



## **THE GARBERG FORCE**

### **JOSH GARBERG BIOGRAPHY**

Josh Garberg, 12, is a seventh-grade honor student at Tuffree Middle School in Placentia. He is actively involved in theater arts at his school, as well as at the Fullerton Children's Repertory Theater. He takes voice lessons regularly, as he loves to sing. He also enjoys student government and has always been involved with student council - even holding leadership offices, including president of his elementary school. Josh is determined to become an attorney and hopes to serve his community by becoming a prosecutor.

Josh plays a very active role in his family's team, The Garberg Force, in helping raise funds to find a cure for cystic fibrosis and in educating his peers on the disease, which he had been diagnosed with at the age of five following the diagnosis of his younger brother, Luke. Because cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease, both Josh and his older brother, Jake, had to be tested. Josh often refers to Luke as his hero because had it not been for Luke's diagnosis, the family might not have known to start the preventative treatment for Josh that helps ensure he can keep doing the things he loves. In his free time, Josh loves swimming, riding his bike and spending time with his friends.

### **LUKE GARBERG BIOGRAPHY**

Luke Garberg, 9, is a fourth-grade student at Brookhaven Elementary School in Placentia. He is an honor-roll student and is very involved with school activities, including musical theater and student government. Luke is currently the corresponding secretary of his school. Like his older brother Josh, Luke is an avid singer and regularly takes voice lessons. He is a huge fan of Minecraft and Skylanders, and spends a lot of time designing roller coasters.

In 2006, Luke was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 2, after he had been failing to gain weight. Since then, he and his family have been fighting to find a cure for the genetic disease through their family initiative, The Garberg Force, and have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the world's leader in finding a cure and funding ground-breaking research and treatments for the disease. Luke actively participates in his family's team, and particularly cares about helping educate his classmates about cystic fibrosis. Since kindergarten, Luke has dreamed of becoming an Imagineer with the Walt Disney Corporation, and hopes to someday create new, fun rides at Disneyland for kids of all ages to enjoy.