

I wish to fly, with my own wings

Hazel, 4
cancer



Hazel is a funny, outgoing 4 year old girl. She loves any and all animals, including bugs; she will often pick up bugs and inspect them up close. She likes to play dress-up, especially in things that sparkle. Her favorite colour is "rainbow". She loves telling jokes and making people laugh!

When Hazel was 3.5 years old, her parents noticed that she was getting tired easily. She also had some tummy aches and bruised easily. One day, her mom noticed some pinprick bruises under Hazel's eye and her parents decided Hazel should go to their local walk-in clinic, just in case. After some bloodwork and an ambulance ride to the Alberta Children's Hospital, Hazel was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); cancer.

The treatment for ALL includes chemotherapy, and Hazel will have to undergo many rounds of chemo, in different doses and intensities, in order to make sure her cancer goes away and stays away. This means a lot of time in the hospital, a lot of pokes with needles, and a weakened immune system.

When asked about the effect Hazel's diagnosis has had on her family, her mom says it hasn't been easy. Hazel's dad works away from home up north, and while his company was very supportive with giving him time off when Hazel was first diagnosed, he did need to go back to work. Hazel's grandpa stays with her family while dad is away, so that there is an adult available to look after Hazel's siblings while she is in treatment or if she needs to go to the hospital quickly.

Hazel's wish is simple, she would like to fly! Not in an airplane of course, but with her own wings. Hazel can't wait to zoom through the air up high and see all the sights below. Make-A-Wish is currently stocking up on our stores of faith, trust and of course, pixie dust to help make Hazel's wish come true soon.

