

Vitalina Morgunova, from Russia

Date of birth 13.05.2019.



Since birth, Vitalina Morgunova has been fighting for her precious life - even during pregnancy, doctors saw a congenital heart defect (CHD) in the little baby. The brave girl was born on 13 May 2019 and already had several heart operations, the first one as soon as the 5th day of her life. But, unfortunately, cardiologists said that CHD was very large and may not be able to close the defect in the future. This was devastating for Vitalina's parents but they did not give up and continued to support their daughter hoping for the best.

The second operation took place when Vitalina was 2.5 months old. But, unfortunately, the surgery was unable to fully close the CHD. Doctors in Europe and back at home in Russia, whom parents consulted about the plight of their daughter could not reassure parents that any future

operations would save the life of little Vitalina. Despite terrible and aggravating news the parents continued to look for help and found that in the United States of America, at the The Heart Center at Boston Children's Hospital doctors could perform operations that would save Vitalina'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 Vitalina.

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 November 2020 and the child's recovery was good. Now Vitalina is back home in 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 Vitalina.

The child recovered well and is now back home in Russia. We wish Vitalina 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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