



# Help us

## Fundraise for Liam



**Meet Liam:** Liam is six, has a twin brother, and an older sister. He loves to read, hike, and all kinds of sports—especially soccer! **This past August, Liam was diagnosed with a bone disease called Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease.** Perthes is a rare disease that affects 1 in 10,000 children and is five times more likely in boys than girls.

**While this disease is not curable, it is regenerative.** The blood flow to his femoral head was temporarily interrupted which has caused the bone in his right leg to start to die. There are 4 stages to this disease which takes years to run its course. The bone begins to die, will fragment and eventually the bone will start to grow again. It is very important that Liam is closely monitored during all 4 phases to determine what treatment he will need. A good outcome would be that the bone regrows in a shape that fits in the hip socket smoothly and that his leg length isn't too discrepant.

**Liam will be treated out of Vancouver Children's Hospital, where an international research team is working to help determine what causes Perthes as well as the best treatment.** Liam alternates between using crutches and a wheelchair and is learning to be active in different ways. His treatment includes regular physiotherapy, acupuncture, occupational therapy, and chiropractic care to keep his range of motion in his hip joint.

**All funds raised will help: Travel to Vancouver, multiple medical therapy sessions, and money towards a pediatric exercise bicycle**

♥ Thank you for your donations! ♥