

Andrew “Drew” Thompson’s story!



It was November 23rd and Andrew woke up not feeling well. I (mom) took him to Urgent Care #1 and he was diagnosed with the Flu. They prescribed him Tamiflu and gave him a steroid shot. He came home and rested. Thanksgiving morning, November 24th he woke up and said he was feeling better already. He sat on the couch most of the day. I was happy to see him eating, visiting, and on what I thought was the road to recovery. However, things began to go downhill from there. On November 25, he woke up acting a little different. He began to complain again about not feeling well. He said his breathing was different. I suggested we go get an X-ray to rule out Pneumonia or Bronchitis. I took him to Urgent Care #2 (a different one than the first) and the chest X-ray was clear, and the doctor ruled his symptoms as anxiety. They gave him a shot for pain and sent him home with a prescription for steroids. In my experience with having the flu, I remember feeling as though I had been hit by an eighteen-wheeler. As a mom, I thought symptoms were normal for someone who had the typical diagnosis of the Flu. Little did I know what monster was brewing inside Andrew.

I bought him home and gave him more fluids, food, and his meds. Now it's still November 25th around 8' o'clock in the evening. He tried to rest but was still not feeling right he said. I said okay this time I am taking you to the hospital. I wanted to take him to the hospital about 25 minutes away. However, he wanted to go to the nearest one the only one in our little city. They did an EKG on him because he complained of his chest. He saw a Nurse Practitioner that night. They stated his EKG was good and all vitals were okay. They asked if he was ever diagnosed with anxiety. They gave him a shot and ruled his complaints and symptoms as having anxiety. They sent him home with a prescription for anxiety. They monitored him for an hour and he seemed to be finally resting. They checked his vitals before discharging him and he had a fever of 103. They gave him some Tylenol and said fever is common with the flu. Again, I am not a doctor or nurse so I am entrusting the care of my 23-year-old son to people who are professionals in their field.

That night I had him sleep on the couch near me to monitor him. He slept okay. The next morning, November 26th, he woke up and moved around a little but went back to bed. Again he seemed to be going through what I have experienced before myself having had the Flu and Pneumonia. He got out of bed at about 2 p.m. and was still complaining that he is not feeling any better. I stated okay now I am taking you to the hospital of my choosing, the one that is about 25 minutes away. They take him into Triage and immediately when the nurse checks his oxygen levels she jumps out of her chair and gets another nurse to bring him oxygen. They quickly bring him to an ER room. In a matter of minutes, they do a CAT scan, blood work, and chest X-ray. The ER doctor states his tests show a little fluid built up in his lungs, but that it's not uncommon with the Flu. It was his bloodwork that worried the ER doctor. They admitted him and he goes right to ICU. There is a Pulmonary

Specialist there to conference with me and states Andrew has ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distressed Syndrome). I was like what the hell is that and how did he get that when 3 healthcare professionals ruled him as having the FLU and anxiety? The doctor asked if Andrew ever smoked, vaped, or had asthma. None of which he did. The doctor stated because of his young age and great health up to this point he should come out of this with the right medications and care. However, they said he could be in ICU awhile and he was a candidate for a procedure called ECMO (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation). However, the only facility that had the capabilities of this treatment was 4 hours away. Therefore, once they had Andrew stable they could airlift him there. Little did I know that would never happen. He had to eventually be intubated. His numbers continue to stay the same, never better, but never worse. It is about 2 a.m. on November 27th and he seems to be holding his own, but nothing seems to be helping his body recover quickly enough for him to be airlifted to get the ECMO procedure. Air med finally arrives, but Andrew's symptoms had begun to deteriorate therefore, they would not risk flying him. This is a day I will never forget. I had to ingest and fathom that my 23-year-old Andrew was not coming home with me, he was going home to Jesus.

