



NOELLE

Noelle's journey started with Children's when she was born. She was born April 26th, 2018 via emergency c-section and was emergency flown from my hometown in Escanaba, Michigan to Children's, four hours away due to birth complications. While in the NICU, Noelle had to receive breathing help and was fighting many many infections and needed three platelet transfusions. This is when the NICU doctor decided to have genetic testing done to make

sure there was no underline genetic problems.

After 17 days, we were able to go home, and were home for five months when we had received a call from the genetics team at Children's. They had us come down the next day to talk about Noelle's diagnosis. Noelle was diagnosed with Mosaic Monosomy Seven. This is when the chromosome sevens in the body only have one chromosome when there should be two and the main concern with this was bone marrow disfunction and failure which would ultimately lead to leukemia.

Thankfully, we caught it before that happened and we were transferred to the care of Dr. Margolis, a transplant doctor, within the MACC Fund Center. A few tests later we found Noelle's bone marrow was already failing within a month after being diagnosed - Noelle's immune system tanked.

October 29th, 2018, my husband had to leave Noelle and I in Milwaukee while he went back home to work. Noelle was admitted to the hospital for her transplant on December 10th and December 19th she received her bone marrow donors stem cells. Unfortunately, Noelle had developed very negative effects from the chemotherapy she had to receive for her transplant and ended up being transferred to the PICU. She spent five weeks there and nearly lost her life and had to be intubated for 2 1/2 weeks due to life threatening complications from chemotherapy.

Thankfully, due to the care of the bone marrow transplant team and PICU team, Noelle survived. We spent four months inpatient and all together spent 305 straight nights in Milwaukee until we finally got to come home September 2018. **Noelle is now a year and a month**

post-transplant and has a normal immune system.



EVERY 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer.

More than 40,000 children are in cancer treatment each year. **More than 15,000** children & teens will be diagnosed this year in the U.S.

95% of kids who win the fight against cancer, have other life-long side effects from the cancer and/or its treatment.

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