

Ethan was born on January 6, 2009. On November 29, 2011, a few weeks before Ethan was to turn 3 years old, our world was turned upside down. After multiple visits to the pediatrician for a puffy eye, we were sent to St. Joseph's Children's Hospital for an MRI that revealed a tumor in Ethan's left orbit. Following this discovery, we consulted with the cranial-facial plastic surgeon who would eventually remove the tumor. He ordered a CT scan for Ethan so that he could get a better idea of how involved the tumor was with Ethan's skull, eye, and brain. Due to the location of the tumor, it was determined that we would need a neurosurgeon in addition to the plastic surgeon; we also realized that due to the proximity to the brain and eye, we could not biopsy the tumor prior to surgery, which led to wide speculation of a diagnosis. From the realization that surgery was a necessity, the plastic surgeon wanted to schedule the operation ASAP in order to protect Ethan's eye. However, because of hospital politics, Ethan's surgery was not scheduled until December 22, 2011.

Throughout the seven hour surgery, the lining of his brain was patched, bone from his skull was removed and reconstructed, and his left sinus was removed. In the end, the surgery was a success and the tumor was gone. Ethan was diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (LCH), a rare blood cancer that affects 1:200,000 children. This is a serious blood disease with no government funding available for researching a cure. It took months for Ethan to heal from such an extensive surgery and over a year of chemotherapy would follow. Ethan started chemotherapy January 13, 2012 and will continue until March 2014. Today, Ethan is a happy and healthy five year old. Ethan has been a Leukemia and Lymphoma Honored Hero for the past three years. This is a wonderful organization and fundraiser that helps fund research for children that have blood cancers.

Hi world! My name is Ethan. Have you ever heard of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis? I have that!



This disease affects 1 in 200,000. My Mother's goal is to get 200,000 likes to raise awareness. Will you help? Please like my moms awareness page search facebook for it. It's called momsonamission PLEASE SHARE THIS!!!!