



Boston  
Children's  
Hospital

**miles for  
miracles**



# Grace Mile 7

Grace first became a patient of Boston Children's Hospital in January of 2016 at only five months old. Grace was home when she stopped breathing and took a Med-flight to Boston where they were able to stabilize her breathing and swiftly diagnose her with RSV. After a week in the NICU, we had only just begun our journey with Boston Children's Hospital.

At Grace's 9 month check-up, her pediatrician noticed she missed a number of milestones and was demonstrating weakness on her left side. This sent us on our way to the Neurology department at Boston Children's and subsequently onto many more specialists over the last year and a half; 15 professionals to date. I am reminded how truly blessed we are as a family to have such an amazing hospital to provide Grace with the healthcare she needs. The support and dedication of the doctors and staff is evident at every visit, in every department we have seen; Neurology, X-ray and MRI Imaging, Speech and Language, Otolaryngology, Gastroenterology just to name a few.

Today, Grace is diagnosed with Global Developmental Delay. As we wait and hope for a more specific diagnosis with the most recent round of genetics testing, Grace continues to smile through her many appointments. Her ongoing weekly therapies include occupational, speech, sensory and feeding in addition to Early Intervention in order to help her get stronger, eat and drink safer, and find her beautiful voice. Grace is a beautiful, strong, resilient and inspiring little girl to all who know her! I am grateful to have an opportunity to fundraise as well as run for the Miles for Miracles Team for a second time in honor of our Gracie! It is through all of the hard work and fundraising efforts that Boston Children's Hospital is able to provide the best care for so many children across the country and I am proud to share in this effort.