

# Meet Dylan

At just 8 days old, Dylan was diagnosed with coarctation of the aorta – a congenital heart defect where the aorta, the main artery carrying blood from the heart, narrows, causing blood flow obstruction - and ventricular septal defect (VSD) – a birth defect where a hole exists in the wall separating the two lower chambers of the heart. Things escalated quickly as he was rushed by ambulance from his pediatrician to Nemours Children's Hospital where we were devastated to learn the severity of his situation. However, Nemours Children's had everything, the facility, medicines, and entire staff that we needed to make us feel that we were in the best place for Dylan to receive the care he so desperately needed.

To make a full recovery, Dylan underwent three open-heart surgeries and two minor procedures. As a parent, you never expect to find yourself and your children in this type of situation. We are so grateful that we have access to this level of support so close to our home.

Our family spent 50 days at Nemours Children's, and we only continued to feel more positive throughout the process and procedures. The Nemours associates made this difficult time in our life as comfortable as possible for Dylan and our family and we have developed great lasting relationships with the people who saved Dylan's life.

Now, we have a healthy, happy and vibrant baby boy at home who makes everything extra special. We are grateful for Nemours Children's that Dylan gets to grow and play with his best friend, his 3-year-old brother, Jax.

