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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual RoofTop Cops Raises Over \$5K for Latham Family

On Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Officers climbed on the roof of Hardee's in Jefferson to raise money for a local family battling cancer.



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. 3 years ago, Sheriff Howell started the RoofTop Cops Event to help raise money for local children who were battling cancer. This event has brought the community together to raise over \$20,000 in the last 3 years! It's a great honor and blessing to be able to help families with some of their financial burdens.



This year's recipient is 18-year-old Joshua Latham. Joshua was diagnosed in July 2022 with Germinoma, a type of brain cancer. Joshua has had several treatments, and when he is finished with chemotherapy, he will undergo a stem cell transplant. Josh loves listening to music, playing Fortnite, and hanging out with his five brothers and sisters. He has the heart of a lion and is such a fighter.





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Thursday, the community came together and showed their support for Josh by stopping in at Hardee's and donating. We were able to stay on the roof all day, and the rain didn't stop us from raising over \$5,800.00. We want to say THANK YOU for all the support and money given. Also, Thank you to all the Law Enforcement Officers who came by and stood on the roof. We could not do the event without the help of ALL of you.



Hardee's made this event possible by providing us with the rooftop and allowing us to set up this fundraiser at their location. We also want to thank all the wonderful staff at Hardee's for their support.

Joshua's mother, Kasey Latham, said, "Thank You all for your thoughts and prayers and contributions to our family's financial burden. We truly appreciate each and every one of you! Ashe is such a special community that we truly love. Thank you for considering our family as the recipients, and we will never forget this great act of kindness".

Again, we would like to say how grateful we are to live in the Ashe community.

