

Memo

To: Cook County Board of Commissioners

From: Hannah Davenport

Date: 10.31.2017

Re: Testimony in support of funding for Cook County Health & Hospitals System

Due to severe preeclampsia, our son Vitaly was delivered before 26 weeks gestation, weighing only 1.3 lbs. We owe the life of our child to CCHHS, specifically to the phenomenal NICU at Stroger Cook County Hospital.

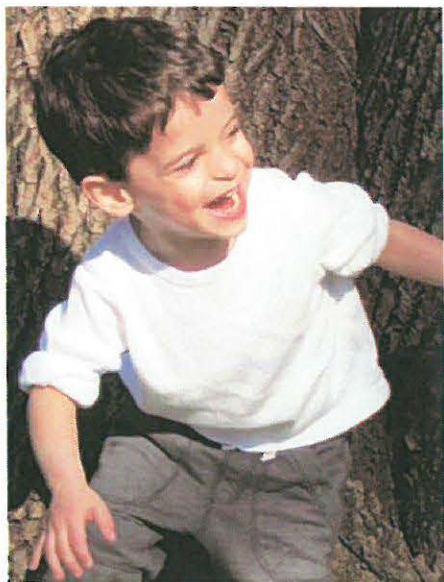
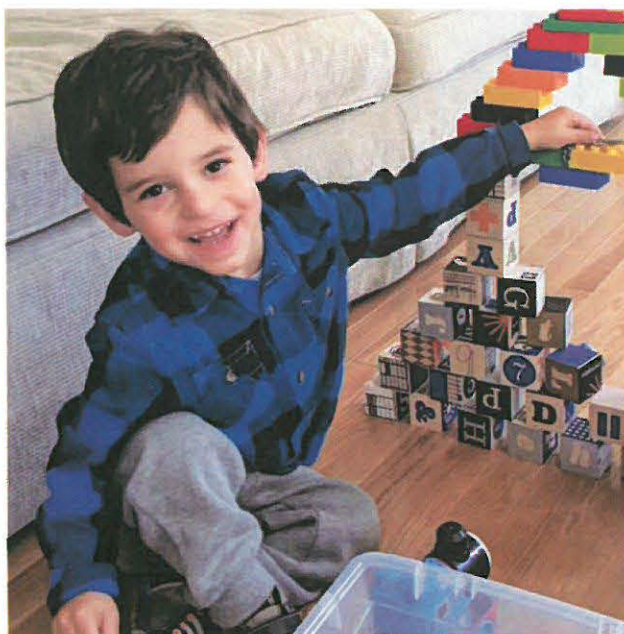
Thinking back on Vitaly's four strenuous months at Stroger Hospital, he could not possibly have survived if his standard of care had been compromised. These tiny ones can't do with any less. Any less equipment or facilities, any less persistence, constant supervision and nurturing, any less expertise and knowledgeability, any less intuition and compassion, any less talent and innovation.

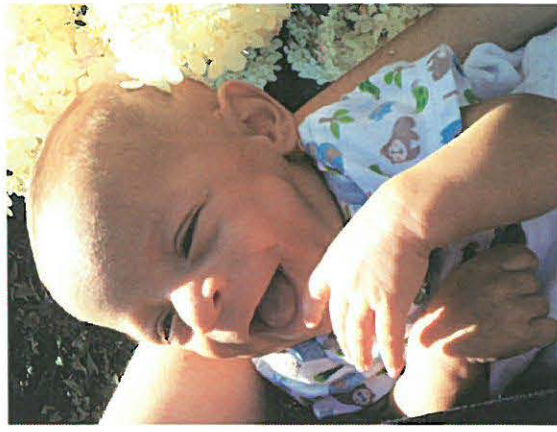
There's not another NICU where Vitaly would have been better served, or better loved. He was in the right place, and we were spared devastating heartbreak. We will forever be grateful to CCHHS, and to a NICU that works miracles. All families deserve the kind of miracle that CCHHS can deliver.

(We owe so many thanks, including to Tish Kling, Dr. Rastogi, Dr. Malviya, Paweena, Dr. Kamat, Dr. Kumar, Analyn, Genevieve, Luz Tortola, Dr. Mydam, Ginger, Marie, Omar, Dr. Dray, Angelica, Ophelia, Dr. Joseph, and Dr. Shannon. May they always be able to give every child the best of care!)



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the many faces of VITALY BOGDAN TER-ARUTYUNOV