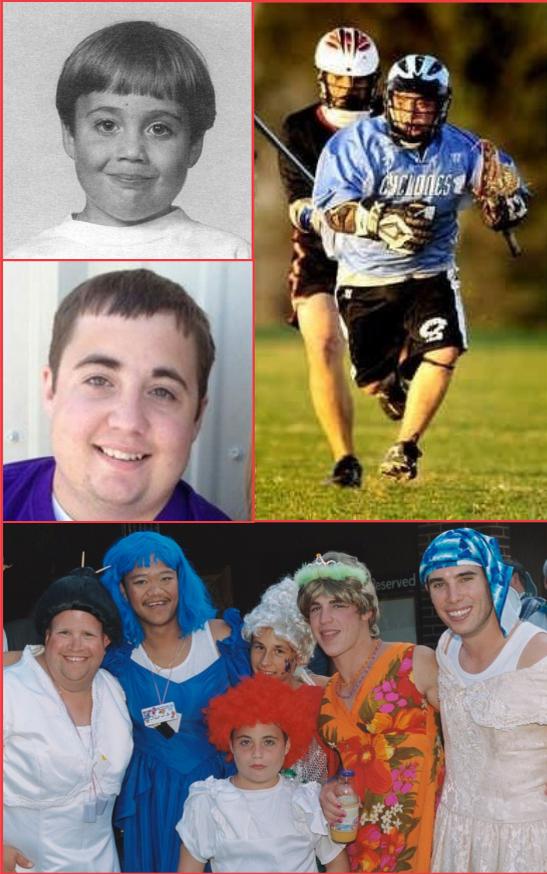




30 Years & 30 Heroes

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From top left: Cody at Camp Fantastic '97 and today; in the heat of a lacrosse competition; hanging with the guys at camp, where it's okay to act a little crazy and "let your hair down!"

Cody just celebrated a big anniversary — it's been nine years since the completion of the bone marrow transplant that saved his life in 2003. But his cancer journey started much earlier, when he was first diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) in 1995 at age 5. His family came to Under Seven Family Weekend the following year and found out about Camp Fantastic. Cody attended as soon as he was old enough in 1997 and quickly became a "frequent flier" at Special Love's outings, accompanied by his parents and siblings, Caitlyn, Michael, and Isaac. The camp community of support became crucial when Cody relapsed in 2000 (the relapse was discovered at our Reunion Family Weekend in June) and a second time three years later— this time accompanied by a brain tumor. Despite his having to endure three series of treatments (at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville), Cody never gave up. While his siblings attended BRASS Camp, Cody defied the odds and recovered to lead an amazingly active lifestyle which includes his main passion, lacrosse, as well as snowboarding with his camp friends at Fantastic Winter Weekend. Cody has no plans to give up his affiliation with Special Love anytime soon, saying:

"Camp has always been a big part of my life, both while going through treatment and afterward. Camp helped me realize that I was not the only kid going through cancer. It taught me that it is all right to be different [just check out the photo at left]. I plan to come back to camp as a counselor once I finish nursing school."

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