



Meet Christopher

Stats: Age 13, Duncannon

Favorite Games: Minecraft

Favorite Superhero: Iron Man



In 2016, Christopher suffered a concussion from a fall. Hours later, his symptoms became severe and he was rushed to Harrisburg Hospital. After his initial care, he was referred to Penn State Health Children's Hospital by his family doctor. During his visit, Christopher was diagnosed Chiari Malformation Type 1, which is a neurological disorder where part of the brain, the cerebellum, falls out of the skull into the spinal area.

Christopher needed brain surgery. During his hospitalization, he received services from Child Life. Child Life specialists help make the hospital a less scary place. Through medical play, special activities and distraction techniques, Child Life helps kids and their siblings cope with their illness or injury. Kelly, his mother, said that Child Life was key to his quick recovery as the team continuously encouraged him to sit up and play.

Today, Christopher is doing well. He loves playing with Legos, Pokémon, and spending time with his big brother. Kelly states that, "Christopher is a sweet, funny, loving boy who is brave and a true warrior. We are a loving family that doesn't take any single day for granted."



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Thank you for gaming for kids like Christopher!

