

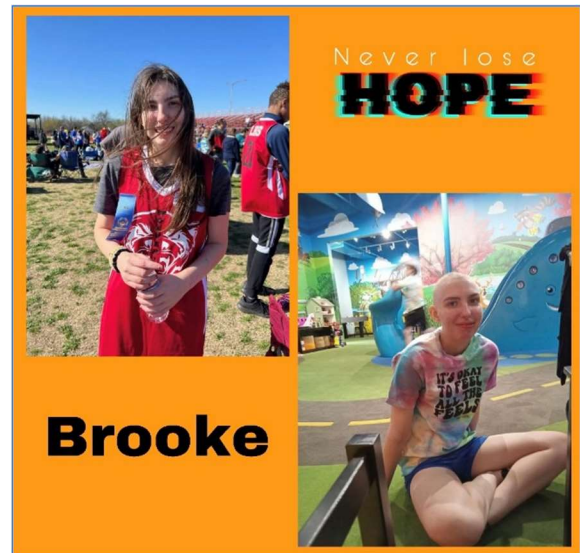


Child's Name: Brooke Reeves

Age: 18 Years

Hometown: Lawton, OK

Diagnosis: Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)



Background: Brooke is a vibrant special needs girl who loves playing soccer. She was experiencing severe fatigue and bruising after her games so her family decided to take her to the doctor to see what was causing her symptoms. She was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) June 2024 during the beginning of her senior year of high school. Her family stayed at [OK Kids Korral](#) while she underwent multiple rounds of chemotherapy and ultimately received a bone marrow transplant October 2024 at the [Jimmy Everest Center](#) at OU Children's Hospital. Due to treatment intensity and immunocompromised state of her diagnosis, Brooke has weekly follow ups with doctors for medication and side effects monitoring along with frequent hospitalizations due to heightened infection risk. She has experienced complications that require therapy and continual outpatient visits. Brooke will continue follow ups for the next five years post-transplant as part of her standard care. Brooke's father is a retired military veteran and sole income earner for a household of 8. They recently adopted two of their grandchildren (1 and 3 years old), one of which is also special needs.

Information: [Acute myeloid leukemia \(AML\)](#) is a type of blood cancer that originates in the bone marrow, where blood cells are produced. It is characterized by the rapid production of abnormal, immature white blood cells (myeloblasts) that crowd out healthy blood cells. The age-adjusted incidence rate for Leukemia in the US is 14.1 per 100,000 people. AML is a relatively rare cancer, affecting only about 1 per 100,000 annually in the US impacting 53,074 people. The incidence rate for Leukemia is 13.5 per 100,000 in Oklahoma, impacting 609 people.

Illness/Disease Color:

Leukemia Awareness Month: September

