



Mateo

"NEMOURS FEELS LIKE HOME"



MATEO'S STORY

Mateo was born at just 27 weeks and weighed 1.9 pounds. His family was told that he would most likely need a trach tube, so Mateo came to the Nemours Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for care.

Mateo's dad, Martin, explained, *"Everyone that helped care for Mateo did so much more than just treat him — they showed him love. They read him books and made him smile. And his care was the best we could have ever imagined and came down to one word, communication. They always made sure I was aware and prepared for everything. I was never surprised by anything that was going on with our son and always felt like we were part of the decisions. Even to this day, when we walk through these doors, we feel like we are home."*

Mateo's care team helped empower the whole family until it was time to take him home. Even his big sister, Chloe, became an honorary nurse and helps care for her little brother. It is her dream to someday be a doctor at Nemours.

Mateo recently celebrated his second birthday and is definitely on the move! He loves to run around and is a fan of "Baby Shark."

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