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Cancer Cure Sought on the Field

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Can there be anything worse than losing a child? Parents crumble while some find strength to step up to the plate again.

Take a look at a story of loss turning to victory -- of how a cure for cancer just might be found at the baseball diamond.

Some of the greatest childhood memories are made on the ball field. Some of the deepest as well.

Garrett Owens won't play baseball any more. His twin Killian -- the twin he played ball with -- died of leukemia.

After a year of pain, Killian's family decided he would want them to do something to fight cancer.

"The government just isn't coming up with money," said Grianne Owens, Killian's mother. "The drug companies won't -- just 13,000 kids a year get cancer. That's not a profit margin. So who's going to do it? Moms and dads."

Killian's mom Grianne, and the rest of her family started small.

At the end of the season, teams usually give their coach a \$40 or \$50 gift certificate. What if that money went to fight kids cancer?

"We were saying it would be nice to make \$5,000 the first season," Grianne said.

They made \$45,000.

"I'd much rather it go to kids cancer programs. The memories I get coaching are enough," said coach Ray Brosius.

Fifty dollars a pop is adding up. Almost every team at this ball park gives to Coaches Curing Kids Cancer. So do parks in 19 states in almost every sport. In just a year and a half, they've raised \$350,000.

"The program has spread through word of mouth," said Grianne.

But it starts with kids -- some of whom can now claim they're fighting the disease that took one of their best friends.

"That I might actually help stop cancer -- that it would be a thing of the past," said Devon Brosius, who played with Killian.

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