

Brave Alpharetta teen celebrates with Braves

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To help celebrate his recent completion of 3 1/2 years of chemotherapy treatment, Isaac Del Valle, 13, of Alpharetta, was named the patient of honor at the Tim Hudson-Brian McCann Atlanta Braves Celebrity-Amateur Event, held Aug. 23 and 24.

The two-day event kicked off with a dinner and auction at the City Club of Buckhead, where Del Valle had a special chance to socialize with the Hudsons and McCanns before his mother Linda spoke about his courageous — and successful — battle against leukemia.

During treatment, Del Valle endured 17 emergency room trips, 24 spinal taps, 10 radiation treatments and four bone marrow draws. Through it all, he kept a smile — one that was also evident as he posed with fans of his from the Atlanta Braves. Proceeds from the event benefit pediatric cancer research at the Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

