

## A new heart for an amazing boy

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Dear Kerri,

When people ask my son Rylan why he's in a wheelchair, he likes to say he broke his pinky. And when anyone asks why he wears a mask, he says he's a ninja in training.

The hardest question came from my daughter Jenna: "How long can Rylan live until he gets his new heart?"

"I don't know," I responded, "but that heart will come. It will come."

### **My 10-year-old boy needs a heart transplant.**

The American Heart Association has funded more cardiovascular research than any organization outside the federal government. It's funded research by 13 Nobel Prize winners and been part of many groundbreaking discoveries that could help Rylan, including advancements in heart transplantation.

Give hope for healing sick hearts. Please make a generous gift to the American Heart Association today — to help people like Rylan live free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Rylan has a rare condition called restrictive cardiomyopathy that prevents the chambers of his heart from filling with blood.

When the cardiologist explained it to us, we were blown away. The only solution is finding him a new heart. That's not easy. The heart donor must have the same blood type and weigh within 10 pounds of Rylan.

Research funded today creates the discoveries that increase options for children like my son. Please make a difference — donate now.

As we adjust to our "new normal," Rylan makes a list of all the things he wants to do when he gets his new heart — ride a bike, play baseball, kick a ball.

He goes to school via robot! Strangers write to tell Rylan they're praying for him.

Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring, but I count my blessings that people are funding the work of the American Heart Association. Every day brings the possibilities of new solutions.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your [compassion and generosity](#).

Warmest wishes,

Kristina and Andrew Karrer  
Parents of Rylan, Jenna, Dakotah and Andreya  
American Heart Association Volunteers

P.S. I know it's hard to imagine one gift making a difference, but it does! Please don't hesitate — [give a lifesaving gift to the American Heart Association today](#).

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