

# Thanks for helping kids with cancer



## Alec



Eight-year-old Alec was having a routine check-up in 2017 when his dentist noticed a lump on his soft palette that wasn't there at the last appointment. After months of tests and a complicated 13-hour surgery doctors were able to finally diagnose and treat him for Ewing's sarcoma, a rare childhood cancer.

Today, Alec is cancer free and as his dad Peter says, it's all because of research.

**"Ten years ago, Alec wouldn't have survived. In another ten years, his type of cancer may not even be an issue," he said. "The research has to happen!"**

## Pippa



Pippa was three when she was diagnosed with cancer on Christmas Eve 2015. While she responded well to intensive treatment, it caused unbelievable side effects without any guarantee of cure.

**"We had no choice at the time but to sign her life away to save her," said Yvette, Pippa's mum. "I remember them saying that she'd have a big chance of getting a secondary cancer later in life."**

It's estimated that 90% of survivors will develop long-term effects as a result of the toxic treatment required to save their life. The Kids' Cancer Project is determined to change this by finding cures and improving treatments. Yvette now lives day by day.

## Josh



When Alison's son Josh was five-weeks-old he was diagnosed with a rare cancer, retinoblastoma. After losing his eye and undergoing years of gruelling treatment, he was given just a five per cent chance of survival.

Thankfully, Josh defied those slim odds. And now, new medical research has discovered that kids like him won't have to suffer as he did to get better.

**"With retinoblastoma they can now test in utero and can induce the baby, meaning treatment can be started early so the eye can be saved", said Alison**

## Lara



Long term and serious side effects from treatment can present at any time in the life of someone who has been treated with chemotherapy. So the less treatment a child needs, the less chance they have of suffering future medical problems.

This is where science comes in. And that's why Lara's mum, Tanya is passionate about the work of The Kids' Cancer Project.

**"I love The Kids' Cancer Project for a lot of reasons, but mainly because they want to eradicate kids' cancer", said Tanya. "That's a very brave goal and it's why I want to be involved with them."**