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## **Dorton Joins "Team Ingram"**

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Earlier this year, Brett Dorton of Dexter found out that one of his friends from college has a child that is a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Ingram Dismuke is the three-year old son of Craig and Ashley Dismuke. Ingram has been diagnosed with Anaplastic Ependymoma, which is a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer. Ingram has completed eight weeks of radiation therapy, and is currently receiving his chemotherapy treatment at St. Jude's.

Brett Dorton has joined "Team Ingram," and he will be running in the St. Jude Half Marathon. The marathon will be taking place on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Dorton hopes to show support for Ingram and to also raise funds for the hospital that is going to help him conquer his illness.

Dorton has set a goal to try and raise \$10,000, but with the help of the caring people throughout the community, he has already raised nearly \$7,000 to his St. Jude fundraiser.

When Ingram Dismuke was two-years old, his father gave him the nickname of "Ingram the Conqueror." The nickname come about because Ingram loved to conquer towers of blocks while playing.

Recently the nickname of "Ingram the Conqueror" has brought on new meanings as he is conquering many things that most three-year olds would never know about. Ingram's parents say that they pray with God's power that Ingram can conquer this

battle.

In order to make the donation process a little easier, Brett Dorton has set up an online fundraising website. Visit <a href="http://heroes.stjude.org/brettdorton">http://heroes.stjude.org/brettdorton</a> if you are interested in making an online contribution using your debit card.

Another way to contribute is to make a check payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and mail it to Brett Dorton at:

PO Box 574

Dexter, MO 63841

Keep in mind that the deadline for fundraising is November 15<sup>th</sup>, which is this Thursday. The deadline may be vastly approaching with time running out to get your donation in, but with your help, the treatment and research of childhood cancer and other deadly diseases can continue to be improved.

If you wish to learn more about Ingram Dismuke's story and his progress, you can visit <a href="www.ingramdismuke.com">www.ingramdismuke.com</a> and read the blogs that his parents have been posting online. You can also visit <a href="www.heystjude.org">www.heystjude.org</a> in order to watch new St. Jude video that features Ingram's image at the beginning.

All previous and future donations are much appreciated and Brett Dorton thanks everyone for their support while he joins "Team Ingram" to help Ingram and many other children conquer the battle of cancer.

Pictured in the above photo is Ingram Dismuke, age three.



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