

## Camden's Story

I wish to have a VR gaming setup

Camden, 12 leukemia

Camden enjoys being at home and staying up late. The 12-year-old prefers not being the centre of attention but is outgoing and is great at making new friends. He's mechanically inclined and learned to weld from his mom. His current project is welding a hood scoop for his lawnmower. He also has an eye for anything with a motor. When he's not tinkering around looking for something to fix, he's watching race car movies, being active outdoors, or playing driving simulator games on his video game console.

Camden's life changed course when he was diagnosed with leukemia in November 2018 at the age of nine. His mom said, "The first year and a half there were lots of struggles emotionally but with many deep conversations." Camden began treatment with a positive attitude and entertained doctors and nurses with his humour and wit. Rounds of pills, needles and various lengthy trips to the hospital took its toll on Camden, though. His treatment lasted for more than three years. His mom added that the experience helped her son overcome a lot of fears and anxiety. "He proved to himself what we already knew, how strong he really is," she added.

His mom said it was fun to watch the excitement grow as Camden waited for his wish for a virtual reality gaming setup to come true. On Camden's wish reveal day, he received a gaming PC, gaming chair with speakers, a virtual reality headset and desk. "I'm blown away (by) what they picked for me. Every time I walk into my room, I can't believe it's mine," said Camden.

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Camden's are granted. Together we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



