

Austin Moore was 4 years old when he was diagnosed with a Tectal Plate Glioma (tumor on the brain) after suffering with headaches for a long time leading to this point. An emergency 3rd ventriculostomy operation followed a few days later to relieve the pressure on his brain.

For the next 7 years we watched Austin go through many MRI's and visits to the Stollery and tried alternative treatments. The tumor has progressively grown into the lower thalamus by his brain stem and it is inoperable.

This past October (2011), the ongoing discussion about how and when to treat his tumor continued. At that point the decision was that he should receive radiation to attempt to shrink the tumor. In meeting with the radiologist, Austin's dad, Bobby, approached the question about Proton Therapy which is a much more precise way of delivering radiation, therefore the long term side effects are much less detrimental to Austin's health.

The problem with this type of radiations is that it is only available in several locations in the United States. Along with Austin, we decided to go ahead and apply for approval to receive Proton Therapy.

In early December Austin's symptoms became worse and we needed yet another trip to the Stollery. It was discovered that the fluid in his brain had increased and another 3rd ventriculostomy was required. He underwent this surgery on December 2nd.

Unfortunately this did not relieve Austin's pain. He suffered with a terrible headache until January 10th when he needed to be readmitted to the Stollery. He underwent another surgery on January 11th, this time to put in a shunt.

Right now Austin is recovering from this surgery. He has been approved for his treatment and the cost of treatment is covered. He will be traveling to the states very soon and will need to be there approximately 8 weeks.

The cost for everything else is out of pocket. As you can imagine hotel, food, transportation to and from the hospital is going to be very costly. Austin also has 4 other siblings that will be at home while he is undergoing treatment. They will have childcare expenses as well as everyday costs, such as food, etc.

So let's help support one of our own Spruce Grove Minor Hockey Player and his family. There is a silent auction and bowling at the Callingwood Lanes on Sunday February 5 from 1-4pm. If you are unable to attend you can also email funds to coachbobbym@gmail.com

Thanks for any and all your donations
