



Chloe McCLURE

Five year old Chloe McClure is like many kids her age - she is curious about the world around her and teases her brothers and sister every day. After several surgeries to repair her heart, as well as regular speech and physical therapy, Chloe, could also be considered somewhat of a miracle.

At just one week old, tiny Chloe suffered a small stroke and was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Chloe was hospitalized the majority of her first six months of life and at just two months old, she required a valve replacement as well as three surgeries to repair several holes in her heart. In between these surgeries, Chloe was a regular at St. Luke's in both the Pediatric Department and the Emergency Department.

It is known Chloe will need to have enough weight on her to handle future open heart surgeries as she gets older - therefore, her parents watch Chloe's size carefully. Chloe has had problems gaining weight, making her smaller than other children her age. In the past, Chloe has been dependent on a feeding tube and used a feeding group at St. Luke's Pediatric Therapy Clinic to help her manage oral feedings.

The future is looking bright for Chloe thanks to her determined spirit and the care she receives at St. Luke's.



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