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Introduction: Winning the battle against cancer is not just about treatment; it is also important to recognize and reward patients for their courage and strength throughout the process while acknowledging the medical team's dedication. Celebrating the end of treatment in a memorable way allows many to witness and share in the joy of the moment. This type of recognition has a profound impact on all parties involved, fostering a sense of accomplishment and bringing hope to other patients still undergoing treatment.

**Methodology:** The initiative involves driving the patient back home, regardless of the distance, in a specially branded car featuring the child's name. A surprise ceremony is organized at the hospital, tailored to the patient's interests and dreams, often involving well-known figures or characters as part of a farewell celebration. A second celebration takes place at home, where family and friends gather to cheer and share in the moment of welcoming the patient back. Various partners, including relatives, friends, companies, volunteers, artists, and athletes, contribute to making the experience meaningful. The story is then widely shared on social media and other platforms to amplify its impact.

**Results:** This initiative creates a positive, memorable, and joyful day, not only for the patient but for the entire support network. It empowers other patients still undergoing treatment and strengthens the morale of medical teams, reinforcing their motivation to continue providing high-quality care. By involving celebrities and public figures, the stories gain wider exposure, raising awareness about childhood cancer and the importance of collective support.

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The project serves as a true example of how collaboration among many individuals, even those far apart, can create extraordinary outcomes. It provides real proof that working together can make a significant difference and encourages others to get involved in similar efforts.

Conclusion: The project was launched in January 2024, and by November, nearly 30 ceremonial returns had been successfully completed. By celebrating the end of treatment in such a broad and public way, the initiative not only brings immense joy to the patients and their loved ones but also emphasizes the success of treatment and provides tangible proof that cancer can be cured. This fosters hope, reduces the fear associated with cancer, and encourages more open conversations about the disease. The initiative also highlights the power and value of collaboration, reinforcing the idea that it takes many to cure one. The reward is invaluable; it is life itself, and this success is something that many can celebrate together.