



Chloé Prévost, 3 years old

Suffering from various food allergies

“Food allergies are a serious health problem that is invisible and easy to forget, but nearly cost our daughter her life. Thanks to the Clinique d’immunothérapie orale, Chloé will have a more normal future and, most importantly, a safer one. Her life will probably no longer be in danger. For us, the parents, this is a sign of hope towards a less anxious daily life...”



When Chloé is about ten months old, she has a mild allergic reaction to a puree bought in a grocery store. After a visit to the pharmacy, the administration of an antihistamine relieves her effectively. As more and more foods are introduced into her diet, the reactions multiply and culminate when one day she eats eggs, which she already had eaten before. Her mouth swells and signs of hives appear on her little body. She is sent to the Fleurimont Hospital at the CHU de Sherbrooke for allergy skin tests that detect a reaction to peanuts, yellow peas, pistachios, cashews, eggs and shrimps.

It's a shock for Camille and Julien, Chloé's parents, who realize what their little girl is risking. While a parent's ultimate goal is to protect their child from harm, Chloé's allergies pose a serious threat to her. “We had multiple worst-case scenarios, imagining our little girl going into a reaction anywhere. We would have wanted to keep her at home with us to ensure her safety...” A thousand precautions must now be taken and everything she eats must be monitored. At age two, Chloé has a major allergic reaction: her whole body is covered in hives, her ears are raw, and she has trouble breathing. She is taken to the emergency room, where she has to be treated by intravenous injection. For Camille and Julien, it is a new shock. This episode exacerbates the feeling of daily stress which is already quite

present in their lives. Since their daughter's illness is not well understood, they must constantly explain, inform, raise awareness and be vigilant... it is a burden for them and those around them.

Fortunately, Chloé is being cared for at the Clinique d’immunothérapie orale, funded by Opération Enfant Soleil at Fleurimont Hospital. The desensitization process involves ingesting very small doses of each allergen daily. It is a very demanding regimen for the little one and her parents, but Chloé is resilient and understands its importance. “We are extremely fortunate to live in Sherbrooke, just a stone's throw away from this clinic that is so essential for our child. The donations raised help to ensure better care for allergic children. They send a message of solidarity, mutual aid and hope... the feeling of being less alone in these difficult trials. THANK YOU!”

Chloé's family thanks you for being there for her and for all the sick children in Québec!

Camille D'Amours, Julien Prévost and Alexanne

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