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Our 2022 Champion: Saige LaCoe, Clarks Summit

At 8 years of age, Saige had burning stomach pains and bleeding when she went to the bathroom. She had testing with Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital's pediatric gastroenterology specialists who determined she had Crohn's disease.

At about the same time, Saige began having horrible headaches that caused her to vomit. An MRI revealed that Saige had Chiari malformation, where brain tissue extends into the spinal cord.

Following surgery to correct the malformation and ongoing infusion therapy every six weeks to relieve the Crohn's, Saige is now doing well and feeling healthy.

Donations to Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital have provided funding for the Child Life Department, which helps provide activities for kids like Saige who routinely visit the gastroenterology clinic for infusion therapy.

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