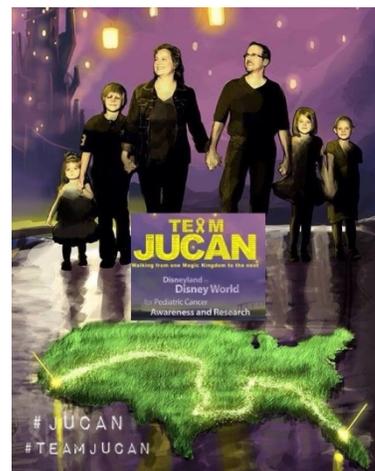


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## **Houston Family Stops in Beaumont, TX. on Walk Across America to Honor Late Daughter and to Help Families Facing Cancer**

**Beaumont, TX.** — A family of five from Houston is halfway through their journey to walk from Disneyland in Anaheim, California, to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Traveling by foot 20 to 25 miles a day, they will arrive in Beaumont Tuesday, February 24th on their walk to honor their late daughter and help other families facing cancer. You may remember the effervescent little 6 year old Julia Cobb with CANcer whom Beaumont adopted and gave a surprise 7<sup>th</sup> birthday party at Chuck E. Cheese on March 16, 2013.

Beaumont residents and media are invited to join the Cobb Family as they gather with supporters at Rogers Park on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. to take a walk down South Dowlen and to walk in honor of Ju's friend and leukemia survivor, 7 year old Luke Burkhalter, of Lumberton, TX.

### **The Story Behind the 4,000 mile journey**

Jennifer and Jonathan Cobb have had to face more than most families over the past 10 years. Both have lost their mothers to cancer, Jonathan battled a rare cancer himself, and then their daughter was diagnosed at the age of 6 with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare bone cancer. Julia spent 22 months undergoing treatment for her cancer. Before she passed away in October last year, the 8-year-old had one last opportunity to go on a Make-a-Wish trip with her family to Disney World.

"Disney World provided us with great memories as a family outside of the hospital and away from cancer in a sense," said father Jonathan. "The last days we had with Ju were at a magical place, and it was a place that brought a smile to her face despite her being sick."

Now they are stepping out to bring smiles and hope to other families. Walking from one end of the country to the other seems impossible, but that dream is becoming a reality now 198 days and 2,300 miles into their journey and the Mojave Desert, Rocky Mountains and most of the Great Plains behind them. Their message, and that of their non-profit JuCan Foundation, is quite clear- with every step they take on this 4,000 mile journey, they are bringing awareness for how much support and funding is needed in the area of pediatric cancer. Their goal of \$413,000 is for research and helping families in their fight.

"Each step we take will hopefully encourage those who are suffering that if we stand together in love, and place our hope in an amazing God, all things are possible," said Jonathan.

The Cobb Family originally hoped to arrive in Florida by March 2015, coinciding with what would have been Julia's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Instead, the family estimates arriving to Disney World in late May or early June. Residents can follow the Cobb Family as they continue their walk from Texas to Disney World and see how they uplift

families everywhere with a JuCan – UCan attitude of determination , not accepting defeat, and holding on to hope of a cancer free world.

For more information on the foundation and to track their journey, visit: [www.JuCanFoundation.org](http://www.JuCanFoundation.org) or follow them through social media:

Twitter/Instagram: @JuCanFoundation

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