

Vasilina Sharonova, from Russia

Date of birth 26.11.2016.



Congenital heart defect (CHD) was diagnosed for Vasilina Sharonova before she was born. Vasilina and her family live in a small village near ancient Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod. After diagnosis her mum was sent to Moscow to give birth in the hop that doctors in the capital will be able to help little girl. Unfortunately, it was not possible to help Vasilina in Russia due to very complex nature of CHD. After birth Vasilina and her parents were fighting for her life trying to find ways to save the child. They consulted doctors in Germany where the first operation to try to resolve CHD in Vasilina was successfully performed, but doctors advised that a second operation will be required very soon providing that the child recovers well.

Unfortunately, the recovery did not happen as parents and doctors had hoped and the situation was getting worse.

Despite all of that and difficult and devastating situation for parent, the parents continued their search for help to help the plight of her daughter.

They found that in the United States of America, at

The Heart Center at Boston Children's Hospital doctors could perform operations that would save Vasilina's life and give her hope for healthy future life. However, operations in the USA cost very large amount of money, which parents did not have.

The family searched for a long time and after much of hard work they found several charities that funded the life-saving operation for Vasilina.

Children's Hearts charity (UK), jointly with the family and a number of other charities supported the child to have a life-saving operation in USA.

The operation was successfully performed in August 2020 and the child's recovery was good. In September 2020 Vasilina went back home to Russia together with her family.

The operation was performed by a team of cardiac surgeons led by Dr P.J. del Nido at the Boston Children's Hospital, USA

Children's Hearts charity (UK) was happy to support the life-saving CHD procedure for the child and contribute with its modest support to the life-saving operation for Vasilina.

The child recovered well and is now back home in Russia. We wish Vasilina all the best and happy life!

Children's Hearts (UK) thanks all its supporters and, in particular, Audosta Limited and IHS Markit, for their support. The Children's Hearts charity remains committed to helping children with congenital heart defects, giving children another chance to live.

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