

BREAKING BARRIERS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

TODAY'S DEDICATION

DAY 22: FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2023



Levi

On September 22, 2011, a little boy named Levi was born into the world, our hearts filled with immense joy. However, our happiness soon turned into worry and concern when Levi was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at just 3 weeks old. The news hit us like a ton of bricks, as we knew that our precious son would have to face an uphill battle from the very beginning.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system, making it difficult for the body to produce the necessary mucus and enzymes needed for normal functioning. We were told that our son's life would be filled with challenges, and he would require frequent hospital visits, medications, and treatments to manage his condition.

From the start, Levi showed incredible resilience and determination. He had to undergo regular physiotherapy sessions to clear his airways, and he diligently took his medications without complaint. Despite the struggles he faced, Levi's bright smile and infectious laughter remained constant, bringing warmth to everyone around him.

Levi's journey hasn't been without its challenges. There were times when his condition worsened, leading to longer hospital stays and uncertainty. Yet, even during those tough periods, he displayed a spirit of bravery that inspired those around him.

A fundraiser was organised by our friends and money was raised to buy much-needed medical equipment to help support ongoing costs, and still to this day we are forever grateful to those friends.

Throughout his short life so far, Levi experienced both ups and downs, but he never gives up. He lives each day with a zest for life, cherishing every moment and teaching everyone around him the value of gratitude and resilience. He loves his sport and continues to lead a "normal" life as best he can.

As time goes on, research into cystic fibrosis continues to advance. Promising treatments have emerged, providing hope for improved quality of life for patients like Levi. Medical breakthroughs and innovative therapies offered renewed optimism to families dealing with this devastating disease. We hope this continues well into the future!!

