

HEATH FAMILY

LENOX, GA, USA



GFPD WARRIOR: MOLLY KATE

- She is currently 2.5 years old
- Molly Kate has a peroxisomal biogenesis disorder in the Zellweger spectrum (PBD-ZSD).
- She was diagnosed at 2 months old via newborn screening.
- She experienced no symptoms at birth other than being Jaundice.
- PEX1 c.2528G>A (p.Gly843Asp)/c.1615G>A (p.Glu539Lys)



OUR FAMILY INCLUDES

- Sarah, Molly Kate's Mom
- Jarrod, Molly Kate's Dad
- Wanda Baker, Maternal Grandmother
- Andrea Heath, Paternal Grandmother
- Tony Smith, Maternal Grandfather

FAVORITE MEMORY

Coming home from the hospital, when she started walking at the Baltimore airport after a visit with Dr. Raymond, running through the house chasing us.

FAMILY VALUES

Leadership, Integrity, and Faith



ALL ABOUT MOLLY KATE

- She is determined, curious, sassy, and joyful!
- She loves bubbles, being outside, riding the golf cart and her dog Chubbs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Started walking December 2023
- Speaking/signing a handful of words
- Great dancer!



CARE TEAM INCLUDES

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| • Audiologist | • Otolaryngologist (ENT) |
| • Dentist | • Physical Therapist |
| • Pediatrician | • Occupational Therapist |
| • Endocrinologist | • Speech and Language Pathologist |
| • Gastroenterologist | |
| • Geneticist | |
| • Neurologist | |
| • Ophthalmologist | |

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

Nemours, CHOA and John Hopkins

The GFPD has helped our family by showing us that we are not alone. Provided hope through research and community by connecting families and resources.



CHALLENGES

- Delayed development
- Elevated liver levels
- Balance issues
- Hearing loss
- Speech delays
- Reduced motor skills
- Reflux
- Respiratory issues

ADVICE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Empathy goes a long way—this is a complex disease, and families are usually dealing with numerous specialists and therapists to provide the best treatment for their child. Their plates are overflowing, and they are scared.

Advice to New Families: Don't fall victim to the first searches you see online - remember this is a spectrum. Your life may look much different than you ever planned but it is still just as beautiful.