

#CommittedToWhatMatters



In 2016, we brought you the story of Thomas Lorenz (aka “Super Thomas” since he is a fan of comic book hero, Superman) who was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. Thomas’ uncle and godfather, Joey Renick...was ALSO treated for leukemia at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon. Because of research and discoveries in cancer care, the treatment protocol prescribed for then 3-year-old Thomas differed greatly than the plan devised for Joey when he was 3. Read more about Thomas and Joey’s journeys [HERE](#). Thomas spent the last three and a half long years fighting courageously through chemotherapy, spinal taps, countless hospital admissions due to infection and steroids. He looked forward to the day when he would finally reach the end of treatment. We have prayed with Thomas and his family over his last three years.

EXCITING UPDATE! Thomas celebrated his last day of treatment on February 13, 2020! To acknowledge his own accomplishments, and the journeys that many kids after him would unfortunately have to face, Thomas and his family rallied donations from family and friends to provide a new “Bell of Hope” to the hospital. Thomas gave it its first official ring, and hopes it will remind all the children, and parents too, to be brave and fight during their battle.