

My Story

By Nicholas

Hi, my name is Nicholas and my parents are helping me write this story. In August 2004 when I was just two years old, I was diagnosed with a very rare disease that caused my skin to break out in bad blisters when I went into the sun. I live with my parents in the Lewiston and Orofino, Idaho areas and had to travel many times to Spokane and Salt Lake City so the doctors could try to help me. It was discovered that this disease, of which there are less than 200 diagnosed cases in the world, affects my red blood cells and made me very sensitive to sunlight. In the summer of 2005, I received 49 units of red blood cells and 33 doses of platelets. Ultimately, my cure would have to come from a bone marrow transplant. In November 2006 when I was 5 ½ years old, the disease was gone. I am now doing great thanks to everyone who helped me.

A special note from Nicholas' Parents:

We cannot thank all of the people enough who donated their time, blood, platelets, and bone marrow to help save our son Nicholas and many other kids like him. Without you this would not have been possible.

An INBC blood recipient.



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