

Carmello's wish to meet Cam Newton

Seven-year-old Carmello is an avid sports fan. He loves playing basketball and baseball with his local teams, watching Auburn football games with his family, and playing outside when the weather is nice. Carmello is a lively, active child who “appears to be the picture of health;” although this has not always been the case.



In February 2016, doctors diagnosed Carmello with cancer. This difficult diagnosis introduced a multitude of medical procedures into his life, including chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and routine shots. These treatments changed Carmello’s life dramatically, affecting everything from his daily schedule to his taste buds, but they could do nothing to interfere with his passion for sports.

When Make-A-Wish asked Carmello to choose his one, true wish, this passion inspired him, and he wished to meet the Carolina Panthers’ quarterback, Cam Newton!

Last month, Carmello’s wish was granted when his family flew to Charlotte, North Carolina. While in North Carolina, Carmello traveled with a group of other wish kids to Bank of America Stadium. There, the kids were introduced to Cam Newton.

While at the stadium, Carmello was issued a locker, which contained a Panthers’ jersey with Newton’s number and Carmello’s last name, as well as a gift bag! Carmello and the other kids then took to the field, where they ran pass patterns and practiced some football drills with Cam. Carmello even caught one of Cam’s passes!

That evening, Cam joined Carmello and the group at a Charlotte Knights’ baseball game, where the kids helped Cam throw out the first pitch.

Carmello was thrilled to meet his sports hero and will always remember the day that they spent together. As Carmello’s mom, Skylar, said “he was in heaven” spending the day with Cam.

To view a video of Carmello's special day with Cam, [click here!](#)