

Inspired By Miracles

Meet Izzy

Age 4, Mechanicsburg



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Written by Izzy's mom, Tina

It was my first day going solo with my three-week-old twins, Isaac and Isabella (Izzy) and my other two children. I was nursing and rocking the twins when I heard my two-year-old daughter call for help. She was stuck on the top bunk bed and didn't know how to climb down the ladder.

I thought that I could maintain holding the babies while I reached up to grab my daughter's hand to help her off the bed. But as I began to reach out, Izzy fell out of my arms and landed on the floor. SHOCK! PANIC! FEAR! I quickly put Isaac down on the floor and picked Izzy up to calm her and nurse her again. I then called 911, and Izzy was taken by ambulance to the emergency department at Penn State Children's Hospital.

My heart broke when a CAT scan showed Izzy's skull was fractured. We were then whisked away to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit where we faced another devastating blow. Izzy wasn't breathing well and she needed to be intubated. In addition, she had bleeding on the brain that was causing seizures. My husband and I sobbed. We were destroyed, broken and crushed. Her little body was covered with wires and tubes. It's a sight I will never forget.

Because of the injuries Izzy sustained, the hospital's Child Protection team investigated. We understood why this was necessary, but it was very difficult to endure. Ultimately, tests showed Izzy's injuries were indeed accidental. The days in the hospital were long and tough, but slowly, Izzy's health began to improve.



Today, Izzy is happy, healthy and full of life! We are very grateful for our experience at Penn State Children's Hospital. What impressed me the most was the kind staff who chose to remember that I was a human, a mother, a wife, a daughter, and a friend that had a really bad day on December 6, 2016 and a really great day on December 18, 2016 – the day Izzy came home. Miracles happen!

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