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You helped bring more
Monkey **
Business
to Evie's time in hospital

One minute eight-year-old Evie was happily playing and patting dogs.

The next, she's lying in hospital after a devastating diagnosis shattered her world.

Evie had Medulloblastoma - a form of brain cancer.

She needed urgent surgery to relieve the pressure on her brain, then further surgery to remove the tumour.

Just when they thought the hardest part was over, Evie faced another hurdle. After her surgery, she was diagnosed with Posterior Fossa Syndrome, which meant she lost her ability to talk and move.

Evie spent nearly a year in hospital having endless rounds of radiotherapy and chemotherapy as well as intensive daily rehab – which left her in pain and exhausted.

Her mum Angela said it was heartbreaking to see her normally chatty girl unable to talk and needing a wheelchair.

Amid so much pain and sadness, your support created vital moments of happiness.

Captain Starlight helped bring back Evie's smile even on her hardest days. Evie loved setting fun challenges for the Captains like pretending to be monkeys and would check up on them throughout the day!

Thanks to your kindness, Evie got to have a break from treatment in the Starlight Express Room where she loved playing puppets and having her nails painted with glitter.

"Hospital would have been very difficult without the fun of the Starlight Express Room. Starlight brightens sick kids' days and helps them just be kids again."

Your support created more smiles when Evie's Starlight Wish brought her an adorable Spoodle puppy called Rex.

The family is so thankful to Starlight supporters and said, "Even when they're really unwell, it's so important for kids to be able to laugh and smile and that's exactly what Starlight does."