

## THE GIFT OF GROWING UP

Room to Breathe

## YOU MAKE EVERY BREATH A GIFT

Dear Sunshine Family,

Every child deserves the simple joy of an easy breath—but for many at Sunshine Communities, each breath is a battle. With the right equipment and compassionate care, we can ease their struggle, keep them out of the hospital, and give them the chance to grow stronger, heal faster, and **simply be kids again.** 

The life-saving equipment that helps children and adults with complex medical needs breathe on their own, clear their airways, get oxygen safely, and sleep better—allows them to stay out of the hospital and live more independent, healthy lives.

This season, we invite you to make a year-end gift that empowers children and adults to thrive. Your generosity fuels the purchase of essential respiratory equipment that expands quality of life for the individuals we support.

**Shannon Bova**Chief Philanthropy Officer



Jai'la loves to command attention—bright, funny, and quick-witted. She's just nine—but she's already fought harder than most ever will. Born with congenital defects affecting her lungs and abdomen, she faced respiratory failure that requires a tracheostomy and ventilator to survive.

She arrived at Sunshine from the NICU at just 16 months old, tiny and medically fragile, facing countless setbacks. With years of intensive physical and respiratory therapy, dedicated nursing care, and a steadfast team of physicians, Jai'la has made remarkable strides.

Now, she needs the ventilator only at night for sleep apnea, moves confidently with her beloved walker, learns alongside her classmates, and keeps surpassing every expectation.

## FEARLESS FIGHTER

"Ela" is one of Sunshine's newest residents, coming to us from a local family who knew she would thrive with the specialized 24-hour care our team provides. At just seven years old, Ela faces complex neurological and respiratory challenges that once left her fully dependent on a ventilator. Today, thanks to daily therapy and compassionate, she's making remarkable progress—spending up to eight hours a day breathing on her own. Her determination continues to inspire everyone around her, a powerful reminder of how children can grow stronger and live more freely with the right care.





## **BE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO BREATHE**

