



When looking at Ivy, you see a beautiful 4-year-old full of life and spunk. One might not know that she was born with a congenital heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. The left side of her heart never developed. There is no cure for this condition, but there is a series of open-heart surgeries that Ivy has undergone to help prolong her life by rerouting her circulation. During the last 4 years Ivy has been in and out of the hospital receiving treatments for her heart. She has had countless trips to the cardiologist, heart catheterizations, MRI's, CT scans, X-Rays, and surgeries (one at 3 days, one at 4 months, and the most recent at 3 years old). Shortly after her last surgery, Ivy's abdomen began to swell and her doctors realized that her heart was failing which in turn was also damaging her liver. Ivy was listed for a heart transplant a few months later where she is currently waiting for a new heart that will be a perfect match.

Over the years the Bassett family has been blessed with so much joy and love that has come from this difficult journey. Although they don't know what the future has in store, they try to make the most of each day and live life enjoying each moment.

Helping Hearts & Hands is sponsoring a Charity Golf Tournament on June 2, to help Melissa and Ivy with Transplant expenses. Please join us for a day of fun a donate generously to help our neighbors in need. Learn more at www.LMHHH.org