Lexi was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes 2 weeks before her 12th birthday. She wasn’t feeling great, was really thirsty, had to use the bathroom constantly, and lost 20 pounds in one month.

When Lexi was diagnosed, she was hospitalized at Beaumont Children’s for three days. Her care team made sure she was comfortable with her diagnosis and taught her and her family everything they needed to know about Type 1 Diabetes. They learned how to check sugar, fill syringes, dose for corrections, count carbohydrates, dose for carbs eaten, and about the different types of insulin.

Beaumont Children’s helped Lexi to be comfortable with this change that will impact the rest of her life and relayed information so she could understand it as a 12-year-old. Knowing this was scary, Mya the therapy dog came to visit and cuddle with Lexi in bed. Child Life Specialists did crafts and activities with her to take her mind off everything going on. They blew bubbles when taking blood and changing IV’s. They even brought video games for Lexi and her brother and sister to play. All of this was funded by Children’s Miracle Network and their generous corporate partners.

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