



Welcome to Play for a Heart

Your team name is
TEAM ELSIE

Your team is named after a
little girl named **Elsie**.
Here is her story:

Elsie was born in December 2000. We brought home a healthy, although small, baby girl. It wasn't until after a regular check-up that our pediatrician made us an appointment at Children's Hospital. She was concerned about a few things and sent us in for a routine heart murmur evaluation, or so we thought.

Elsie had open heart surgery the night of her appointment, which saved her life. Had we known we had such a sick little girl for those first three weeks of her life, we would never have brought her home.

Fortunately, our story has a happy ending. Elsie needed a simple operation to correct a "coarctation of the aorta," where the aorta is too narrow for blood to flow through to the body. Her surgery was originally scheduled for the next morning after she was admitted. After reviewing her case, her surgeon decided it best not to wait and made sure we knew everything he would be doing, that very night.

Because of all the skill, knowledge and love at Children's Hospital, Elsie is a healthy 8 year old who loves to play soccer, swim, ski and ride her bike. We have been so blessed by this Hospital that we want to share it by letting others know there is a wonderful place to go when you have a sick child. It doesn't make being sick as bad.