

Lucia

Lucia is a funny and energetic five-year-old girl who lives with her parents, older brother and younger sister in Wheaton, IL. Although shy at first, once Lucia gets to know you her true outgoing personality shines through! Lucia enjoys being outdoors swinging on the swing or playing with her family's pet cat. Lucia can also spend hours inside looking at books, practicing new tunes on the piano, and letting her imagination run wild pretending to be her favorite Disney character - Tinkerbell. If you wanted to see Lucia smile, you would give her a big package of Oreos – she likes the inside frosting best!

In May of 2007, Lucia's doctors diagnosed her with multiple congenital heart defects. These defects in the structure of the heart and great vessels obstruct blood flow in the heart or vessels near it, and may cause blood to flow through the heart in an abnormal pattern. Lucia must wear a pacemaker and takes daily medication to stay on a healthy track. Her family is happy to report that she is currently doing well, but has a few more upcoming surgeries. Despite her struggles, she remains a vibrant young girl who brings joy to those who know her.

When asked to reveal her most heartfelt wish, Lucia wished to go to Disney World. On the morning of her wish, Lucia and her family were whisked away by limo headed toward the airport where they boarded their flight for Orlando, FL. Once they landed, they checked in to Give Kids the World Village, a resort especially designed for kids with life-threatening medical conditions. The resort is a vacation in itself; Lucia enjoyed splashing around in the Wacky Waterworks Pool, as well as eating unlimited sweets, Oreos and all, at the resort's Ice Cream Palace. Lucia and her family also set out to explore all that the Disney Parks have to offer. Lucia and her siblings all rode the Dumbo the Flying Elephant ride together squealing with delight while soaring through the air. The highlight of the trip for Lucia was when she attended a special character meal where she had the chance to give hugs to, take pictures with, and get autographs from all her favorite Disney characters including the fabulous Tinkerbell. Lucia's parents were filled with such joy watching their daughter smile for an entire week.

