

Bid to Beat Blood Cancer

Please support our online auction 100% of proceeds from will be donated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada.

My name is Coleton Myers and I am a 17 year old competitive athlete. I have been heavily involved in sports my entire life as a competitive swimmer, skier, and triathlete. In the summer of 2017, mid-way through a competitive triathlon season and before competitive summer swimming began, I was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. My sports were put on hold and, within days, my treatment began at the IWK. If you know me, then you know that I took my treatment in stride. I felt great both during and between cycles, kept healthy, and even got on the trainer and out on the road bike. Midway through my treatment I started my grade 11 school year at Prince Andrew High School in the IB programme. Compared to many other chemo treatments, my struggle was a light one, a large part of which I contribute to my attitude and my fitness. In July of this year, I was diagnosed with a relapse and am starting treatment for my second time; however, I am staying positive.

Last fall, during my treatment, I became involved in the annual Light The Night Walk held by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada (LLSC) to raise awareness and funds in support of blood cancer. I entered a team into the walk with the goal of raising \$2,500 and, after our team raised over \$13,000, was selected as an ambassador and spokesperson for this year's fundraising event. My goal this year is to raise even more through an online auction that my close friend, Ian Keefe, and I created called Bid To Beat Blood Cancer. We are looking for families, teams, and offices to support this initiative by donating themed baskets to be sold in the online auction (i.e. chocolate basket, coffee basket, gift card basket, cat or dog basket, etc.). 100% of proceeds will go to the LLSC to support future blood cancer research and your contribution will be recognized on the auction site.

There are currently 138,000 Canadians affected by blood cancer. I ask for your support in this cause not for myself, but for cancer research as a whole. Help better the lives and treatments of all current and future cancer patients.

If your family, team, or office would like to contribute to this fundraising effort through donating a basket, please let me know at <u>cole@bidtobeatbloodcancer.org</u>. We are hoping to have all baskets by September 15th. If you would like to read more about our cause you can visit <u>our website</u>, and if you would simply like to support our fundraiser through on online donation, you can do so through my personal Light The Night <u>fundraising page</u>. All sponsorships through this page will be recognized on the Bid To Beat Blood Cancer online auction website.