kimmitt Cup and Children's Wish are to the life of a seriously ill child.

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