

NORA'S STORY

Nora had been a happy, healthy baby until one afternoon when she woke up and had lost movement in her legs.

In a matter of days, the family's world came crashing down.

Doctors discovered a tumour crushing Nora's spinal cord and diagnosed her with the childhood cancer, Neuroblastoma.

At just eight months old, Nora was fighting for her life.

"At the moment of diagnosis, our life as we knew it and the future we had planned flashed before us, and everything became uncertain," Nora's mum, Naomi said.

Nora needed life-saving treatment straight away and suddenly hospital became their second home.

She endured surgery, six months of chemotherapy and never-ending tests, scans and needles.

The family felt torn apart. "Financially, emotionally and mentally, everything changed," Naomi said.

Nora was diagnosed with the rare early childhood cancer called neuroblastoma



The one bright light during Nora's long and gruelling time in hospital was Starlight.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters, Starlight helped the family cope with the pain and sadness of Nora's illness and treatment.

Nora's eyes lit up whenever the Captain Starlights visited the ward with fun and laughter. It broke up the long days when she was confined to her hospital room.

Then amid all the pain and darkness, came an incredible gift of hope and happiness when Nora was granted her Starlight Wish.



Nora loves camping with her family in their camper trailer

Nora was over the moon with excitement -it was the best distraction from the fear and loneliness of her agonising months in hospital.

As Nora loves camping with her family, she chose a camper trailer for her Starlight Wish to enjoy precious time together away from hospital.

"Nora's wish will help us create memories for years to come," Nora's mum said.

Naomi said it's wonderful to see her daughter so happy doing the 'normal' kid stuff she missed out on like ballet, swimming in the ocean and jumping in the pool.

While Nora has finished treatment for now, she still needs to be in hospital for regular check-ups and tests.

Thankfully she has the lasting happiness of her Starlight Wish to reflect on as she faces every next medical hurdle.

“Thank you for everything you have done for Nora and our family. Your support helped us make this unbearable journey a much more positive one filled with happy memories.” –Naomi, Nora's mum

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