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UGF Cross Country Gives to Local Youth

Great Falls, MT – It is the time of year for giving and thankfulness, however, the University of Great Falls cross country team did not feel it needed to wait until now to give to others. Head coach Jim Brewer heard of a young man who was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and saw an opportunity to help someone in need. In October, the team decided to give half of their proceeds from the Harvest Classic 5k Fun Run to Sam Kolve.

Kolve, a 15 year old Great Falls boy who was diagnosed with alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma in April, has been undergoing a 51 week treatment. Simplistically, the cancer is one of the muscle and bone. He is the youngest of eight children and attended Great Falls High School before undergoing his extensive treatments.

“I heard about Sam and his condition on the news one night and felt compelled to do something for him,” said Brewer. “We wanted to help as a program and naturally decided that making a financial contribution from our fun run would be the best way.”

What was thought to be a football injury on the spine that would not heal was later found, after many visits to the doctor, to be cancer. Initially, Kolve lost all feeling from the waist down and had to relearn how to use his legs. He is now walking with the help of a cane.

“We are honored that UGF (cross country team) picked Sam to donate to. For them to help with the cost of his care is very thoughtful of (their) team and we appreciate it so much,” stated Kolve’s mother Marge.

A benefit for Sam Kolve is set up through Mountain West Bank on 10th Avenue South.