

Foundation to help raise funds

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Bollywood Fundraiser for Gabriel Sanchez with Foundation 4 Heroes

This Friday night, starting at 9pm, the Lounge at Bollywood will be packed with superheroes supporting a little hero who has had quite a tough time at a young age.

There will be silent auctions, a superhero costume contest and loads of fun all in an effort to raise money for Gabriel and his family.

Gabriel Sanchez was born on 7/31/14 and has been in the hospital since October 2014, since he was 2 months old.

He was diagnosed with a rare genetic lung disease called CHILD, Children's Interstitial Lung Disease, ABCA 3 deficiency.

His lungs lacked the necessary proteins required to work properly. Below is a link to the website that explains his disease.

<http://www.child-foundation.com/what-is-child/types-of-child/surfactant-deficiency>

Gabriel has proved to be a fighter. Gabriel has been fighting for his life every day. There were days and moments that Gabriel's oxygen level desaturations and spikes in heart rate worried the doctors and his family. There were many moments where Gabriel could have given up and died or had severe damage to his other organs and brain. He fought through every bad day with his parents by his side praying for his recovery and safety.

Essentially he needed a lung transplant and on March 23rd, 2015 the family received "the" call. There was a donor and this time it was a match. Gabriel is now recovering very well from a double lung transplant. Gabriel's body has accepted his new organs quite well and he gets stronger every day. He is able to breathe on his own and is awake and smiling at this family.

Gabriel's recovery has taken months. There are lots of procedures and physical therapy sessions that he needs to complete before he can go home. He will slowly get moved to different floors in the hospital that require different levels of care while his parents are by his side.

The family had hoped once given the all clear Gabriel would be able to come back to Maryland only making monthly visits to CHOP to check on his progress. But the family has been unable to find a nurse necessary to bring Gabriel home.

Gabriel's will to fight and physical strength for a baby is super human. His parent's strength to do whatever it takes to fight with him is heroic. His family's faith in God and trust that God would heal their child never stops.

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