

"THEY MAKE MIRACLES AT NEMOURS"



## JANE'S STORY

In December 2017, Megan gave birth to a daughter at 36 weeks. Little Jane was healthy, but Megan was readmitted with complications a few days after leaving the hospital. When Megan returned home, Jane had developed a cough and stopped eating. She was rushed to the hospital and began turning blue.

Jane needed a type of life support known as ECMO and had to be transferred to a Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Nemours is Delaware's only Level IV NICU and one of the area's only medical centers to provide pediatric ECMO transport. So, during a terrible ice storm, the Nemours ECMO transport team brought Jane to Nemours.

Jane spent two weeks in the Nemours NICU, seven of those days on ECMO. Managing a baby on ECMO is an incredibly complex undertaking that requires high levels of skill and attention. ECMO also has significant risks. The Nemours team did their best to manage expectations and include Jane's family in her care.

Megan cannot say enough about the family-friendly atmosphere at Nemours and how hard the teams work to make families feel part of the care process. She points out that "Nemours treats the whole family," and says services like social work, pastoral care and palliative care were critical to Jane's healing and family support.

According to Megan, "No one expected the great outcome that Jane had — Nemours is truly a miracle machine." Jane graduated from the neonatal follow-up program at 18 months. Today she is an active toddler who loves dancing to The Wiggles and playing with her two older brothers.

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