

Timmy

11 YEARS OLD

CONGENITAL NEPHROTIC SYNDROME FINNISH TYPE

When the Walleys first met their adopted son Timmy, he was a very sick 5-month-old. He was soon diagnosed with congenital nephrotic syndrome Finnish type, a rare genetic condition of the kidney, and eventually received a much-needed kidney transplant.

He now lives a better quality of life as an energetic 9-year-old who loves the Avengers, building Legos, and outdoor adventures. As he continues his visits with the Children's of Alabama pediatric nephrology team, his health steadily improves, and he lives a healthier life.



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Chadeyn

9 YEARS OLD

IN UTERO ISCHEMIC STROKE, CEREBRAL PALSY, EPILEPSY

After a 2017 car accident, doctors discovered Chadeyn Beal had suffered a stroke before birth, causing cerebral palsy. At age 4, she began having seizures, which led to years of treatment at Children's of Alabama. In 2023, she underwent a right-sided hemispherectomy to stop the seizures

The surgery was successful, and Chadeyn has been seizure-free since, with improved energy and quality of life. She now enjoys dance and playing softball with the Miracle League. Her family remains thankful for the care and support from her medical team.



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Shep

9 YEARS OLD

SPASTIC DIPLLEDIA, CEREBRAL PALSY

At eight months old, Shep Maddox was diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy after his parents noticed he couldn't sit up. By age three, Children's of Alabama developed a treatment plan beginning with selective dorsal rhizotomy, which dramatically improved his mobility.

At seven, Shep underwent major orthopedic surgery to straighten and strengthen his legs. Today, he's building stamina with monthly therapy sessions, new 3D-printed braces, and exercise programs recommended by his care team. Thanks to Children's, Shep has gained strength, confidence, and independence.



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Sophie

10 YEARS OLD

SEVERE APLASTIC ANEMIA, BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

In 2022, 6-year-old Sophie Cromer began showing unusual bruising and fatigue. After a visit to Children's of Alabama, she was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, a rare condition where the bone marrow fails to produce enough blood cells. In January 2023, just after her seventh birthday, she received a life-saving bone marrow transplant from a perfect match.

Now healthy and back in school, Sophie is thriving. Her family credits Children's of Alabama for their compassionate care every step of the way.



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