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HUNTSVILLE GRAD NAMED CHILDHOOD CANCER SCHOLAR

WASHINGTON, DC – The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy (CCCA) is pleased to announce that Malachi Thompson, a 2018 Huntsville Christian Academy graduate, is a CCCA College Scholar award recipient. Malachi is a childhood cancer survivor with plans to study Aerospace Engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

As a CCCA College Scholar, Malachi will receive a \$2,000 academic scholarship and will complete an advocacy project that benefits children with cancer. This is the inaugural year of the College Scholars Program and we had a competitive slate of impressive applicants. Malachi was selected as one of two award recipients based on his academic achievements, letters of recommendation and his chosen advocacy project.

"A college education will afford me opportunities never given to many who have been impacted by childhood cancer," wrote Malachi in his application. "And a college education will give me the opportunity to take a stand against childhood cancer."

Malachi was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia at age 6. After relapsing, he was successfully treated with an umbilical cord blood transplant from an unrelated donor. Malachi has been cancer-free for the past ten years because a transplant saved his life. Now, he wants to give back and encourage others to become bone marrow donors. For his College Scholars project, Malachi will organize a bone marrow drive in his local community in Alabama.

"I've a living testimony that cord blood and marrow donation saves lives. I want others to take a stand with me and register to become bone marrow donors. You might just save the life of a child fighting cancer," Malachi wrote.

Malachi has proven his commitment to helping other children overcome challenges through his volunteer work with the children's ministry at his church and by providing support to children hospitalized during the holidays.

The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy (CCCA) is the leading national advocacy organization working to achieve access to less toxic and more effective pediatric cancer therapies; to expand resources for research and specialized care; and to address the unique needs and challenges of childhood cancer survivors and their families. CCCA leads efforts to ensure that these needs and perspectives of children with cancer are integrated into the highest deliberations on health care and cancer policy at the Federal level.