



## ■ Beating the odds: Twins Ajla and Audie don't let anything slow them down

Audra is no stranger to hospital life. As the mom of medically complex twins, their family has been connected with Children's Mercy since the girls were born in the [Fetal Health Center](#) in 2014. "The proactive care from all areas of Children's Mercy helped make my girls the amazing people they are today," Audra shared.

Twins Ajla and Audie were diagnosed in utero with schizencephaly, a condition that impacts brain development. Before the girls were born, doctors prepared Audra for the possibility that one or both of the girls may not walk, talk, eat independently or even survive. But Ajla and Audie had other ideas.

"The challenges they've overcome because of Children's Mercy are amazing," Audra said. Both girls have cerebral palsy, and Audie has some additional support needs, but they don't let their differences slow them down.

Audie is at Children's Mercy at least once a month and sees a variety of specialties, including [Neurology](#) and the [Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas](#). Their frequent visits inspired Audra to join the [Patient and Family Advisory Committee](#) for that location. "I'm so impressed with how far CMHK has come in the past 10 years," Audra said. "From the moment you walk in the door through your whole visit, it's such a calm and personalized experience. They really listen to parent feedback and incorporate that, which really makes a difference."

*Ajla and Audie at 15 months old*

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