

I wish to go to Australia



Noah, 15
Pulmonary Stenosis

Noah is a 15 year old freshman in high school. He was born with pulmonary stenosis, also known as “blue baby.” By 10 weeks of age, his pulmonary valve was almost completely stenotic. He had a cardiac catheter procedure to open the valve. His parents were told he shouldn’t have any further problems until his growth spurt during his teenage years, but they would check him once a year. Noah was a typical infant who grew into a curious toddler after this procedure. 

A few months after his 5th birthday, he started having more problems. When his surgeon told his parents Noah’s valve completely disintegrated and a hole between his ventricles was found. Noah spent days in the ICU and then sent to step down unit. Once discharged, Noah was only home for 24 hours before he was rushed back to the ER and was told he had developed a pericardial effusion. Noah was put on medications for the few months and started to improve. He became an active, busy little boy again.

Then when he was 10 years old, those same symptoms returned. His cardiologist wanted to try a new procedure and place a melody valve via cardiac catheterization. Noah was doing great medically but his parents started noticing other issues. They talked about these issues with Noah’s cardiologist who sent him to a neurologist. It was then determined that Noah suffered a small stroke. He has no physical disabilities from it but some short term memory loss and inability to retain new information to memory. Today, Noah is on aspirin to thin his blood and prevent future clots. He is getting extra help at school for assignments and day to day life at school.

Noah has loved animals since he was little. As a baby he received tons of Noah’s Arc gifts. For many years Noah truly believed his parents had his arc full of animals, hidden in a special place. He also loves to travel; he received his passport at age 5. He is a quiet, positive, strong young man who will catch you off guard with his dry sense of humor. He loves going to the movies, especially action packed movies, and always sings along with the radio.

When asked if they had a specific quote that explains their son’s journey, Noah’s parents said, ***“Noah’s journey has been a rough, hard climb over a mountain. Yet there always seems to be another one waiting for him to climb”.***

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