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Harper's new ride fosters summer fun



Last July, doctors diagnosed Harper with medulloblastoma. A cancer diagnosis was devastating, life-altering news. For Harper and her family, it meant they had to spend the last year in quarantine to keep Harper safe while she underwent brain surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

In addition to her physical health concerns, Harper struggled with the impact cancer had on her social life. An avid soccer player, Harper was heartbroken to have to drop out of her travel team. Friends lost touch when she could no longer go out and socialize with them. It was a lot for a 12-year-old girl to deal with.

That's when Harper's child life specialist referred her to Make-A-Wish. The chance to wish for a golf cart helped Harper feel like just a regular kid again this summer and regain some of her independence. Upon receiving her golf cart, Harper and her

"[Make-A-Wish is] an organization that puts a smile on kids' faces," Harper's mom, Shellie, said. "Obviously, the kids that you grant wishes to are dealing with something that's the most traumatic or trying time in their life. [Make-A-Wish] takes them out of that and gives them something they've always wanted. [When Harper's wish was granted], we didn't think about cancer. The golf cart was something exciting. Overall, it was great for the whole family."

For kids fighting cancer, hope is essential. **Will you make a special gift in honor of Harper's wish this Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to help bring hope to Michigan kids battling cancer?**

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P.S. You can be a difference maker for local kids fighting cancer with a [donation today](#). The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services estimates that more than 400 Michigan children are diagnosed with cancer each year. You can give Michigan wish kids battling cancer hope at a time when they need it the most.



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