



Samuel's Story

I wish to have a swimming pool

Samuel, 13
cancer



13-year-old Samuel loves spending time in what he described as “his great backyard” with his family and friends! In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball with friends, skiing in the winter, and his favourite thing to do, go swimming! After undergoing chemotherapy for his cancer diagnosis, he felt a strong disconnect between himself and his friends.

When thinking of possible wishes, he thought about a few different possibilities but ultimately decided he would wish to have a swimming pool! Not only would this allow him to spend more time in his backyard, but it would also enable him to swim anytime he wanted (Canadian weather permitting, of course).

During his chemotherapy treatments he felt isolated from all of his friends. His life was put on hold, and he felt alone. Since his wish was granted, the pool has been an opportunity for Samuel to reconnect with his friends and resume normal activities! He has been laughing and smiling so much since his wish was granted.

His mom, Cindy, told us how special the wish has been for Samuel, and his brother Kai. “Kai gets to play with his brother and forget about the hospitals and treatments whenever they are swimming.” She continued, “I haven’t seen the two of them smiling like this in a long time!”

It’s safe to say that Samuel and his family will cherish the time they spend together in their backyard, with the new pool!

Hope is essential for children with critical illnesses, and its life-changing power is unlocked when wishes like Samuel's are granted. It is thanks to the generosity of our donor community that we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



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