Dante Wilson was a healthy and active 4-year-old boy. His life changed dramatically when he began experiencing liver failure and was soon fighting for his life. It was a liver transplant at Nebraska Medicine that allowed him to start kindergarten on time and enjoy his favorite summer sport, baseball.
Statistics and Outcomes

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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- The team’s expertise and state-of-the-art services provides care for even the most complex liver cases
- Innovative living donation programs offer unique transplant options
- Nebraska Medicine is one of the largest health networks in the state that provides specialists in every area of care in support of transplant patients
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Treatment Options

LIVING DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION
- Adult-to-adult
- Adult-to-children

DECEASED DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION
- Split Liver
- Auxiliary Liver
- Expanded Criteria Donor
- Donation After Circulatory Death (DCD)

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