

# Lyla Lynn



In December 2014, WCTC team member Jonathan Rhodes and his wife, Becca, learned the baby they were expecting had a heart condition. Lyla Lynn would need to be delivered at Shand's and open heart surgery would be required immediately after birth.

An unexpected diagnosis raises a number of concerns, the first being the health and well being of the baby, but also the expense and time off work required to care for baby and mom. We wanted to do all we could as a team to alleviate concerns for Jonathan and Becca so they could focus on baby Lyla's arrival and her care.

Our team set about raising money. We placed donation buckets and flyers at each work station and planned lunch fundraisers for the family. By the time Lyla arrived, over \$5,000 was raised and finances were less of a concern for the family. Additionally, team members donated 158 sick leave hours. Our team caringly thought through the needs of the family and worked to make sure they knew how loved, prayed for, and thought about they were during their time in Gainesville. We created a goodie basket with snacks and activities for Lyla's brother and sister, Lakota and Mary Ruth, to enjoy at the hospital. We purchased shirts from the Little Mended Hearts, an support organization for families dealing with heart defects, and our team wore the shirts on Lyla's delivery day and on her surgery day. We kept the community updated on Lyla's condition via our Facebook page, which allowed Jonathan and Becca to see all the love and support they were receiving back home.

