

Cix

Hawthorne, California

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When Cix's pediatrician detected a heart murmur, she sent him to a heart specialist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. It was Dr. Joseph Ahdoot, a pediatric cardiologist, who diagnosed Cix with a congenital heart condition so rare that in his 22 years of practicing medicine he had only come across it in medical texts. Cix had ARCAPA, short for anomalous right coronary artery from pulmonary artery, a potentially fatal heart condition that disrupts blood flow and causes oxygen-deprived blood to be delivered to the heart. Cix needed surgery to rewire his arteries and correct his circulation. The surgery was scheduled for the day before his eighth birthday. After an anxious three-hour wait, his mom got the news that his heart surgery was a success. Cix awoke right at midnight when he was officially 8 years old. His care team helped him celebrate in style with new toys and a milkshake. Today Cix is an active 9-year-old who enjoys school and plays basketball every chance he gets.

Through donations like yours, children's hospital programs like dog therapy and child life provided emotional support when Cix needed surgery for a rare heart condition.



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