



Child's Name: Maxwell Smith

Age: 6 Months

Hometown: Marlow, OK

Diagnosis: Double Inlet Left Ventricle, D-TGA, Interrupted Aortic Arch, DYSPHAGIA, Hypoxia.



Background: Maxwell's story is one full of continuously overcoming the odds. Doctors knew even while Maxwell was still in utero something was wrong as his heart was much smaller than it should have been. When he was brought into the world he and mom had to be med flighted to undergo a special procedure or both could have perished. He underwent his first open heart surgery at just 6 days old. He has also suffered numerous blood clots, aneurysms, and even a stroke at his very young age. In one procedure in particular the surgeon operates just slightly differently than usual due to a "feeling" that it needed to be done different. Because of this Maxwell survived a procedure, he would have not pulled through if it had been done as it normally is. This led the surgeon to tell the family they should consider renaming him "Lucky" because of the overwhelming odds Maxwell faced and still survived. Maxwell has since undergone many emergency procedures and has overcome the odds every time.

Information: Double inlet left ventricle is a congenital heart problem in which the atria of your heart both supply blood to the left ventricle. Double inlet left ventricle is very rare. The condition occurs in 0.05 to 0.1 of every 1,000 live births and accounts for about 1% of all congenital heart issues. D-TGA is a condition where the main arteries carrying blood out of the heart are switched in position. About 1 in 3,957 babies in the United States are born with D-TGA. Interrupted Aortic Arch is a rare congenital heart defect that affects blood flow to the lower body. Interrupted Aortic Arch is an extremely rare condition occurring in 2 of every 100,000 births. Dysphagia is difficulty swallowing that can be caused by various conditions affecting the throat or esophagus. Hypoxia is a condition in which the body or a region of the body is deprived of adequate oxygen supply at the tissue level.

Illness/Disease Color:

