

9-Month-Old Captures Community With Her Cancer Battle



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Tenley Ryan Norman is a beautiful, happy baby girl from South Alabama.



Her Uncle Josh says that her birth changed his life, “Tenley...she’s nine months old and she has pretty much changed everyone’s lives since she’s been here.”

Two weeks ago Tenley’s parents, Jordan and Tanner Norman, noticed some blood in her urine. That was the first sign that something was wrong. After a visit to the doctor and a series of tests, they discovered that Tenley had a very rare, aggressive form of cancer. She’s currently at MD Anderson seeking further treatment. We spoke with her parents via Skype from Houston, “It’s malignant extrarenal rhabdoid tumor and that particular cancer is one of the hardest pediatric cancers to treat.”



The cancer she's been diagnosed with is so rare that there are only about 100 cases nationwide each year. She's had one tumor removed from her bladder but doctors discovered two smaller masses in her lungs. She's currently undergoing more observation at MD Anderson to confirm exactly what they're seeing in her lungs.

It's been a challenge for her family at home here in South Alabama to wait each day for news on her condition. Her grandfather Dwight says her diagnosis has been hard, "This has been an extremely emotional past weekend. It's been one of the longest weekends of my life."

Tenley's diagnosis is hard but the outpouring of support from the community has been a light at the end of the tunnel. South Alabama has rallied around the Norman's. Just one of their videos has been viewed more than 70-thousand times.

The Norman's received a flight to Houston from Pilots For Christ. According to Tenley's mom Jordan Pilots For Christ made her a top priority, "We were contacted by Pilots for Christ within 30 minutes of learning her diagnosis and they were more than willing to fly us out here two days later."



Friends have also created several fundraising pages to help cover Tenley's medical costs. If you would like to contribute the link to Tenley's GoFundMe page is below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/upnd7e2s?rcid=d34b45b4f3c542c784465fe43b81ab5a>