**Chase**

***Giving Back to Others***

On April 3, 2010, just one day after his ninth birthday, Chase was diagnosed with bone cancer. Bone cancer is extremely aggressive and destructive in children and there is only one cure—removal of the bone and tumor.

In preparation for his bone transplant surgery, Chase underwent heavy doses of chemotherapy for four months. In July 2010, Chase's right radius, the inside bone of the forearm, was removed and replaced with bone from a donor. The 10-hour surgery was successful, and his surgeon was able to re-establish nearly all function of an arm that had been scheduled for amputation just ten days prior.

After another six months of chemo to fight any cancer that remained in his body, Chase completed his treatment on New Year's Eve 2010. Today, Chase is an active sixth grader, busy catching up on baseball and all of the things he wasn't able to do during his cancer treatments.

After receiving his second chance, Chase decided he wanted to give back. Throughout his battle with cancer, Chase had witnessed the power of service dogs that visit children in the hospital and had started making dog toys for them. This gave him the idea to sell dog toys to help other kids. His idea launched a national program, and now Chase's dog toys are mass-produced and sold in PetSmart stores nationwide to support pediatric cancer research. Chase hopes this national campaign will build a legacy program to help children for years to come.

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