

# MEET ARIA - A LITTLE GIRL AT HOME IN THE WATER!

Aria is a sweet, happy, 6 year old girl with a contagious giggle who loves music and riding her adapted bike. Her favorite place to be is in the sunshine, near water - as swimming is her absolute favorite thing to do!

When Aria was 4 months old, she was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis, a genetic disorder. The biggest concern when Aria was diagnosed was the seizures she was having, as they were so frequent that they were effecting her brain's development. As well, her illness causes the growth of non-cancerous tumors in her organs. Aria currently has these tumors in her brain, eyes, heart, kidneys, and skin.

Thankfully, due to the medication she is on, as well as a special diet, Aria's seizures are now considered controlled. "It has been an uphill battle for sure to get Aria to where she is today" said her mom, Sara. Because Aria's illness is rare and affects those with it differently, it is unknown how it will progress. At the moment, Aria is doing very well medically, but that can change quickly for her based on the growth of her tumors and her seizure control.

Aria was very excited to receive her Welcome Package in the mail. Aria's wish will have something to do with swimming, because it will make her happy give him more opportunities to be able to play with her brother, Hunter.

Thanks to referrals and the generous support of our donors, children like Aria will find joy and excitement despite their battle. Across Canada we have granted over 35,000 wishes to date.

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*"The unknown is so scary, so we try to live in the moment as much as we can. We're working with her medical team and therapists to help her to be the best, strongest Aria that she can be."*

**-Aria's Mom**



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