

CLAYS *for* CARA

February 2018



Our Mission

We seek to honor the memory of Cara Ann Hobbs and continue her legacy of kindness, love, and compassion by supporting those directly affected by cancer or other life threatening illnesses, including ongoing support of the Cara Ann Hobbs Endowment at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Clays for Cara is the main fund raiser for the Cara Ann Hobbs Foundation.

With the help of sponsors and supporters, Clays for Cara 2017 raised over \$70,000, allowing us to help families as they focus on the care of their loved ones.



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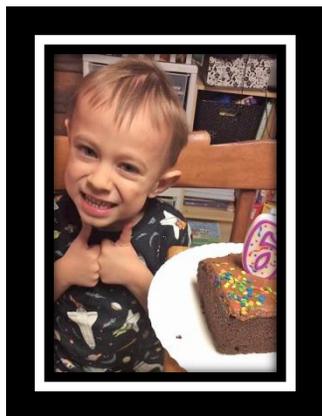
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Meet some of our 2017 Scholarship Recipients

JJ Santellana was first diagnosed with a Wilm's tumor in 2014 at the age of two. After having his kidney removed and six months of chemo, the cancer was in remission. In 2016, after the cancer returned, he endured a partial lung removal, a year of harsh chemo, and 14 days of radiation. In 2017, JJ and his family moved to Colorado to seek additional treatment.



JJ recently celebrated his sixth birthday, enjoys Taekwondo and is a member of Pebble Pups where he is learning all about rocks and minerals. He hopes to become a geologist when he grows up. At his January 5th checkup, tests showed no evidence of cancer!

Clays for Cara helped JJ's family focus on his care and not the financial burdens they were facing. JJ's mom wrote, "God takes care of us through people like you just when we start to feel despair."

Follow JJ's progress on Facebook: [Be My Hero JJ](#)

Sam Pampel is an active little boy who loves to play hard and loves his family sweetly. In 2016, at 3 years old, earaches and a small lump led to the confirmation of neuroblastoma. After several rounds of chemo, it looked like the cancer was gone. In March of 2017, Sam began to complain of headaches. MRI results indicated that the cancer was still there. He received stronger chemo, a stem cell transplant, radiation and immunotherapy. Sam was then considered in remission.



In October, immunotherapy was started and it was quickly discovered that this might be the hardest part of his treatment. During his second round, the decision had to be made to sedate Sam and put him on an oscillator until his lungs could heal. He stayed this way for 7 days where there were plenty of unknown moments but finally his fighting spirit came through, and they were able to lower his supports. Sam is still suffering from effects of the medication and treatment, having to regain the strength to walk and rediscover all of his words.

Sam's mom, Maude, stated, "How any family lives through this horrible disease is a miracle. We have seen how community and support around us is so important and how kindness from those around us is so needed and appreciated. While Sam's hair has again grown back, and he begins to look like a normal 5 year old again, he will continue to have to fight for normal and we as his family along with the family around us will be right there to support and cheer him on in awe of his strength. "

Follow Sam's progress on Facebook: [Super Sam](#)

In May 2015, **Laynie Houser** was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia with a PNH clone, a life threatening blood disorder. She has endured chemotherapy, radiation, and countless blood and platelet transfusions. In 2017, she received a bone marrow transplant. To receive the transplant, Laynie and her mom relocated to Houston while receiving treatment at Texas Children's Hospital. Laynie continues to need care including clinical and hospital visits due to the transplant process and complications that arise.



Throughout her illness, Laynie has remained a bubbly, bright, social butterfly. Her smile is infectious. She is an avid dog lover and dreams of becoming a vet and owning a doggy daycare/vet clinic. She is now ten years old and attends school via Skype and is eager to be back in school with her classmates. Laynie is also looking forward to the day that she is cleared to swim, enjoy the beach, the Frio, and Onion Creek.

When families face life threatening illnesses, expenses from travel, hotel stays, relocation, hospital bills, and medications add up very quickly. The Houser family stated that the funds from Clays for Cara came just in time. "We cannot thank you enough!" #layniestrong

Here are a few ways to help us help families like these!

- Attend our dinner and auction.
- Sponsor a team of shooters.
- Donate a door prize for the live or silent auction.
- Volunteer at our events.
- Become a bronze, silver, gold or platinum sponsor.
- Follow us on social media and share.
- Make a donation by mail or through our website.
- Hold a fundraiser to benefit Clays for Cara.
- Take pictures at our shoot and dinner.

Save the date!

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Clay Shoot - Teams of five members

Live & Silent Auctions ~ Dinner & Music

Saturday, October 13, 2018

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