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(Neb.)-'Team Jack' T-shirts Available To Benefit Pediatric Cancer Research



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Photo: Jack Hoffman holds Husker football player Rex Burkhead's Uplifting Athletes Award. (Photo courtesy huskernsider.tumblr.com.)

(CHADRON)-Six-year-old Jack Hoffman is not that different from other boys growing up in Nebraska. He loves to play t-ball, ride his bike, fish, hunt, and watch Cornhusker football. There is one thing that sets Jack apart, however. He has been diagnosed with pediatric brain cancer. Hoffman, who lives with his family in Atkinson, Neb., was first diagnosed in April 2011 after suffering a life threatening seizure. Two surgeries later, Jack's tumor was deemed inoperable, and he began chemotherapy treatments.

Jack has been a Husker football fan his entire life and wanted to meet Husker football player Rex Burkhead after getting to attend his first game for his 5th birthday. His folks, Andy and Bri Hoffman, were able to arrange a stadium tour that was conducted by Burkhead himself. He and Jack have formed a special bond that has meant the world to this little guy and his family. After that initial visit, Burkhead wore a wristband in honor of his new friend that said "Team Jack- Pray" for every game last fall.

Jack's parents are passionate about raising money to help find better and improved therapies for kids that are diagnosed with pediatric brain cancer. The family has set up a Team Jack Legacy Fund with all proceeds going to an organization called "Cure Search" where 100 percent of the money goes directly to pediatric brain cancer research.

In June, UNL athletic director Tom Osborne authorized an officially sanctioned Husker "Team Jack" T-shirt with the hope of raising money for the Team Jack Legacy Fund. The shirts and wristbands sell for \$15 with 100 percent of the proceeds going directly to Cure Search. The Hoffman family believes that this will make a real difference in Jack's life, as well as other children suffering from brain cancer.

KCSR-KBPY has decided to help raise funds for the cause and has medium, large, and extra large Team Jack T-shirts available for sale with 100 percent of the \$15 cost benefiting pediatric cancer research. They are available by stopping by the KCSR/KBPY Studios at 226 Bordeaux Street in Chadron. Jory-Bob's in Harrison will also have T-shirts available for sale.

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