Ella's Story

In 2019, a five-month-old Ella, was just beginning to explore the world around her when a sudden and short tumble caused her leg to break. For Jennifer, Ella's mother and a nurse, her intuition screamed that something sinister might be lurking beneath the surface, for infants almost never break their femurs. Not long after, Ella was diagnosed at a children's hospital with osteopetrosis—a rare genetic disorder affecting the formation of her bones. This marked the start of lengthy hospital visits, numerous tests, and invasive treatments for Ella. Approximately 14 weeks after breaking her leg, Ella underwent a bone marrow transplant, after completing an intensive course of chemotherapy.

With a successful bone marrow transplant, Ella is doing really well. However, her healthcare team continues to keep vigilant watch over her. She is now four years old and loves to show off what she can do. She is full of imagination and will often get carried away in worlds of make-believe that she created with her toys. When she's not playing make-believe, Ella can be found dashing, with giggles in the air, around her favourite places: playgrounds and beaches.

When Ella and her family discovered she was eligible for a wish, their community surprised them with a heartwarming celebration, complete with balloons and lots of cheers. Ella also received the gift of a new best friend, a lovable plush lion named Roary. While her imagination takes her to endless possibilities of what she will one day choose as her wish, Ella can snuggle Roary closely, as a symbol of hope for brighter days ahead.

Still wishing

Ella, 4
rare genetic disorder

believe in the POWER of a wish