

Quinn Tinsley

Age 7, Congenital Heart Defects



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Quinn was diagnosed with multiple congenital heart defects while his mom, Emily, was pregnant. He would ultimately need three surgeries—the Norwood procedure at 6 days old, the Glenn procedure at 3 months old, and the Fontan procedure at 6 years old.

Six weeks after the Fontan procedure, Quinn returned to school. Three months after his procedure, Quinn came home with exciting news for his mom: he had been able to run with his friends at recess. “Seeing his excitement over something that most kids take for granted was so heartwarming that I was overwhelmed,” Emily said. He is currently taking horse-riding lessons and plans to start playing baseball.



Harmony Cooper

Age 9, Sickle Cell Disease



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Harmony was diagnosed with sickle cell disease when she was only two weeks old. She was referred to Children's of Alabama, where she began bi-monthly appointments for blood work and blood count monitoring.

It wasn't long before Harmony began contracting viruses causing high fevers and reduced blood counts. The episodes, the first of which occurred when Harmony was 6 months old, resulted in multiple hospitalization and blood transfusions. At three years old, Harmony joined a clinical trial for sickle cell disease at Children's and the trial medication, hydroxyurea, which she still takes to this day. She returns to Children's only once every three months for blood work.

Harmony is now a healthy, active young girl who loves to draw and cheer. She's also involved in a girls' group with the Sickle Cell Foundation of Central Alabama.



Ezra Lawler

Age 7, Biliary Atresia & Liver Transplant



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When Ezra was 6 weeks old, his mom, Nicole, took him to the pediatrician because he looked yellow and bloated. Soon after, he was diagnosed with biliary atresia. At 7 weeks old, underwent a Kasai procedure, which connects the liver to the small intestine. Just before Ezra turned 4, he was hospitalized for complications related to biliary atresia and placed on the transplant list for a new liver.

Ten months later, he received his new liver. He now returns to Children's regularly for follow-up care. Throughout Ezra's experience, the staff at Children's was "nothing but fabulous," Nicole said. And his future is bright.



Anne Phillips Arrington

Age 9, Osteosarcoma



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Anne Phillips Arrington was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in her right femur just weeks before her eighth birthday. Despite the shock, Anne Phillips bravely faced treatment and made hard decisions. The eight-year-old chose to have a rotationplasty in hopes of returning to her active lifestyle.

After a successful surgery and months of treatment, she was discharged in time for Christmas with her family. Now in fourth grade, Anne Phillips has completed two 5K races and plays basketball, determined to live life to the fullest. Her strength and resilience prove that her cancer diagnosis doesn't define her.

