

# NEWBORN SCREENING

*The Importance of Newborn Screening*

*Did you know?*

Newborn screening is one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century in the United States.

Each year,

**12,500**

babies with serious but treatable conditions grow up **healthy**, thanks to newborn screening.



*Ella was born with classic galactosemia, a rare genetic metabolic condition, that does not allow her body to fully break down the simple sugar, galactose.*

“ Ella spent some time in the NICU and is now a healthy, happy baby. She doesn't have any long-term damage and her development is right on track! We are so thankful for newborn screening; for the New York state public health lab calling the hospital and her doctor with her results; for her pediatrician deciding not to release Ella from the hospital; and for all the amazing nurses and hospital staff that took care of our sweet girl. **Newborn screening was crucial in saving our Ella from a longer road to recovery or worse.** ”

*- Loving parents of Ella*



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