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Seekonk boy earns honor

Cancer fighter meets RI governor

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Kevin Donohue, 12, recently served as an ambassador for the town of Seekonk at a press conference held in Providence in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Donohue met Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri at the event and was honored for his courage in battling the disease.

Donohue was diagnosed with cancer in one of his legs last October and endured 10 months of nearly continuous chemotherapy at Hasbro Children's Hospital. The experience took a huge physical toll, Donohue remembers:

"I threw up 158 times. I would eat a lot to gain weight and would lose it all again. Sometimes I went a week without eating."

At one point, Donohue was down to a mere 65 pounds.

The hospital experience wasn't all bad. Donohue was well-liked by the nurses and won the admiration of the younger patients on his floor.

"A lot of the kids looked up to me," Donohue noted.

Donohue has received support from the Tomorrow Fund, a local non-profit organization which assists children with cancer.

Donohue returned to Hurley Middle School to resume his education after missing much of the last school year. He wears a brace on his leg, which may have to stay on for six months or longer. Donohue weighs about 86-87 pounds now and is optimistic about his health. "I'm feeling great," he said.

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