

Team Challenge

CROHN'S & COLITIS

Honored Teammate

Joe West



Joe West is nine years old. He started experiencing the symptoms of IBD in the summer of 2008 when he was just five years old. Not soon after he started experiencing these symptoms, Joe started having a lot of pain and the doctors told his parents that he had developed a fistula which required surgery. This news was very scary for both Joe and his parents.

After lot's of visits to the doctor and lot's of tests, Joe was properly diagnosed with Crohn's Disease in October of 2008. Joe has had to be on some pretty tough medications for such a young boy to have to take including medicine that made his face very puffy. Joe is now on a maintenance medication, but still has good and bad days. His parents are working with his doctors to find what will work best for him long term. This is why Joe and his family are so dedicated to CCFA and to helping find a cure. The money that Team Challenge raises will help fund the research programs that make it easier to pinpoint earlier what medications are best.

Joe Lives in Tucker with his parents Glenn and Karen (Glenn was a Team Challenge participant last season) and his little brother, six year old Cam. Joe loves soccer, basketball, cub scouts and he also plays the piano! Joe will be attending Camp Oasis for the first time this summer!

Joe is happy to be this season's honored teammate and we are thrilled to have him!!