A Healing Grace
Mission:
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through God.











Lilly Grace was only 8-years-old when we were told she had a tumor at the base of her brain. Our family would never be the same again.

Cancer is a horrible thing!. However, good can come out of anything, even cancer. A Healing Grace grew from the needs that our family had dealing with our loved one having cancer. As a family we didn't know how to carry on with "Normal Life". What were we supposed to do next? How could we help? How were we supposed to feel? The truth is, when someone is severely sick in the family, the whole family is sick too. A Healing Grace's Mission Statement is: Healing families with grace and faithfulness through God.

## Services

**Grants** – Families that qualify are awarded grants to help with the financial burden cancer places on nearly every family. We typically follow a family through their treatment plan and award multiple grants when we see a need.

**Support** - Sometimes we just need to know that the way we are feeling is normal. Talking to another family that has gone through something very similar can help. Each type of cancer and stage brings different treatment. We connect families with others that have gone through, or are going through, a similar treatment plan.

Raising Money- We help families set up pages on Facebook, Go Fund Me, other forms of social media, and crowd funding.

Fundraisers- We help families plan fundraisers. We can utilize our non-profit status and receive donations on behalf of cancer families.

**Coping**- Grieving is a normal response to a loss. The loss can include the loss of your previously healthy child, the loss of your normal daily routine, the impact of the diagnosis on other family members, and the financial impact of the diagnosis. The grieving process varies from person to person in terms of the order in which one experiences the stages of grief, as well as the time it takes to go through the grief process. We are a shoulder to lean on through every step.

Other Resources Available- Many families end up in hospitals far away from home. Family members might need travel money or a place to stay. Many family members need help covering the mortgage or rent on their home while they spend time with their child. Some families need meals for themselves or other family that is still at home. Each type of cancer is different and so are the resources. Many non-profits offer grants for specific types of cancer. We notify families on the resources that are available.

## **Lilly Grace -Our Hero**

Lilly had a brain tumor removed in September 2015. Lilly Grace was diagnosed with with Medulloblastoma. After surgery Lilly suffered complications and is slowly recovering from Cerebral Mutism. Cerebral Mutism is characterized by severely diminished or absent speech output as well as other neurological, cognitive, and behavioral impairments. She is regaining her speech and ability to walk without assistance. Lilly is a patient at St.Jude's in Memphis TN. Lilly lives in SC and returns to Memphis every 3 months for scans. Currently Lilly Grace is N.E.D.(no evidence of disease)! Lilly has a long road ahead with physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and many other adjustments to her daily life.

While Lilly was inpatient she told her parents that she wanted to help other people when she was able to go home. This inspired "A Healing Grace."