

## Kansas Citians embrace a young British boy fighting cancer after the story of his journey makes local headlines



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Alexander Goodwin, a 10-year-old boy battling cancer in an area hospital, has inspired the hearts of many Kansas Citians after local media outlets began covering the story of his journey to the Midwest. Alexander was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma, an extremely rare form of cancer that destroyed his right hip, nearly taking his life. Last December, Alexander and his family came to Kansas City from England for treatment after receiving a bad prognosis from his doctors in the UK who said he likely wouldn't live to see his 10th birthday. His mother Maria and father Jeff Goodwin refused to accept the doctor's answer. Jeff, who is a police officer in the UK, decided to look for solutions elsewhere. He made contact with fellow police officers in the United States who led him to America's heartland. Upon arrival, Alexander began receiving treatment from a team of specialists from hospitals in two states. Young Alexander's incredibly upbeat and hopeful spirit became an inspiration to many, including support from complete strangers that would result in profound bonds of friendship.

Block & Company President David M. Block came across an article in the paper telling Alexander's story and how he had a birthday coming up. David notified Amy Ehlers, Senior Vice President of Finance & Development at the firm to contact Alexander to offer him his first row tickets to a Royals' game hoping he would be well enough to attend. Pictured on the left is a tweet from Alexander on his way out to the "K" with his mother Maria. The Royals organization and Rally House became aware of his story and that he would be attending the game. They gave him the Royal treatment and gifted him with several items including a gift basket and a \$100 giftcard to the Rally House team store.

With no health coverage in the US, his father Jeff, authored a book and produced a documentary DVD that you can [preorder here](#) in an effort to help with the immense medical and travel expenses the Goodwin family has incurred. The book is entitled: **Alexander's Journey: Dum Spiro Spero** and it chronicles Alexander's battle with cancer.

A brief description of the book:

*This is a story of a young boy's courage and positivity and a family's reluctance to accept the choices given to them. A story of good people coming together in bad circumstances and how one small boy who loves owls and cares more for others than himself won the hearts of thousands of people all over the world. The story tells of triumph over adversity, the kindness of strangers and how life's mosaic comes together when all, including faith, appears lost.*

Alexander successfully finished his last surgery for the foreseeable future but is expected to be back from the UK every 3-4 months for the next ten years. Please consider making a donation to his GoFundMe page, ordering his book, or just simply giving him a follow on Twitter and Facebook. Links to his pages are listed to the left.