



Amber's Story

I wish to go to Hawaii

Amber, 16
congenital heart disease

After being diagnosed with congenital heart disease at birth, 16 year old Amber has had to bravely face open heart surgery twice in her young life. In June of 2021, she ended up being hospitalized for 147 days. Against all odds, Amber is recovering well, despite having to re-learn her motor skills after losing them.

All that Amber has ever wanted was to spend Christmas in Hawaii. We were able to make her wish come true! Amber, her mom, dad, and sister all went to Hawaii for Christmas, where they spent lots of quality time together as a family.

As soon as Amber was off the plane, she immediately began enjoying herself! First, she went right to the beach to dip her feet in the Pacific Ocean, and watched the waves roll in. She visited the Polynesian Cultural Centre and enjoyed the Circle Island Tour! The memories Amber and her family made on this trip are ones they will cherish for many years to come.

Amber's mom, Jodi, told us how important the wish was to her whole family, "As a mom, I want to give her the world and I see this trip happening as a sign of relief, letting her hair down and just enjoying life. She so deserves that right now." She continued, "It has been a very long and very hard journey for her trying to regain mobility and just get back to her former "normal" life."

Thank you to the organizers, participants, and donors of the SLED-ARAMA Ride for Kids for helping to grant Amber's wish! Together we can continue to transform lives, one wish at a time.



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