

Meet Joshua Leary, a 10-year old boy from Ballwin. Joshua suffers from **Eosinophilic esophagitis**, or EE for short. EE is a complicated digestive system disorder in which a type of white blood cell (eosinophils) are found in above-normal amounts in one or more specific places in the digestive system and/or the blood.



“Hi my name is Joshua Leary. I am 10 years old and am in fifth grade. I have eosinophilic esophagitis. I try to live a normal life but sometimes my chest starts to hurt. Once my chest starts to hurt all I do is lie on the couch. Sometimes it even hurts to stand up. It didn’t used to hurt that much but now my chest hurts more than it doesn’t hurt. I have been to the ER lots but eventually I get used to the pain.

Most people have never heard of EE so I have to explain it to them. Eosinophils are white blood cells that are usually in the bone marrow. With EE the eosinophils attack the digestive system. I feel like I am having a heart attack except mine lasts for days. I know some people who have it cannot eat at all because of allergies. I am glad I don’t have any allergies but I wish I could stop the pain.

My goal is to raise money to find a cure to stop this disease for me and all the people who suffer.”

100 % of the funds donated for this Walk will go to research.

The costs incurred to put this event together (we hope) will be covered through the generosity of our sponsors. For more information about EE, please visit www.curedfoundation.org.

Come walk with us at the St Louis
CURED Walk-A-Thon,
Saturday, October 17, 2009
at Vlasis Park in Ballwin, MO.
Participants who register before
October 1, 2009 will receive a
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