

## Celeste Takes Control, La Rabida Lighthouse Library, and More!

### Patient Updates

#### Celeste Takes Control

**February 2026** - Celeste stole hearts during the summer of 2022 as she drove away in her purple GoBabyGo adaptive car and flower-patterned hat, fueled by pure determination. Now, she's back, using a new mode of independence: the Obi self-feeding device.

Celeste, 7, needs constant care and support as she navigates life with 1p36 deletion syndrome, a rare genetic condition, where the top part of the genetic material of the chromosome is missing. The disorder can cause changes in physical appearance and developmental delays, like low muscle tone, mobility, speech, growth, and feeding difficulties.

**"She's motivated by independence," says Occupational Therapist Stephen B. "She's always looking to take more control of her life."**

Celeste first came to La Rabida in 2018, soon after she was born. Due to the rarity of 1p36 deletion syndrome, there is no single roadmap to treat the condition; however, La Rabida's expertise in patient-centered care ensures that all patients have access to the best possible outcomes.



[Read more about Celeste's control over a rare genetic condition](#)

### La Rabida News

#### CAB Powers On Patients' Gaming and Socialization Skills



La Rabida's Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) shifted into campaign mode to raise funds for a gaming cart designed specifically for our patients. It's equipped with an Xbox console, accessories, and a variety of games!

Our first gamer on the new cart, Kayden, powered up his basketball skills from the comfort of his cabin! Child Life Specialist Xavier S. lost this game, but until the next rematch, other patients can play Kayden.

Our new gaming cart gives patients a way to have fun, socialize, and maintain a sense of normalcy.

Interested in joining CAB? [Click here for more information!](#)

### Support Our Mission

#### La Rabida Lighthouse Library



From Charlotte's Web to 100 First Words, our patients are turning the pages of their new favorite books! Allow us to introduce ... La Rabida Lighthouse Library!

An anonymous and long-time supporter helped us begin a new chapter of patient-centered care by bringing the magic of imagination through reading with a mobile library.

Ms. Edna, a La Rabida volunteer who is also our new Lighthouse Librarian, helped our patients pick out books! Some of them decided to venture into reading about other topics beyond their usual choices. Since its first rotation throughout the hospital, the Lighthouse Library has become a beacon of excitement for our patients and their siblings, who are having fun while learning and developing cognitive and language skills.

Thank you to Media Arts Specialist Cheyanne D., who designed the Lighthouse Library! If you'd like to support our literary program, contact Mary Kruse at [mkruse@larabida.org](mailto:mkruse@larabida.org).

### Life at La Rabida

Flip through our [Flickr album](#) to see NextGen Lifesavers learn CPR at La Rabida! Follow us on our social media platforms!



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