



Welcome to Play for a Heart

Your team name is
TEAM KATARINA

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

On a school trip to France in 2007, Katarina collapsed – she was suffering complete heart failure. She was rushed to a Marseilles hospital where French surgeons placed her on life support for two weeks before implanting the Berlin Heart – a German pediatric device known as a “bridge to transplant”. They then contacted Dr. Francois Lacour Gayet at The Children’s Hospital to arrange transport to the U.S., and with the help of teams in Marseilles and Colorado, Katarina became the first Berlin Heart patient to make a transatlantic journey. The trip was a success: she received a heart transplant at Children’s eight weeks after French doctors implanted the lifesaving device. A true miracle, she has since recovered fully and is back to being a normal teenager.