

# MATTHEW DOBSON



It's been a long fighting journey for Matthew Dobson. At the age of three, he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma cancer. At the time, he shared this battle with his mother who was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, she lost her fight in 2005 when Matthew was 4 and in remission. Matthew continued to lead a normal life until recently. On August 24th, 2020, Matthew Dobson, 19, had a stroke caused by a small tumor on his brain. The stroke kept him under heavy sedation and on August 25th doctors decided to perform surgery on his brain. The surgeon removed the tumor and it was speculated to be a type of Sarcoma.

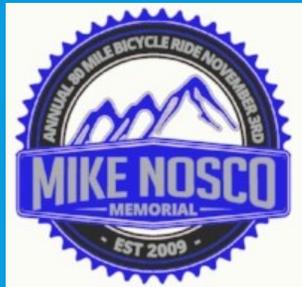


Matthew remained under heavy sedation for two more days until they slowly woke him up. Upon waking, his right arm and leg were both numb and immobile; his speech was slurred; he was in pain and felt sick to his stomach. Matthew is a fighter he began his road to recovery. In a matter of a few days, he was beginning to get sensation back in his right hand with the help of light physical therapy and his own tenacity to recover. His speech started to recover too.

On August 31st, Matt's oncologist provided results to his PET scan that came back with no other tumors! Some wonderful news! Matthew is now recovering at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles (CHLA) and is undergoing cancer treatments and planning treatment going forward.

The medical bills, the share of cost, and the cancer treatments are already looking extremely costly for Matthew's single father, Joe Dobson, the owner of a small landscaping business who is having to split his attention between full time work and trying to be with his son every day. Once Matt is able to come back home, he will need physical therapy, adjustments to his home to accommodate his physical condition, and some in-home care.

Your donation will help alleviate the stress of making ends meet for Joe Dobson while he cares for his son. Joe and Matthew are very grateful for the support of the Michael P. Nosco Foundation and the cyclists, volunteers and sponsors involved. It has been a challenging road for our family and the love and support we receive from everyone involved has been unforgettable. Thank you!



So I beat Matthew at Othello and he said good job beating a stroke victim lol.