LA RABIDA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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A Little Fighter's Big Recovery



October 2026 – Three-year-old Hayami arrived at La Rabida this past June with a brain injury after an accident. She couldn't do anything on her own; she even needed help to lift her head. She couldn't walk or talk, but as her mom, Monique, knows best, her daughter has resilience.

"I was prepared to get medical equipment, go home, and take care of her for the rest of her life," says Monique. "Now, I'm in awe of the progress she's made since we got to La Rabida."

Hayami went from speaking just a few words to completing full sentences, and from limited movement to standing and walking on her own again. "She's inspiring; she's so determined to keep trying something until she gets it," says Claire, Hayami's speech therapist.

One goal was to get Hayami to communicate what she was thinking. It had been weeks since Monique heard her daughter's voice … and then it happened.

"Claire had this box where you pull small toys out," says Monique. "Claire pulled out a car and asked her, 'Do you know what this is? and Hayami said, "car…' That was the first thing I heard her say since the accident."

Since that moment, Hayami's confidence soared. After four months in the hospital, Hayami was discharged and now returns weekly for rehabilitation therapy appointments.

"I'm grateful for the whole La Rabida team who worked with Yami. "Thank you for making Yami feel like she has a home away from home."

Do you have a comment or story to share? Contact Jerrica Valtierra, Communications Specialist, at jvaltierra@larabida.org.

Support Our Mission

One Day Left to Vote for La Rabida as Most Beautiful Hospital!



La Rabida Children's Hospital has been nominated in Soliant Health's Most Beautiful Hospital Contest once again!

Our patients, families, and staff shared why La Rabida deserves the title of Most Beautiful Hospital…inside and out.

Click here to vote for La Rabida as many times as you can until midnight on Friday, October 16.

Spirit of Halloween Coupon



Get Tickets Today for the 40th Friends of La Rabida Gala Special Celebration



For more information, contact our Director of Special Events and Corporate Development, Anne Mullen, at amullen@larabida.org.

La Rabida News

Employee Picnic + Heart of the Year









We hosted an epic LaRaPalooza Employee Appreciation picnic for our 130th anniversary with the teams who work hard every day to make La Rabida so special! During our annual celebration, we enjoyed great food and music, and we hosted a raffle to support our Employee Crisis Fund.



Plus, we announced the Heart of the Year winner.. **Senior Speech-Language Pathologist Olivia H.**, who was recognized for her collaborative spirit and for being a trusted colleague and strong advocate for our families.

We are grateful to all our team members who demonstrate excellence and keep our hospital a safe place to provide our best care to our patients, families, and community.

Life at La Rabida

Visit our **Flickr album** to see the moments from our epic celebration!



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