

## MEET SINGER

# AARON SIDWELL

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One look at Aaron Sidwell and you'd never know he's a leukemia survivor. He's tall, good-looking and lanky, likes to listen to music and hang out with his friends ...your everyday twenty-something...but he's also so much more. Sidwell is lucky to be alive. At age 3, he was diagnosed with leukemia and his family didn't know how long he would live.

"Eighty-five percent of my blood cells were cancerous, so my chances of survival were pretty slim," Sidwell said. "I saw a lot of grief from my parents...I knew it was because of me, but I wasn't sure why."

He didn't have the typical childhood. He spent a lot of time in the hospital. Although it sounds traumatic, Aaron said it's not as bad as it sounds.

"Some of my best memories were spent in the hospital or in the Ronald McDonald house," he said. "Some of my first examples of human kindness were displayed and modeled by those who took care of me during those years in the hospital. I think we sometimes forget just how much of an effect we have on people we care for - not just in a physical sense, but in a physiological sense as well."

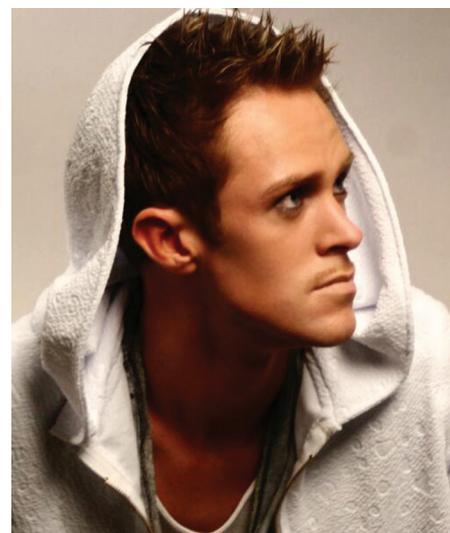
At age seven, a blood transfusion saved his life. He has a soft spot in his heart for sick children, because he knows what they are going through. And he's doing something about it. He organizes concerts to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, which provides medication and treatment for children. He's raised around \$4,000 for sick and injured children in Kansas, and that's something he's proud of.

He's also visits local children with leukemia and even gathered toys, games, stuffed animals and crayons to put in what he calls "miracle bags."

Not only does Sidwell organize concerts, he's a singer too - a great one at that. He took singing lessons for about two

months when he was 15, but quit because money was tight. But that didn't stop him from pursuing his dream on becoming a singer. He recorded his first CD when he was 15, and has released two more since then. His third CD is due out later in 2007. After that, he'll start touring the local music scene and organizing the third Night of Miracles concert for the summer of 2008.!

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