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## **THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY RECOGNIZES BRADLEY HOOTON WITH NATIONAL "HERO AWARD" FOR THE 2018 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN**



18-year-old Cypress Ranch High School student, Bradley Hooton of Cypress, Texas has won the national "Hero Award", for his extraordinary fundraising efforts during the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Texas Gulf Coast Chapter's 2018

Students of the Year campaign. He ran his own fundraising campaign as part of LLS's innovative program, "Students of the Year", and qualified by leading a multi-generation team to raise over \$67,000. His class raised an astonishing \$350,000 to create a world without blood cancer.

Candidates for Students of the Year sign up for a fierce seven-week fundraising competition, for which they appeal to family and friends to raise critical funds, which LLS deploys to advance breakthrough treatments and to support the more than 1.3 million blood cancer patients in the U.S. The candidates/teams who raise the most money at the end of the competition earn the title Student(s) of the Year. Top local fundraisers become eligible to win the national title. In 2018, the students raised money in honor of 11-year-old Corinne Miller, a local blood cancer patient who is currently in remission from Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

When Hooton learned he had won the national "Hero Award" he

was thrilled, "I was honored to have been selected to run for Student of the Year. I never imagined my team would have been so successful in providing the funds necessary for cancer research. I am thankful to have had this opportunity," said Hooton.

Hooton ran an incredible campaign. He was first nominated by his cousin, Stephanie Carroll, who was the 2017 Woman of the Year. Hooton ran his campaign in honor and memory of his father, who unfortunately lost his battle to Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

"Congratulations to Bradley and all our candidates, supporters and volunteers who helped to make Students of the Year a huge success," said Billie Sue Parris, LLS's Texas Gulf Coast Executive Director. "For these incredible individuals, it's not just about winning a title, it's all about the impact they are making in their communities and how important their contribution and efforts are in the advancement of blood cancer cures".

To learn more about the Students of the Year program and how it might work for you or someone you know, visit: [www.studentseries.org/txg/students-of-the-year](http://www.studentseries.org/txg/students-of-the-year).

About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care. Founded in 1949 and headquartered in Rye Brook, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org). Patients should contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. For additional information visit [lls.org/lls-newsnetwork](http://lls.org/lls-newsnetwork). Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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About Students of the Year: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Students of the Year is an exciting leadership development and philanthropy program in which high school students participate in a fundraising competition to benefit LLS. Every dollar raised counts as one vote. The candidate/team who raises the most money at the end of the 7 week competition earn the title Student(s) of the Year. For motivated high school students, this program ensures they stand out among their peers when engaging with colleges and/or future employers. Through guidance and mentoring from experienced professionals at LLS candidates make a real impact in the fight against blood cancers. For additional information visit [www.studentseries.org/txg/students-of-the-year](http://www.studentseries.org/txg/students-of-the-year).



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## THE MEANING OF LIFE

by Stacey Gresell



When my daughter was just a tiny thing, barely walking, we were out in the yard exploring... at least that's the way it is remembered in my perfect parent mind. Truth is I was weeding and glancing every so often to make sure she didn't eat a bug. That's when a perfectly innocent toad hopped by.

for friends and acquaintances and save the tale of our bad day, our cruddy mood and exhaustion for the people who supposedly mean the most to us. In front of our own mother we are super mom but the minute she leaves we are begging a dirty child to take a bath and bribing them



with candy if they'll do it without crying—you know you've done it.

Every parent worries about their kids and about being a good parent but it's hard. It's even harder when you both work. It's even harder when you have no family nearby. It's even harder when... I could continue but I'm sure you know as well as I do that the excuse train could ride the rails for a while.

I needed to resurrect the patient, funny and sweet mom who was always willing to hold your toad while you went potty. I wanted some version of that mom to come back.

Chiara brought her back. Chiara made me snuggly on the couch again. Chiara made me review English papers again. Chiara made me laugh and roll my eyes with a smile on my face. She made me think about my rules and the rationale for them; and reminded me of the importance of explaining them. Chiara was the kind of kid who would come downstairs, see me making dinner and just slide in gently beside me and start chopping garlic. She'd tell me about her day and ask about mine with genuine interest. It was only then that I realized I hadn't been doing these kinds of things with my own kids very often, not really.

I had gotten tired and allowed myself to check out way too often. But with unfamiliar eyes on me, I dug a little deeper to the better mom that was always still there but had become complacent.

Having a foreign exchange student living in your home will certainly mean a lot of those lofty things. You will learn more about incredible places, taste wonderful food, and witness discovery and wonder again through a child's eyes. But you might also find that dusty side of yourself, try it back on and live it again.

I have 4 kids: 3 that I made and 1 who remade me.

I'll never forget her expression.

She laughed and laughed as if it was the funniest thing a human being had ever laid witness to; one of those baby belly guffaws that makes your own eyes water. She waddled behind that poor frog forever just busting a gut every time he hopped. Still makes me smile because of her pure joy, her discovery and wonder.

We probably all have stories like that, but if your kids are entering high school those stories are getting dusty. If your children are small still, then dustier folk like me are telling you to cherish those moments. You say "Of course!" but you won't really understand until they happen to you again.

Those moments of wonder and discovery happened to us again last fall in a fairly unique way. We got a new daughter. We picked ours up from the airport with signs and fanfare. I still remember her polite smiles in the backseat as she got bombarded with ridiculous questions- "You're from Italy? Did you live in the heel or the toe? Do you eat pasta every day? Do you have a car?"

You may wonder as I did once, why would anyone do this? Why would anyone add to the chaos of their life by adopting a foreign exchange student for a year?

There are a lot of lofty answers like...you can learn another language. We didn't. You will gain an expanded view on international perspectives. Nope. You will have a greater focus on life and academics.

I had 3 kids. I was drowning in life and academics already. So why?

My answer might surprise you. I wanted to be a good mom again.

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Physicians will perform a head-to-toe physical of your child. Parents can expect the physician to listen to the heart, check the lungs, monitor blood pressure, test cholesterol, check for anemia, screen vision and update vaccines, among other things. Parents can also use this annual visit to discuss nutrition and exercise options, and to address any general wellness questions they might have.

Some student athletes may receive a referral for additional screening, or due to family history, some might need a cardiac screening. If necessary, these screenings are available at the follow Memorial Hermann Medical Group Clinics:

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Cypress, TX 77433  
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“An annual back-to-school physical should be part of every parent’s checklist as the summer winds down,” said Dr. Adan Alvarez, family medicine doctor at Memorial Hermann Medical Group Copperfield Clinic and family medicine doctor affiliated with Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital. “These physicals can provide parents with a piece of mind and start students off on the right foot for the new school year.”

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## CFISD BACK-TO-SCHOOL EXPO

In the sixth edition, the annual CFISD Back-to-School Expo provides helpful resources to incoming Cy-Fair ISD students, parents and prospective employees. It will help allow for a smooth transition into the district. The expo will be Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berry Center (8877 Barker Cypress Road). Last year's expo saw more than 4,300 patrons and guests.

New students will be able to register for the 2018-2019 school year with proper documentation, with registration forms available in English and Spanish. Immunizations, vision screenings and athletic physicals will be administered. Registration information will also be available for before/after school care. School supplies will be available, while a fresh fruit market will also on hand while supplies last.

CFISD human resources representatives will be onsite regarding employment opportunities.

Photo caption -- Carol Kelly, CFISD police sergeant, meets with a young visitor and his family at the fifth annual CFISD Back-to-School Expo on Aug. 12, 2017 at the Berry Center. More than 4,300 guests attended the event.



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