

Elena

Elena was born in October of 2017. She was perfect, beautiful, full of joy, and brought so much happiness to her family. She loves the water, gymnastics as well as the outdoors.

July of 2021 is when her and her family's lives changed forever. She was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, Stage 4. Her family was heart broken. Never in a million years would they have ever imagined to be going through a cancer journey, let alone their own child. It all began with what they initially thought was a virus. She was tired, vomiting, and suffered loss of appetite. It happened about three times on-and-off within a three week period which was very odd. The third time it happened the family decided it was time to have her seen by her pediatrician.

Once she was seen by her doctor, they decided they needed to take her to the emergency room where blood work and a CT scan was completed. When the results arrived, her blood levels were abnormal and the CT scan showed a mass in the lymph-nodes. The family's hearts shattered. They were then transferred over to Children's Advocate Health in Oaklawn where they had more tests done, including a biopsy to determine what type of cancer Elena had. A week later it was confirmed: Elena was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, High Risk, Stage 4.

Elena has currently undergone 7 sessions of Chemotherapy, 2 Stem Cell Transplants, and 12 sessions of Radiation with a remaining 5-6 sessions of Immunotherapy left to go through. She has been so strong throughout her journey, so when the family heard about A Special Wish being able to grant a wish, they were so excited.

Elena's special wish is to go on a family trip to Disney where she can create lasting memories with her family.

Your generous support and donation to Elena's wish would be one that would live on for years to come. On behalf of A Special Wish Chicago, Thank You!

