



★ "I wish to go to the  
FIFA World Cup"  
Nathan, age 17

Although 17-year-old Nathan's soccer pursuits were interrupted after being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, his passion for the sport inspired his wish to travel to South Africa for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

After living in the hospital for five months undergoing chemotherapy treatments and a bone marrow transplant, Nathan and his family embraced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to leave behind the worries of cancer and see the best of soccer up close and personal.

"Cancer is no fun; it makes you feel terrible, but I tried very hard to keep my spirits up. When I got this wish it gave me a huge dose of energy and it gave me something really amazing to look forward to," Nathan said.

Nathan's mom, Angie, saw the inspiration the wish experience provided Nathan and the entire family. "This trip gave us all hope; it healed us all for the week we were in Africa. We forgot about cancer and hospitals and doctors and we enjoyed our time without the worry of finances. I can best describe it as an amazing healing process," Angie said.

