

Presenting our 2017 Conquer Run Honorary Hero...

## Donovan Bertram!



About a year and a half ago, Donovan was diagnosed with life-threatening leukemia. He was immediately referred to one of the world's most advanced lifesaving treatment centers for cancer in children: Penn State Children's Hospital.

As you can imagine, over the last year, a large part of his family's life has revolved around Donovan's treatment. His mother, Jennifer, says she's amazed at how tough Donovan is.

"He's only seven, but he rarely complains. If a medication makes him nauseous, he just runs to the bathroom, cleans up the best he can, drinks some water, and returns to whatever he was doing. After more than a year of treatment, needles mean nothing to him anymore. He chats and laughs with the nurse when she gives him a shot. I call him a cancer ninja!"

Jennifer says, "One thing about cancer is that you focus so much on curing the patient, you sometimes don't notice what 'second hand cancer' is doing to the rest of the family. We've all been changed by what Donovan has gone through."

"I cannot imagine what life would be like if on top of everything else, we had thousands of dollars in bills stacking up while we're just trying to keep our little boy alive. I know that families often lose their homes, go bankrupt. But because of Four Diamonds, we've never even seen a bill related to Donovan's care. I don't even know what they look like. For that, we are forever indebted to the people who support Four Diamonds."

Because of you, Donovan's family, and so many others, can hold it together during one of the most difficult trials any family can face.

You protect them from financial stress. You make sure they are not emotionally abandoned. You make sure they always have advocates and friends to guide them. That's what your support for Four Diamonds is about.

Jennifer says, "In moments when things don't go as planned in our life right now, I see things – amazing things – that I would have otherwise missed. Blessings."