

MEET ISAIAH

A GLHF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT WHO GREW UP WITH HEMOPHILIA



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How did growing up with a bleeding disorder impact your daily life?

It was often a very trying experience — but I haven't allowed it to impact my life in a negative way. I stay on top of my infusions and I'm careful with any activities I do at school or with my friends.

How has your bleeding disorder impacted your future goals?

Growing up with hemophilia has been the primary reason for my interest in pursuing a career as a pediatric/oncologist. For as long as I can remember I've wanted to become a doctor and give back to the bleeding disorders community that has been so supportive throughout my life. I think this really stems from all of the positive experiences I've had with my hematologist and Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) team.

Isaiah Reeves
Scholarship Recipient
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What led to your decision to become a counselor at a camp for children with bleeding disorders?

I went to Camp Courage North in Lake George, Minnesota for 10 years. It gave me a chance to share experiences with other kids my age that also had a bleeding disorder. When I turned 18, I joined the staff as a cabin leader for an entire summer. It was an amazing experience to work with the kids. I tried to give the campers the same great experiences I had when I was growing up.

What did you want the kids to learn and know about what it's like living with a bleeding disorder?

I wanted the kids to know that it's not a disability — and to embrace their dreams regardless of their diagnosis. In my own life, hemophilia has connected me with some really amazing people and given me countless positive experiences. I would also stress the importance of staying on top of your treatment regimen.

What would you like people who are not familiar with bleeding disorders to understand?

We really don't lead lives any different from any other person. Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders are not a death sentence. Other than having to take infusions and be a bit more cautious in daily life, we are just like everyone else.

How has Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation (GLHF) helped you?

GLHF has helped me by providing scholarship opportunities. I've been able to continue my journey towards becoming a pediatric hematologist/oncologist. In addition, GLHF has given me an opportunity to stay involved in the bleeding disorders community while I'm living in Wisconsin, and provide a support system for me while I'm away from home.