

My name is Christopher Garcia, I am Daisy's son. My wife is Alexis and my son's name is Nathaniel. He has Zellwegers Syndrome, which is the most severe case of peroximal disorders. It is said through research that most cases of infants will pass within the year, but it could be longer or shorter. About 50% only make it to 6 months, but as of tomorrow we have made that milestone!

My son was born on November 12, 2015 after long hours of labor from my wife. As he was delivered the stork squad (team of diversified nurses and specialties) showed up to examine him and immediately knew that there was something wrong, because he couldn't move very well. We found out that is called hypotonia, which means he has low muscle tone. The night he was born he had a seizure and was taken to the NICU where he had another one and spent the next 12 days there, where he underwent numerous testing. Meanwhile his mom and I were pretty scared, because no one could tell us what was wrong with our son.

He left the NICU for less than 19 hours and had numerous seizures that put us back in the Children's hospital, this time the PICU, where he spent the next 23 days, 14 of them in which he was on intubation for uncontrolled seizures. After those few weeks he was released again only to be right back within 24 hours again.

This time he was under the care of epileptic specialist who diagnosed him with Bilateral Perisylvian Polymicrogyria, which caused his brain to grow abnormally. It causes many problems, including seizures, mental delay, paralysis in the throat and mouth and the inability to understand language. The news was devastating, but we pushed on and took care of him the best that we could. Now that they knew what was causing most of the seizures, we got him on some pharmaceutical drugs that stopped the seizures all together for about 2 1/2 months.

Shortly after leaving the hospital with the Polymicrogyria diagnosis we received a call from the hospital. They told us that a test they had done came back positive for a perixosomal disorder and we needed to see a geneticist. The geneticist explained the extremely short life span that Nathaniel would have and explained we were even more devastated.

After leaving the hospital the last time his seizures were under control. But over the past two months he has now started having infantile spasms, which are a type of seizure and his original seizures again, that have yet to be controlled. We aren't able to do much therapy with him, because of his irritability and prone to getting overheated, except swimming in the bathtub, but we recently just bought him a small pool to let him swim even more.

I am currently an Active Duty Member of the USAF, with that being said the funeral and expenses that go along with that will be paid for. I am humble that you guys want to do a fundraiser.

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Things that the money could be used for would be:

- Paying for family members to help Alexis and I with Nathaniel from time to time and to visit Nathaniel since they won't be able to meet him without visiting. We are currently stationed in Georgia and our families are from Missouri, Texas, and Louisiana. We can't go anywhere because if he gets sick he may not recover from it.
- Unexpected trips to hospital and all the outside costs of that including driving back and forth and food and personal needs.
- Therapeutic or helpful items that contribute to his happiness or comfort due to his constant changing conditions.

Thank you all for being so generous and nice enough to consider My son and our family in your thoughts.

--Christopher and Alexis Garcia

Nathaniel with Mom & Dad:

