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Golf tournament will benefit Vero Beach teen with cancer

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VERO BEACH — Steven Anderson Jr., 15, has lost his hair. Even his eyebrows are going.

Doctors say he could go to the beach, but he doesn't because of his appearance, said his mother, Katherine Rodriguez.

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He lives within four walls at home, confined by an aggressive cancer discovered Sept. 22, following a surgery for inflammation. He has choriocarcinoma, a rare cancer that has spread from below his abdomen to his lungs, she said.

He's been undergoing intensive chemotherapy, which is being stopped — after four of six prescribed treatments — because of what it is doing to him physically.

So he'll be put on an alternative form of treatment that will last months, while his single mother struggles to support him, working part time. He is being schooled at home because of fear of getting an infection at his school, the Freshman Learning Center.

"In the last two months I borrowed money to pay rent," said Anderson, who lives with her son in an apartment on 12th Road.

Her son has medical insurance through his stepmother, Rodriguez said.

It is the day-to-day expenses that are mounting up unpaid, so her boyfriend, Todd Adams, is organizing a benefit golf tournament starting at noon Saturday at Pointe West. The cost is \$100 per person, including golf, a cart and boxed lunch. So far, 30 people have signed up, he said.

Pointe West is off State Road 60, west of Vero Beach.

To join the event, call Adams at (772) 370-2700. Checks should be made payable to the Steven Anderson Jr. Benefit. Adams is collecting the checks for deposit in a Wachovia bank account, 1010156530853, in the name of the Steven R. Anderson Jr. Benefit.

"It kills me to see him confined," Anderson said of her son."

STEVEN ANDERSON JR. BENEFIT

What: A golf tournament to help pay living expenses of the family of Steven Anderson Jr., a 15-year-old Vero Beach resident with cancer.

When: Noon Saturday.

Where: Point West, south of intersection of State Road 60 and 74th Avenue.

Cost: \$100.

Contact: Todd Adams, (772) 370-2700.

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