



Zoie
**DIAGNOSIS: Stage 4
Wilm's Tumor**

Just days before Zoie's 3rd birthday, she fell on the playground during a trip to the park. Her mother noticed that her left side was severely swollen and decided to bring her to the doctor. After extensive testing at Children's National, Zoie was diagnosed with Stage 4 Wilm's Tumor—cancer of the kidneys. The cancer was initially in her left kidney, but it then spread to her lungs and encircled itself around a major vein. She endured six months of chemotherapy, complete removal of her left kidney, and radiation.

Today, Zoie is CANCER FREE! She is a bundle of energy who enjoys gymnastics, swimming, drawing, and playing with her two younger siblings.

**Zoie is Washington, DC's 2013
Children's Miracle Network Champion.**

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At just three months old, Ian was diagnosed with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and an enlarged heart. His condition would require open heart surgery. When he was finally well enough, doctors at Children's National maneuvered between two small ribs and removed a narrowed section of Ian's aorta—the cause of the enlarged heart.

At the time of his surgery, Ian's prognosis was uncertain. However, hearts under six months of age have the ability to regenerate. "If Ian's heart could heal, he could live a normal life. If not, there would be a lot of things like sports that he would never be able to do," said Danielle, Ian's mom.

Ian's heart did heal, and his family was overjoyed.

Danielle remembers how the staff took care of the whole family, saying, "The staff at Children's National was incredibly supportive. They kept an eye on all of us. It is our home away from home. We absolutely love them."

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Ian DIAGNOSIS: Enlarged Heart

