

# Meet Victoria

Shortly after Victoria was born, we learned that she had Sickle cell disease SS – a severe genetic blood disorder where red blood cells become sickle-shaped and sticky which causes problems with blood flow, leading to pain. From that moment, our journey with Sickle cell began—one filled with challenges, strength, support and hope.

Victoria has received all her care through Nemours Children's Health in Wilmington, Delaware. Her pediatrician, hematologist and several specialists work together as a team to care for her physical and emotional well-being. Due to this full-scope approach, we feel like we are doing more than managing a condition. We are helping Victoria thrive.

Thanks to Nemours Children's, Victoria attended a special medical camp for children with serious illnesses where she has developed deep, lasting friendships with kids with similar experiences. We are incredibly grateful for Victoria's ability to make those connections.

Now 15 years old, Victoria is a bright, joyful teen who loves music, dancing and playing softball. She is currently in her freshman year of high school and has big dreams of becoming a nurse. She hopes that she can one day care for others in the way that her care team has cared for her.

Victoria is participating in the Nemours Children's Run & Walk because she wants to spread awareness about Sickle cell disease and show that with the right care and support, children like Victoria can live full, purposeful and joyful lives. Her strength inspires her family every day and we know her story can inspire others too.

