

"I am going to work hard to get some of my old life back."

Jammer Classic Memorial sponsors Alex's wish trip

When 17-year-old Alex woke up from the seven-hour surgery that removed the cancer from his upper arm, he asked the surgeon if he would be able to play baseball again. The response was "no", but the Oakville youth has other plans.

Winning a scholarship to play baseball in the United States is back again on his agenda. In fact, by the time he leaves for his wish trip to Hawaii in December 2010, he fully intends to be strong enough for deep sea fishing, surfing and scuba diving. "I know it will be a challenge but I am going to work on it every day so that I can get some of my old life back," he says. Alex will travel with his parents, Adele and Richard, and three siblings, Nicolas, 15, Courtney, 12 and Haleigh, eight.

The youth's wish trip from The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada has been sponsored by the Jammer Classic Memorial Field Lacrosse Tournament in memory of Jamieson Kuhlmann, a promising young Toronto athlete who died as a result of a sports accident in 2008.

Alex's life was in full-teenage throttle when he was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma in April 2009. A star baseball player on a representative team in Hamilton, he was an A+ student and a certified lifeguard working part-time for the Town of Oakville.

The surgery was followed by months of chemotherapy. "It is a surreal journey that we have been thrust into and has impacted us in ways that can not be expressed," says his father, Richard.

"As a family we are grateful to have Alex here with us, but we also know that realizing his wish would be a wonderful experience that he is so very deserving of"

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada works with the community to provide children living with life threatening illnesses the opportunity to realize their most heartfelt wish. For additional wish stories, go to www.childrenswish.ca and click on Wish Tales.



Alex (centre), pictured here before he was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, is the oldest of the family of four. His wish trip was sponsored by the Jammer Classic Memorial Field Lacrosse Tournament in memory of Jamieson Kuhlmann.

