

## I wish to go to my favorite theme park

Luis, 11 leukemia

When Luis was 9 years old, he began developing bruises on his arms and legs and for a month he was really sick and losing a lot of weight. His parents became concerned and took him to the doctor where he had blood work done. The next day, the doctors called and told his parents that Luis' blood levels were abnormal and they were concerned it could be leukemia and they referred him to Valley Children's for further testing. His parents immediately got him in and after a few more tests, their fears were confirmed when Luis was officially diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Luis began treatment and was soon in remission. After 4 weeks in remission, Luis had a massive reaction to his medication that caused him to have stroke-like

symptoms, his blood sugar to drop significantly, and left him fighting a virus. Doctors quickly adjusted Luis' medical plan and got him back on track to finish treatments in December 2020.

Luis cannot wait for his treatments to be over and to fully put his cancer behind him. He is a super sweet kiddo who loves hanging out with his friends and going to school. On the weekends, you can find him outside playing with his army toys, riding his scooter, or playing with the water hose. He also loves to play on his PS4; his favorite games are Black Ops 3 and Fortnite. Luis is also a big fan of baseball! He is a Dodgers fan and is looking forward to playing baseball at school when sports begin again.

When thinking of wish ideas, Luis came up with a few, but he knew that most of all, he wanted to meet his favorite quacking character at Florida's magical theme park!! He loves ducks and is so excited to meet the best duck around! He wants to shake his hand and take a picture with him so he can cherish it for years to come. Being able to visit the parks will allow Luis to forget about the troubles of cancer and run around carefree in a magic land with his family. He is excited for the rides, the parades, and the firework shows, and being able to spend a few days exploring a theme park he has never had the chance to visit!!