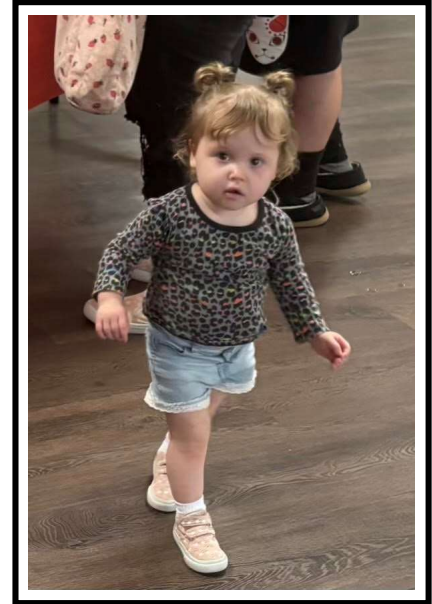




Child's Name: Lillian Cann

Age: 2

Hometown: Walters, OK

Diagnosis: Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM)

Background: Lillian was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy at just two months old. When she was born, she immediately had complications. After 2 months of testing at OU Children's Hospital Lillian's family learned that there was nothing more that could be done and she would have to be transported to St. Louis Children's Hospital to be put on the heart transplant list. During that time, she was on a breathing tube along with a ventricular assist device. She also suffered seizures that led to strokes which made permanent damage to parts of her brain. Finally on September 23rd, 2022, the family received the call that Lillian had a match! At just four months old she was able to get her new heart. Overall, she was at St. Louis Children's Hospital seven months until she made a full recovery and was finally able to go home.

Information: Cardiomyopathy is a disease of the heart muscle that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood. This disease can cause the heart muscle to get larger, thicken, or become stiff keeping the heart muscle from pumping enough blood to meet the body's needs. Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) is the most common form of cardiomyopathy. The heart muscle becomes enlarged and stretched (dilated) causing the heart to become weak. Problems that may occur with DCM include heart rhythm problems, blood clots, heart failure, and heart valve disease.

Statistics: Cardiomyopathy can affect people of any age, race, or sex. The estimated incidence of pediatric cardiomyopathy in the United States is 1.13 cases per 100,000 children.

Illness/Disease Color:

