## Do what's right for kids like Grady at St. Louis Children's Hospital!

KIDstruction Week
By the Numbers\*

More than

\$5.2 million

raised since 2011

350

kidney transplants since the program's

inception

More than

2,600

participating tradespeople and employees 2,400

outpatient kidney-related visits

145

participating companies

Companies

\*2023 Numbers

To support lifesaving care for kids like Grady,

visit KIDstructionWeek.com to make your donation or complete the gift commitment form.

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KIDstruction Week is your chance to support the mission of St. Louis Children's Hospital to do what's right for kids. Please consider pledging \$2 or more for every hour that you work during KIDstruction Week.





### Meet Grady



After a healthy, normal pregnancy and birth, Grady's parents were shocked when he began to have seizures at only 10 days old. During his evaluation at a local hospital's emergency department, the medical team determined he also suffered a stroke. Grady was soon diagnosed with congenital nephrotic syndrome, a rare inherited kidney disorder that develops shortly after birth. Grady spent more than six weeks in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and after he was released, required daily infusions to flush excess fluid from his body to keep him stable.

When Grady was 2 years old, his family felt that he needed more specialized treatment and transferred his care to St. Louis Children's Hospital. His new medical team felt that Grady was ready for dialysis so that his little body would grow. Peritoneal dialysis, done from home by caretakers, was the first step. Due to complications, Grady was eventually admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit until he was stabilized. He began hemodialysis, but by November 2022 Grady's kidneys were no longer functioning and needed to be removed. Grady officially joined the kidney transplant list in May 2023 and later that summer, Grady's mom received the call that he had been matched with a kidney donor. Grady and his parents arrived at St. Louis Children's Hospital later that evening and Grady's medical team performed a successful kidney transplant the next afternoon.

Grady is now a thriving 4-year-old who is growing quickly. He finally has enough energy to run and play with his three older brothers. He has monthly visits with his medical team and takes daily anti-rejection medications. From throwing Grady a party before his transplant surgery to his Child Life specialist being with him every step of the way, his parents are grateful for the specialized care he continues to receive and will require the rest of his life.

### Thank you!

All KIDstruction Week donors will receive a special hard hat sticker. Donors who give \$40 or more will receive a KIDstruction Week t-shirt. Donors who give \$500 or more will receive an additional apparel item. All apparel and hard hat stickers will be sent to your office to be distributed in the fall.

#### **Gift Commitment Form**

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Return this form to your KIDstruction Week Foreman to make a gift through payroll deduction. Or, to make a gift by credit card, visit **KIDstructionWeek.com** and click on "Donate Now." You may also call Kathryn Lodes at 314.286.0976 to make a gift.

To make a gift by check, please make payable to St. Louis Children's Hospital Foundation and mail with this completed form to St. Louis Children's Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 955423, St. Louis, MO 63195-5423.

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