

# Lifting spirits for kids with cancer

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Athletes from across the nation will be flexing their muscles this weekend to help sick children get stronger.

The event, "Power Up Against Cancer," will feature body builders, lifters, arm wrestlers and pro fitness competitors.

Tamara Mack, co-owner of Unbreakable Gear and event's organizer, said the goal is to lift the spirits of children living with serious illnesses by providing entertainment while raising money for Hope Kids.

Mack said, "The Fox Theater is going to be full of people. We are going to have athletes from all over the country appear on stage doing exhibition lifting for Hope Kids. Hope Kids is a great organization that helps children battling life-threatening illnesses, the families and they're going to be out here showing support for the strength of those kids."

Savannah Perez was diagnosed with leukemia at age 3. She went into remission when she was 6 then relapsed three months later. Now 7, Savannah is still keeping strong with her family providing love and support. Her mother, Vanessa, said it's been a challenging road.

Vanessa said, "Savannah is now not able to go to school. Most of our days are at the doctor's office and her chemo clinic and stuff like that, so our lives have changed overnight."

Mack hopes to raise \$25,000 for Hope Kids.

"Power Up Against Cancer" is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Fox Theater, 17 W. Congress St.