To have known Andrew before ARDS took over his body was to know a true man of faith, love, and hope. His smile was contagious, and his kindness and love were inspirational. I was so blessed God chose me to be his mom. He has touched so many lives and my family and I will continue to share his story, so his memory and legacy live on forever.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Pauline Jordan

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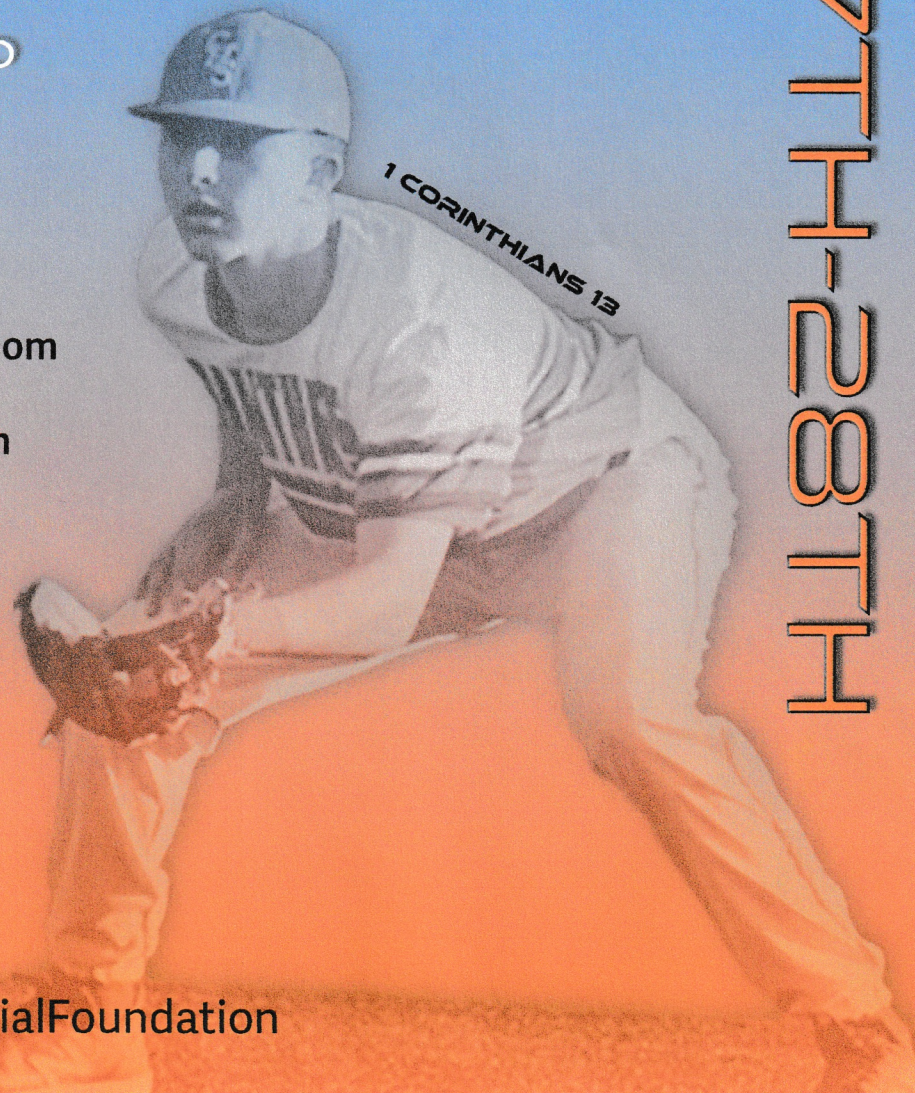
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ATT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

IN MEMORY of and to build upon the **LEGACY** of **ANDREW TOD THOMPSON**, Andrew's precious family alongside his beloved friends are planning to bring those who were all touched by Drew's loving nature together in community. **THE 1ST ANNUAL ATT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT** aims to raise money where all profitable proceeds will be contributed to the **ARDS** foundation!

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