

STARZL NETWORK

FOR EXCELLENCE IN PEDIATRIC TRANSPLANTATION

Patient & Family Voice

The Starzl Network for Excellence in Pediatric Transplantation aims to give all children access to the best care, and we strive to continually *make the best better*.

Our goal, as Dr. Starzl hoped, is to measure children's outcomes not in years or even decades, but in lifetimes. Patient & Family Voice brings the knowledge and expertise of patients and families to the Starzl Network's goals of creating and implementing innovative projects and research to improve outcomes and unite the pediatric liver transplant community. Patients and families work in conjunction with leading transplant centers across the United States and Canada, as well as community innovators to provide their ideas, expertise, and feedback.

Share Your Voice:

- Check out our website Starzltransplantnetwork.com for network information and updates
- Share your story! Email us your transplant family story, we want to hear and share it!
- Follow us on Twitter & Instagram
- Consider joining our team: Mention your interest to a transplant physician at your center or email us directly
- Participate in network develop activities
- Provide feedback on current and upcoming projects



Lucas' Story

Shortly after he was born, Lucas Goeller developed Biliary Atresia—a rare disease restricts the bile ducts in the liver, causing organ failure and requiring a transplant.

Lucas was under the care of experts at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. But as months went on, his illness worsened.

Lucas' family started a public campaign to find a liver donor. A family in Nebraska, whose daughter has a terminal brain stem tumor, donated her liver to Lucas.

After 18 months, Lucas' received his life-saving transplant. Thanks to his donor, her family, and his transplant team, Lucas enjoys playing with his brothers and attending kindergarten.

The Starzl Network for Excellence in Pediatric Transplantation is a network of top pediatric transplant doctors, healthcare professionals, and family & patient advocates dedicated to improving outcomes and quality of life for transplant recipients. Through transparency and collaboration, we are paving the way for new and innovative solutions to transplant challenges.



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