

CHASING THE RAINBOWS
THROUGH THE STORMS:
A COURAGEOUS JOURNEY WITH
MOYAMOYA DISEASE

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Family fun with Reach for a Dream's Family Focus Day



A year after his brain surgery, Brendan had his Reach for a Dream adventure – and met his idol, Victor Matfield.

Courage under fire

Terminal illness fails to keep young boy from living his life

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For a young boy who has been fighting a terminal illness for several years, the courage of 10-year-old Brandon is a true inspiration. He has not let his condition keep him from living his life to the fullest.

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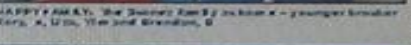
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10-year-old Brandon, at right, rides 'The Summit' in a paddock near his home in March.

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HAPPY FAMILY: The Summit family includes a younger brother, Kira, at left, and Brandon, at right.



BEFORE HIS: Brandon shares his experiences as the Red Cross Children's Hospital in Cape Town last year.

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Fast facts on Moyamoya

- Moyamoya is a rare form of stroke that affects children.
- It is caused by the narrowing of the arteries that supply blood to the brain.
- It can lead to seizures and other neurological problems.
- The condition is most common in children of Japanese descent.
- It is a progressive disease that worsens over time.
- Surgery is often used to treat the condition.
- The goal of surgery is to bypass the narrowed arteries.
- Recovery after surgery can be long and difficult.
- Support groups are available for families affected by the condition.





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