

## Harmony's story



Diagnosed with sickle cell at only 2 weeks old and was referred to the Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's of Alabama

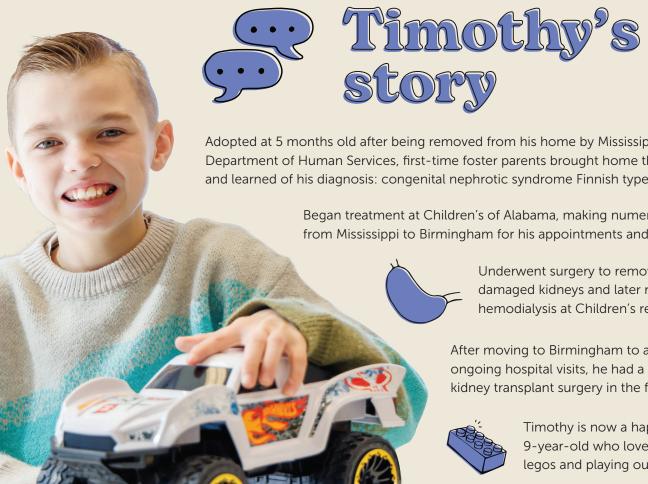
She began having recurring high fevers and reduced blood counts at 6 months old, requiring several hospitalizations and blood transfusions



Joined a clinical trial for sickle cell in 2017 using the trial mediaction, hydroxyurea, which she still takes today

Now in 4th grade, Harmony is a fun, bubbly child who loves to draw and dreams of visiting Paris one day







Adopted at 5 months old after being removed from his home by Mississippi's Department of Human Services, first-time foster parents brought home their son and learned of his diagnosis: congenital nephrotic syndrome Finnish type

> Began treatment at Children's of Alabama, making numerous trips from Mississippi to Birmingham for his appointments and hospitalizations

> > Underwent surgery to remove his severely damaged kidneys and later received hemodialysis at Children's renal care center

After moving to Birmingham to accomodate ongoing hospital visits, he had a successful kidney transplant surgery in the fall of 2020





Timothy is now a happy, energetic 9-year-old who loves building legos and playing outside



## Cole's story

**2024 CMNH LOCAL CHAMPION** 

After persistent fevers, a fall from bed, and the inability to walk the next morning, 3-year-old Cole's hospital visit to Children's of Alabama ended in a shocking diagnosis of pre b-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia



28 days to remission followed by 4 years of treatment included chemo, spinal taps, bone marrow tests, home injections, and innumerable labs  $\theta$  tests

Grew close with his care team, including oncologists, nurses, and child life specialists who became "like family"



Took his last chemo pill on May 21, 2022 and is now playing tackle football and is finally living a "normal" life with his family and friends. Cole serves as this year's CMN Hospital Champion for Children's of Alabama



## D'Aryia's story

Admitted to Children's of Alabama with what they thought was only a sinus infection, doctors soon discovered fluid and infection surrounding her brain



Diagnosed with bilateral subdural empyema, shehad emergency brain surgery followed by sinus surgery to target the her symptoms

Lost the ability to walk, speak, or eat, as well as affecting her memory; her fevers continued and D'Aryia began having recurring seizures

Received speech, occupational, and physical therapy to improve her strength and mobility during her 33-day stay



Still receiving outpatient therapy at Children's, D'Aryia has returned to school, pageants, and piano lessons and hopes to one day become a pediatric neurosurgeon



