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Thank you for your support!

## A sample of services provided by Brandon's Defense Foundation:

\* NECESSITY BAGS: for families of newly diagnosed children with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. Bags will contain toiletries and helpful items needed for an extended hospital stay.

\* BACKPACKS: each newly-diagnosed child will receive a backpack with toys to help entertain them while they are in treatment.

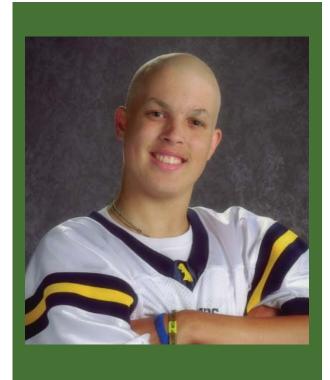
\* SNACK PANTRY: clinic visits can be long - sometimes lasting several hours. A snack box will be available at MSU peds clinic for patient use.

\* GAS CARDS: traveling to and from the clinic and/or hospital several times a month can be costly. We can provide gas cards for those in need of some assistance with their transportation costs.

At least 50% of the funds raised will go directly to fund pediatric oncology research.

## Did you know:

- 12,600 children are diagnosed with cancer each year.
- 1 in 300 children will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20.
- 3,000 will die of cancer each year.
- Only 3% of cancer research money goes toward childhood cancers.
- In the past 35 years ONLY ONE new cancer drug has been approved for pediatric use.
- Teenagers have the highest cancer fatality rate of any age group under 80. Their types of cancers tend to be much more rare, therefore lacking established treatments. Their cancers also tend to be at a far more advanced stage when diagnosed.





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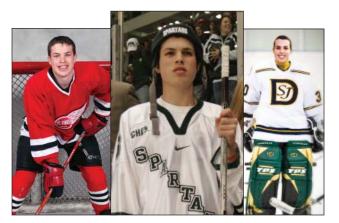
"Brandon's Defense" Foundation was created in honor of Brandon Gordon and his courageous two-year battle with Osteosarcoma.

Brandon never stopped fighting and never quit - so neither should we. "Brandon's Defense" will continue the fight until there is a cure for cancer!

Our mission is to increase the awareness of childhood cancers, fund pediatric cancer research, and to provide resources for local families with a child who has been diagnosed with cancer.

We hope you will join us in our quest. We thank you... kids with cancer thank you too!

## ~ Together we can make a difference ~





## **BRANDON LEE GORDON**

Brandon was born December 22. 1992. He attended Dewitt (Mich.) High School and was involved in football throughout his youth. However, his true passion was the game of hockey. His favorite team

was the Michigan State Spartans. He was "adopted" by the Spartans as they made their run to the NCAA title in 2007, knew everyone on the team, and had a deep friendship with many people involved with the program.

Brandon's love off the ice was spending time at Sandy



ly outgoing, meeting new friends every where he went. He was known for his warm loving hugs and the giant smile that was always on his face. He loved any and all adventures, and loved life.

Brandon maintained a positive attitude through his entire cancer journey. He endured numerous surgeries, end-

less amounts of chemo and battled obstacle after obstacle with dignity and grace. He was backed by a tremendous amount of support and knowing the network of people pulling for him made him even more determined to conquer his battle with cancer. Unfortunately, even with the utmost strength and will, the journey came to an end on February 22.2009.

B/B.G/Brandon/Gordie #22 was a huge inspiration, teaching many about courage, strength, love and life. His infectious spirit will live on in the hearts of many.

> To read more about his journey, visit: www.caringbridge.org in the visit box, type brandongordon

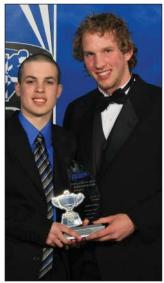




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