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# Long live miracles



## Luca Eddy, Wilkes-Barre

Luca Eddy's early life was marked by a terrifying moment when, at just two-and-a-half months old, he stopped breathing and turned chalk white in his crib. His parents, Roan and Avery, performed CPR before Luca was rushed to Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital via Life Flight<sup>®</sup>, where he battled respiratory failure and a 40-minute period without oxygen. That was just the beginning: caregivers had trouble intubating him to place him on a ventilator, which eventually aided his breathing. However, due to multiple failed attempts to remove his breathing tube, Luca spent 72 days in the hospital.

Doctors eventually discovered a birthmark in Luca's airway, complicating his intubation and leading to a tracheostomy. This kept his airway open for many months, until his third birthday when the birthmark was finally removed, allowing Luca to breathe independently and leading to the removal of the tracheostomy. Throughout his ordeal, Luca's resilience shone through, with his constant smiles defying the odds of developmental delays or brain damage despite those early moments of little oxygen to his brain.

Today, two years later, Luca is a thriving and joyful child, a testament to the power of love and modern medical intervention, thanks to equipment, trainings and innovative programs funded through donations to Children's Miracle Network. His journey from a life-threatening birthmark to recovery is a story of hope and perseverance, highlighting the importance of timely and effective healthcare.

