



Sandryne Huberdeau
7 years old

Suffering from Di George syndrome,
pulmonary hypertension and asthma

Enfant Soleil from Laval

"Our little treasure from China has made us experience the full range of emotions, but her breathtaking smile rekindles our joy of living!"

Sandryne's story, as we know it, began in a small box on the doorstep of a police station in the Shanghai region. She was two months old and in heart failure. She was quickly transferred to the military hospital in Beijing. She weighed only two pounds and was inoperable because of her small size. A few grams later, surgeons were finally able to proceed with an operation to correct the life-threatening hole between her two heart ventricles. Shortly after her arrival in Quebec with her adoptive parents, Sandryne was seen at CHU Sainte-Justine and several other problems were discovered, including a heart murmur. But what worried the doctors more was the little one's intracardiac pressure, which was higher than normal. In the following months, after a battery of tests and examinations, she was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension and severe asthma. She was always out of breath and required close monitoring when it was cold, when she ran and when she cried. She nearly died twice in 2012 and her parents feared losing her.

She also suffers from partial deafness. But despite this difficulty, she understands very well and knows how to make herself understood.

Five years ago, Sandryne was her region's Enfant Soleil. Since then, she has been diagnosed with Di George syndrome, which explains her heart defects. Surgery treated her deafness, and she goes to school today despite a global developmental delay and acute attention deficit disorder. For Sandryne and her family, Opération Enfant Soleil represents hope and life! Well before Sandryne's arrival, her parents were involved in the cause to help sick children. Today, the cause has a face and smile for them.

Sandryne's parents join us in thanking you for being there for her and all sick children in Quebec.

**Nathalie Desrochers and Michel Huberdeau,
Prescylia, Jason, Alexandre and David**

Little miracles don't happen on their own...

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