MY HLHS JOURNEY



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A little about myself

- ★ From Imperial Valley
- ★ 25 years old
- ★ Social worker
- ★ Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome





The beginning of my HLHS Story

- ★ 15 days after born HLHS was detected.
- ★ 3 open heart surgeries
- 15 days born (coarctation of the aorta repair
- 1 year 2 months (Glenn Anastomosis)
- 2 yrs 2 months (Fontan)







Childhood to Teenage years

- Pacemaker implant at age 15
- No major complications
- Normal check ups every 6 months





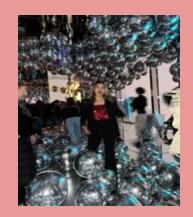


Teenage to Adulthood

- ★ Transition from Radys to UCSD
- **★** Complications
- 2020 (Arrhythmia) rapid heart beats
- 2023 (Pacemaker lead replacement) -arrhythmia and low energy







Living with HLHS

- ★ Support System
- **★** Emotional
- * Resources
- **★** Acceptance





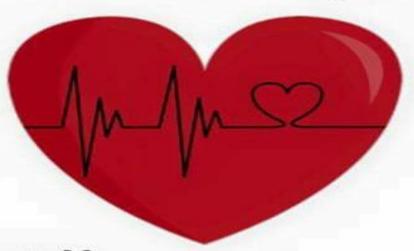








Some of the most heroic, are the ones who, without needing words, teach the world, what it is to love and fight.



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Thank you!

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