



**Chris,  
18 months**

# Strangers saved my son's life.

When Lisa Ashton's son, Chris, was less than a year old, doctors discovered he had a hole in the lower chamber of his heart. "He needs a blood transfusion" the surgeon at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE told her. "He's not going to survive if he doesn't have it."

Before the transfusion, "Chris was pale white; he was not responsive — his eyes would roll back in his head," Lisa said. "But just an hour after the transfusion, he was pink, his eyes were focused. He was a completely different child."

That was in 1991. Today, Chris is a student at Salesianum School in Wilmington, and has a third degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

"He survived because strangers donated their blood. We'll never know their names, but Chris is here today because of them."

*Lisa and her husband are members of the Blood Bank of Delmarva through Lisa's employer, Wilmington Trust Company. The Ashton family was covered financially for blood replacement fees when their son needed a blood transfusion.*



**Chris, age 15**

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