



Chapter Twelve
Eleven Months Old, First Time Home

♥ **September 18, 2005 at 11:10 AM CDT**

Good Morning everyone,

I just wanted to let everyone know that Blake's heart cath is scheduled for Tues in the am, 2nd case for the day. Please continue to pray with us that the cath will give us positive information and Blake will be able to extubate quickly.

Blake is having a great weekend with daddy. We hope to be able to take him for a stroller ride later today. I wanted to also ask for prayers for Chad, because he will be driving back and forth this week in order to be here for the heart cath. Thank you.

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend!!

Love,

Kimberly :)

P.S. On a side note I wanted to let everyone know we do NOT have our email at home. If you need to send us an email please send it to Chad's work CRJOHNSON@pspaec.com
(sorry Darren)

♥ September 20, 2005 at 04:52 PM CDT

Post Heart Cath. Update,

I hope this makes it to everyone before 5 p.m. Blake is back in his room and resting comfortably...without a breathing tube! We are relieved to say that the doctors were able to extubate Blake once the procedure was completed, and before bringing him back to his room.

Results of the heart cath. will be discussed with the heart surgeons Monday. The cath. showed multiple VSD's as we expected in the lower portion of the heart between the right and left ventricles. This can be a difficult area to repair. We'll wait to hear from the team as to what our options are and timing of the surgery. We are pleased Blake is back in his room and resting. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers...and we will send more information when we can.

For now...let's all keep an eye on 'Rita'. Of course, everyone is welcome in Austin this weekend. Take care of yourselves and your families.

Blake's doing fine!

Love,

Kimberly :)

♥ September 21, 2005 at 04:48 PM CDT

Aunt Becky here--

I hope you all are making arrangements to get to higher ground with the impending threat of Rita upon us. I've been agonizing over the benefit and golf tournament this weekend. Some of you have called or emailed to cancel and that's completely understandable. At this time, a decision has not been made to cancel the Blake's Buddies benefit. Most of the family is on the road as we speak making their way to Central Texas. At the present time, we are still planning to go to Austin on Friday morning if the weather allows. As far as the golf tournament goes, I'm waiting to hear from the Tournament Director about how to proceed and what Plan B should be. I think Saturday evening might be salvageable and the dinner event will occur as planned. Of course, as evidenced by the past few days, that can change at any time. The next 24 hours will hold the tell-tale signs for me to make the final call. In the event that we cancel the event, I'll notify you through the Carepage and any other method that is available. Please keep all those who are traveling in your prayers. Also send up some special prayers for Kimberly and Blake as they remain in Houston to ride out "Rita".

With a heavy heart-

Aunt Becky

♥ September 21, 2005 at 10:06 PM CDT

Aunt Becky again--

I hope you all get this and are safe from the storm. After speaking to many of the "party planners" and Kim & Chad, we've come to the decision to postpone the Blake's Buddies Benefit for a little while. It seems Mother Nature has other plans for this weekend and we shouldn't get in her way.

Don't worry, we'll reschedule everything and hopefully there won't be another "Rita". Thank you all for your support of the benefit and please keep a watch out for the new date.

BE SAFE and Pass the word about the event-

Becky

♥ September 22, 2005 at 12:49 PM CDT

This is just a note from Grandma Johnson,

I wanted to let you all know that Chad and Kim are with Blake at Texas Children's Hospital during the hurricane upon us. Please pray for their security and health, as well as, all the patients in the hospitals in the area. This is a very scary time for those that have health issues. Thank you for all your prayers and may you be safe in the coming days.

Grandma Johnson

♥ September 27, 2005 at 11:49 AM CDT

Is everyone sitting down?

This past week has been something else...hasn't it!?!

We hope everyone received word about the postponing of the benefit, obviously due to the 'Rita'-factor. Sounds like everyone has their own tremendous stories to share regarding the evacuation and/or preparation for the hurricane.

Blake slept through the whole thing...after a full day of playing, Blake slept the entire night even with the additional sounds of joining his bay mates as he was moved out of his room in to the bay to get him away from the windows, just in case.

We want to thank all the nurses and doctors for enduring the special circumstances that come with a storm like this. Many of them stayed at the hospital for 4-5 days... Daddy actually enjoyed being able to stay with Kim and Blake for almost a full week. Thank you Rita for that at least!

OK...now for the real news of the week. The cardiologists have the information from the heart cath., and can plan for Blake's heart surgery which will be in 3-4 weeks. The exact date is not scheduled. We will pass on more information regarding the surgery in the next couple of weeks, Daddy doesn't have time to go express the details because he has to prepare for **BLAKE COMING HOME!**

I told you all to sit down...yes Blake and Kimberly will be coming home for a few weeks!!! (My hands are shaking just typing the words...) Blake will get to leave the hospital for the first time, and spend his first birthday at home!!! This is such a blessing for all of us...please spread the word to

everyone and continue prayers for a successful week in meeting all the discharge requirements for Blake. We will be busy making preparations.

Blake's Coming Home!!!

Thank you all for continuing to send positive thoughts and prayers our way. With all the stories from the past week...I hope I topped them all with this news. Positive news thanks to so many. Blake will hopefully pull into Austin a week from today, next Tuesday!

More information to follow...all together now,

"YEEEEAAAAAAAAAAAAA!".

We hope you all have a wonderful week, and join in our enthusiasm for Blake. Sunny day!

Daddy Chad