

Giving a boost to kids with stroke...

Twelve hours after my son was born, I watched in horror as a nurse carried his twitching, blue body into the NICU. Luc stayed there for more than a week, though the seizures that almost killed him subsided in a few days.

I couldn't have imagined anything worse than seeing my firstborn limp from a drugged sleep and attached to incessantly-beeping monitors...



Then we learned the reasons for Luc's seizures: he suffered a stroke.

Fast forward a year, and the nightmarish days spent in the hospital have turned into time at home enjoying our son.

This month, Luc celebrated his first birthday.

And thanks to federally-funded early intervention programs, Luc is on the verge of walking and has mastered stairs, finger foods and social play. His therapists are full of praise for his progress, and my husband and I and are so thankful for the research, therapy, and talented physicians that have made his progress possible.

Obviously, we wish that Luc's stroke had never occurred. But we're firm advocates that funding for prevention, research and early detection is essential.

**Thank you for helping young stroke survivors like Luc
grow up to be healthy adults.**

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