

PROVIDENCE ALASKA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Donors help ensure families like Sawyer's receive quality care in a welcoming environment

At just eight-months-old, Sawyer suffered from a violent seizure that shook his body for two and half hours. His breathing and heart stopped during the ambulance ride to Providence, and the seizure was so severe that Sawyer had to be intubated and placed in a medically induced coma. When he awoke, **Sawyer had to relearn how to sit, crawl and stand.**

This hospitalization was just the beginning of Sawyer's medical journey as he has continued to have life-threatening seizures. When he was fifteen-months-old, **Sawyer finally received a diagnosis: Dravet Syndrome**, an incredibly rare and serious form of epilepsy.



During Sawyer's young life, he has had over forty ambulance rides, has spent over seventy-five days in the hospital and has been intubated on five occasions. There is no cure for Dravet Syndrome and treatment is difficult, but **his family is comforted knowing that when they do need treatment Providence Alaska Children's Hospital is there for them.**



Thanks to the generosity of and support of our donors, **Sawyer can get the care he needs in a child-friendly environment that welcomes the whole family.** From his visits to Children's Emergency Care to his overnight stays in the Pediatric Unit, each space puts him and his family at the forefront.

A gift to Providence Alaska Children's Hospital means Sawyer can be cared for by the best medical professionals in Alaska, specially trained to meet Sawyer's medical and emotional needs. From the nurses to the child life specialists, every aspect of Sawyer's wellbeing is cared for during his visits to the hospital.

Our donors make this possible—thank you.