



Kennedi VONDRAK

When Kennedi was born in November of 2004 she was more beautiful than what her parents had imagined, she looked just like a little angel.

Kennedi progressed normally until she was 9 months old when she began to crawl awkwardly and only at one speed. The light of her parent's eyes, Kennedi could not pull herself up and had a hard time keeping her balance.

Although this little angel had surgery to help stabilize her spine, she continued to deteriorate, which caused her parents and doctor to look further. Kennedi was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy II, a disorder characterized by moderate to severe muscle weakness and reoccurring respiratory infections.

Kennedi has used St. Luke's Pediatric Rehab services for physical and occupational therapy, as well as stays in the Pediatric Department to recover from respiratory issues. Kennedi's parents are thankful for Gabby's Room, a kid-friendly room to make outpatient visits more comfortable for pediatric patients and their families. Gabby's Room gives Kennedi the independence to still be able to do what she'd like to at home in the evening, but be treated during the day and be under the watchful eye of nurses and doctors when respiratory infections occur.



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