



## **Maddox, BC, living with with a coarctation of the aorta and ventricular septal defect (VSD)**

Maddox's VSD was diagnosed at 16 week scan, however his coarctation was only detected when he was only seven days old and started going into complete heart failure.

Having your child diagnosed with CHD was a very tough thing to hear, but it's truly amazing what our doctors can do these days and we can't thank them enough. Our sweet boy would not be here today without the swift actions of the ER doctor the day we brought Maddox in without knowing about this second CHD.

The team at BC Children's have been fantastic and we go for monthly checkups to make sure that Maddox is receiving the best possible care, and continue to monitor the narrowing of his aorta. They have helped teach us how to care for our child and check his vitals which bring us comfort at home.

Educating yourself and advocating for your child's care is the best thing you can do. Being connected to the BC children's heart network has been a great resource, along with connecting with other parents of children with heart conditions.



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