

## **Zachary Hursh**

### **Make-A-Wish Foundation Kid Update**

Zachary Hursh was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic terminal illness at 4 years old. As Zach grew, he became very fond of motorcycle/motocross riding. When Zach was about 10 years old the Make-A-Wish Foundation started the process to grant Zach his wish. Almost instantly Zach knew what he wanted “a green motorcycle like the one that my dad raced.” When Zach was 11 years old his wish was granted with assistance from Kawasaki Motors Corp, South Valley Motor Sports and many other great donors. Zach was given a 2001 Kawasaki KX 65. The motorcycle was delivered at the Jordan River Utah State Off Road Park by two local professional motocross racers Rob and Scott Taft. It was not long before Zach began to enter motocross races and has continued to race. Zach is now 20 years old and still races regularly although he no longer rides the KX 65. He is now on a KTM 250 SXF and rides on the Full Throttle Powersports race team and receives sponsor support from C&S Auto in Bountiful, Utah.

When Zach heard that Make-A-Wish was requesting his biography be updated he asked that we tell them... thank you, because without Make-A-Wish I never would have started riding and racing and it has meant everything to me. With motorcycle racing, Zach has had very good motivation to maintain his health and has done well staying healthy. He has also gotten his sister, Brittany Gwilliam, excited about competitive racing as she has also been racing motocross for about 4 years.

This event with Utah Wintercross, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Utah Highway Patrol is exciting for the whole family and is honored to participate. Mitch Gwilliam, Zach's dad, is a police officer and is currently a sergeant/detective with the North Salt Lake Police Department and has been a police officer for about 14 years.