



## Dmitry Strelnikov

**Date of birth 15.10.2007.  
Chernivtsi, Ukraine**

Dmitry was about 7 month old when he had his first operation in Kiev after he was diagnosed with the congenital heart defect (CHD).

Since then he was under medical supervision in a cardiac centre in Moscow – there was a hope that the CHD would be treated in his home town or in the Ukraine.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to cure the CHD condition and doctors advised that a heart operation is required.

Vladimir and Tatiana Strelnikov – the parents of Dmitry – started the search for support for their son to have the life saving operation, as it was not possible to have it done in Russia or Ukraine. The estimated cost of the required complex heart operation ‘aortic root translocation’ was around £33000. Dmitry’s parents could not afford to pay for such an operation.

In 2011 the family contacted Children’s Hearts charity, and the charity agreed to support Dmitry. However, more support was required. The medical condition of Dmitry was gradually deteriorating, so it was vital for the child’s life that support was found as soon as possible. In 2012 Children’s Hearts charity found a German charity that agreed to provide the remaining funds in support of Dmitry Strelnikov’s operation to be carried out in Germany.

**In May 2012 in the German Heart Institute in Berlin (Deutsches Herzzentrum Berlin), Dmitry had a successful heart surgery. The operation went well and Dmitry is at home now. We wish Dmitry all the best and happy life!**

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