Wylder Nation Foundation

During the process of trying to save their son's life from Niemann-Pick Disease Type A, Steven and Shannon Laffoon were faced with many different challenges. The one challenge they were never able to overcome was finding a treatment option for such a rare and unknown disease in the short time that they had.

In July 2012, 3-year-old Wylder's time here on earth came to an end, but he left behind lessons of unconditional love and the power of hope. He also provided his parents with perspective on how to make a lasting impact on the world by paving the way to help others.

As part of a promise made to their little WARRIOR, they formed the Wylder Nation Foundation. Steven and Shannon are taking the lessons learned from Wylder's beautiful life and using them as a catalyst for positive change to provide hope in the form of treatment options for other children fighting for their lives.

The Wylder Nation Foundation has a MISSION – it is determined to accelerate the discovery of treatment options for children with Lysosomal Storage Disorders, and manage the entire translational process from discovery to development.

The Wylder Nation Foundation will:

- Seek to use scientific discoveries that already exist for Lysosomal Storage Disorders and work diligently to translate them into treatments for the children that need them most.
- Serve as the hub for every project and manage the entire translational process to ensure the most efficient and cost-effective development of potential life-saving treatments for children
- Collaborate and partner with all relevant sectors including, but not limited to, academia and industry, with the aim of drastically reducing the amount of time and cost to develop a treatment.
- Share important information and data with all qualified collaborators and partners across Wylder Nation's collaborative platform.

Steven and Shannon invite you to join them in living like a WARRIOR by fighting the fight, standing strong, loving unconditionally, and contributing to this important cause. By working together, they believe we will succeed in the fight against Lysosomal Storage Disorders.

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