



Baby Zeke's Journey

Zeke's story is a true example of the importance of protection and support. Without protecting Zeke and supporting his mom his story may not even exist. Zeke is a very special baby boy. He was born at 28 weeks of age and was only 2 pounds and 11 ounces.

Before Zeke's birth his mom had to be in the hospital because she was very sick from carrying him in her stomach. The doctors gave Zeke's mom medicine to protect him and help with his development. Zeke's mom needed the medicines to help keep her safe and to protect Zeke. The doctors were afraid that they might have to take the baby early because the mom was getting worse. The doctors found a way to support his mom and protect baby Zeke.

The doctors decided it was time to have Zeke's mom deliver him. Zeke was safely delivered on July 6th of 2025. Once Zeke was delivered, he was brought directly to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). There, he was placed in an incubator for newborn babies who need more support. He received a breathing tube, IV's, and two chest tubes to help support his lungs. By doing this they protected Zeke.

During his time in the NICU his mom and dad came to visit him every day. His mom continued to be supported by the hospital staff, and she was encouraged to help protect Zeke. While, Zeke was in the NICU the doctors gave him lots of treatments and medications. After 2 months of treatments and medicine, his breathing tube was removed, and Zeke was transported from the darker side of the NICU (which is where more fragile babies start) to the light side of the NICU for Zeke to finish his growth and development.

After a few weeks on the Light side of the NICU, the doctors said Zeke could go home! The nurses took out his IV and all of his other tubes. Zeke's mom and dad were very, very excited that their baby could come home! When Zeke finally went home, he was around 6 pounds and he was 3 months old. Zeke's mom and dad picked out his name Ezekiel (Zeke) because it means God will strengthen and God did strengthen baby Zeke. It is very important to protect the mom and support the baby because all people matter and are very important just like my cousin Zeke and his family.