



Hayden - 16 weeks early, 1lb 10 ounces



Hayden Today

Ambassadors of Hope: The Williamson Family

Hayden Dean Williamson was born on October 11, 2002, a full 16 weeks before his due date. When his parents, Kim and Justin Williamson, were told that Kim was in labor only 24 weeks into her pregnancy, they headed to the hospital immediately. A day and a half later, Hayden was born, weighing in at 1 pound, 10 ounces and 12 ¼ inches long. But his battle for life had only just begun.

Hayden was given surfactant – a medicine developed by March of Dimes funded research – for his severely underdeveloped lungs and was placed on a ventilator. He underwent two intestinal surgeries, a heart surgery, and

a surgery on his eyes to prevent blindness. Altogether, Hayden spent 90 days in the NICU before he was able to leave the hospital. Kim and Justin were overjoyed to finally have their baby home, even though they faced the challenging reality of caring for a premature infant.

Today, Hayden is a vibrant, healthy and smart eight-year-old boy who continues to receive speech and occupational therapy. His parents are reminded daily of the miracle and blessing of his life. They remain exceedingly grateful to all of the healthcare professionals and medical advances that have enabled their family to thrive.

Premature births happen in our community. These families need our help. Visit marchforbabies.org. Sign up. Walk. Raise support. Give hope.



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