



fondation en cœur

Emmy's Story

Emmy Lapierre is an entrepreneur, mother of a little angel who left too soon (Jade) and mother of Juliette. She's been through a whirlwind of emotions. Jade's little heart had histiocitoid cardiomyopathy, a rare condition that affects babies 0-3 years old and which can unfortunately only be diagnosed once the unimaginable happens.

“It happened on November 9, 2016, and the En Cœur Foundation was able to support us in the worst critical moments. Throughout the confusion, the impossible decisions, the inhuman stress that inhabited us, not knowing if her little heart would manage to regain strength or if we would have to say goodbye to her... A wonderful volunteer, Guylaine, the sweetest, most loving and most human of women we have been lucky enough to meet in our lives, came to help us, to listen to us, to give us her support, and also to bring us meal coupons from the En Cœur Foundation, even if we were definitely unable to eat. Thank you, Guylaine, for this invaluable moral support, for being the woman you are, and for always being there for us, even after all these years! Unfortunately, despite the interventions, on November 11, 2016, we had to make the heavy decision to disconnect Jade from all the machines that were keeping her artificially alive.”

Her daughter Juliette unfortunately also suffers from this disease. The En Cœur Foundation provides her with a portable artificial defibrillator. Juliette is 7 months old and also experienced an arrhythmic storm, so she was admitted to the intensive care unit for ventricular tachycardia, VPB, APB, junctional rhythm, bradycardia, atrioventricular blocks, etc.! Emmy is grateful that she was still able to be supported by the En Cœur Foundation: meal coupons, volunteers who came to see Juliette, little treats and moral support. Juliette had to be transferred to Sainte-Justine, to be put on the priority list for a heart transplant.

“The Foundation offered to pay the costs of the McDonald House, as accommodation away from home, in addition to meal coupons! Luckily, they managed to get this disease under control. Her heart remains imperfect, but we're lucky to be at home, with a medical team following her closely.”

