Audrey's Story

Audrey was delivered at St. Luke's hospital via C-Section, and we were shocked she was a girl, we kept gender a surprise until birth! We soon realized something wasn't right, she didn't cry when she was born. She slept almost all the time, she didn't respond to touch, she would not eat, and she was hypotonic (low muscle tone). On 12/15/20 we decided to have her transferred by ambulance to Mercy's NICU where we'd undergo all types of tests. We were in the NICU without answers for 18 days and every day Audrey was making improvements like staying awake longer, gaining more control over eye movements and increased muscle tone. We decided to have a G tube placed on 12/24 to aid Audrey's feedings and so we could work towards going home. On 12/29, two hours before discharge we were given Audrey's diagnosis: Prader Willi Syndrome (PWS).

Prader Willi Syndrome is a genetic disorder that affects a critical region of chromosome 15. PWS affects 1 in 15,000 births. With the spectrum syndrome there is risk of abnormal growth and body composition, insatiable hunger, obesity, and intellectual disability. We do not know how and to what extent PWS symptoms will affect Auddie but we do know we want to help find a cure. All proceeds raised will be donated to PWSA | USA, a foundation that helped us in our darkest days and who is on the cutting edge of research, medical trials & life changing treatments.

We cannot thank you enough for your interest in our fundraising event!
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