

Media Advisory: 11-year-old girl to celebrate final cancer treatment March 18

Party to include surprises for girl at Cardon Children's



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MESA, Ariz. (March 13, 2019) – Eleven-year-old Allie Hansen can't wait for her party at 10 a.m. Monday, March 18, to celebrate her final cancer treatment at Cardon Children's Medical Center.

The vivacious girl has been so eager to finish treatment for leukemia that she and her best friend have been practicing a dance duet, which they'll perform for family, friends and medical staff who have helped Allie through her two-and-a-half-year battle with the disease. The party will also include a surprise flash mob to a special song that helped Allie through some of her toughest moments.

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To signify her final treatment, Allie will ring a gong as her loved ones, doctors and nurses cheer her on. A crew from Mesa Fire Department, Engine 207, will also be on hand to surprise Allie.

Allie was diagnosed a week before her ninth birthday with high-risk, acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Since then, she has had more than 92 rounds of chemotherapy, a two-month hospital stay for chemo treatment, and about 50 overnight hospital stays. The family, which lives in Page, routinely makes the four-and-a-half-hour trip to Cardon Children's.

“She has been through so much these last two and a half years, and done it with a smile,” said her mother, Brittany Hansen, who is a Banner nurse at Page Hospital. “Our family has been humbled by the outpouring of love and support from family, friends, hospital staff, organizations and complete strangers.”

Allie's family, who lives in Page, have been involved in creating awareness about childhood cancer and supporting children diagnosed with cancer through their nonprofit organization, <https://allieangelsfoundation.org>.

Please RSVP via e-mail or phone if you plan to attend so we can notify security.

Directions: Cardon Children's Medical Center is located at 1400 S. Dobson Road in Mesa. It's just off the U.S. 60. Note - There are two hospitals on the same campus. When turning into the campus from Dobson Road, Cardon Children's is the reddish-colored building on the right. At the first stop sign, go to the right and park in Visitor Parking. A member of our P.R. team will meet you in the lobby.

 [Allie Hansen photo](#)

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