



As some of you may have heard, one of our fellow Spuds, Nathan Bartle has been dealing with some major medical issues for the past few weeks. Nathan spent several years in Moorhead. One of his favorite things to do while his family lived in Moorhead, was playing hockey. He gave 110% every time he was out on the ice and is an all around great kid.

Last spring, his dad accepted a job offer that took the family to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Even though his family moved south Nathan continued to play the sport he loves, in the Tulsa Junior Oilers youth program. Even with the move Nathan continues to show his Spud pride by wearing his Moorhead apparel whenever he has a chance.

The week after Christmas Nathan went into the Doctor with symptoms of a sinus infection, he was immediately sent over to the hospital to have his appendix removed. The following day things didn't seem normal, so the doctors did some additional testing. The results showed that the infection from his sinuses had moved to his brain. The doctors scheduled an emergency brain surgery that evening. Following surgery Nathan had to be sedated for several days due to swelling in his brain. Shortly after he was woken up and his ventilator and feeding tube were removed, doctor's noticed there was still some infection in his sinuses. He ended up having sinus surgery to remove the infection.



Nathan is a strong and motivated kid (know as "captain intensity" by his family for his 110% effort with everything he does)and was making huge strides in recovery but was still struggling with strenth and movement of his right side and speech. A couple weeks after this whole nightmare started they discovered a second spot on a different area of his brain. Nathan had to undergo a second brain surgery. (if you are keeping track that is 4 surgeries, including two major ones, in a short time) Because of "captain intensity's" tremendous determination and hard work along with many many prayers from friends and family he continues to make progress. But he still has a long road of recovery ahead of him. **The Bartle family has made a big impact with the Moorhead community and MYHA and to show our support for them, we wanted to give back and support Nathan. We have bracelets (orange and black of course) that are being sold to raise money to send to the Bartle family to**

help with some of their medical expenses.

