# KAUFMAN FAMILY

COLUMBUS, OH, USA



## GFPD WARRIOR: LOLA 'LO'

- Lola is currently 4 years old.
- At 9 months, Lo had nystagmus which led to Ophthalmology, resulting in a brain MRI and neurology.
- She was then diagnosed at age 1 with a peroxisomal biogenesis disorder in the Zellweger spectrum (PBD-ZSD).
- PEX 1 variants.

### PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Nationwide Children's Hospital

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### **OUR FAMILY INCLUDES**

Jake (dad), Sara (mom), Mills (little brother), Nana, Papa, Mamaw, Pappy, lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins

### **FAVORITE ACTIVITIES**

- Taking walks together
- Going to the park to swing
- Reading books in the morning and following a very specific routine, and MUSIC.

### **ABOUT US**

We're a very typical family who's world was rocked by ZSD-PBD. While we would remove this disorder from existence in a heartbeat, we are so in awe of our daughter every day, and SO, SO thankful for who she is.

### **ALL ABOUT LOLA**

- She is a huge fan of sound books and loves laughing at the sounds as she turns and bends the pages.
- Loves to dance to fast-paced music.
- Reputation by Taylor Swift is her favorite album.
- Lo is not a fan of Mills, her 15-month-old brother but Mills is a fan of Lola, especially her cochlear implants!



### **CARE TEAM INCLUDES**

- Audiologist
- Pediatrician
- Dietician and/or Nutritionist
- Dentist
- Endocrinologist
- Gastroenterologist
- Geneticist
- Neurologist
- Otolaryngologist
- Orientation and Mobility Specialist

- Ophthalmologist
- Vision Specialist
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Teacher for the Visually Impaired
- Hematologist

The GFPD is always a source of helpful perspective. For us, the group has been a wealth of information—from learning what to expect, to tips managing certain conditions, to advice on schools, toys, and equipment.



### **SYMPTOMS AND CHALLENGES**

Deaf (now has cochlear implants), Visual Impairment, Cognitive Delays, Muscle Weakness, Peripheral Neuropathy, Adrenal Insufficiency, and a bleeding disorder. Our Lo is not yet able to walk, talk, or feed herself.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Selecting and touching an object upon request, Turning pages of a book, Navigating around the school playground in her kid walker, Splashing during bath time, Transitioning to a 'big kid' bed, Using a "more" button, Taking steps while wearing SMO braces.

Every day, we're praying for GFPD Warriors and families.

Alone we are rare, together we are strong.