

# Savior Siblings: One Family's Battle to Heal Their Daughter

In 2009, the world was introduced to the Mercado family. Their daughter, Millie, was diagnosed with a rare and fatal disease called Krabbe leukodystrophy. The only hope for Millie was a bone marrow transplant from a sibling who was a perfect genetic match. Her older brother, Joseph, was a perfect match, but he was only 10 years old.



## The Match: Savior Siblings and One Family's Battle to Heal Their Daughter by Beth Whitehouse

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In the end, the Mercados chose to give Millie a chance. Joseph underwent the bone marrow transplant, and it was a success. Millie's life was saved.

The Mercados' story is a testament to the power of love and family. It is a story of hope and healing. It is a story that will inspire you to never give up,

no matter how difficult the challenges you face.

## **The Diagnosis**

Millie Mercado was born on July 3, 2009. She was a healthy and happy baby. But at 6 months old, she started to show signs of developmental delays. Her parents, Marlyn and Joseph, took her to the doctor, but they couldn't figure out what was wrong.

Millie's condition worsened over the next few months. She started to lose her motor skills and her vision. She also had seizures.

In December 2009, Millie was diagnosed with Krabbe leukodystrophy. Krabbe is a rare and fatal disease that affects the nervous system. It is caused by a deficiency of an enzyme called galactosylceramidase.

Krabbe is typically diagnosed in infants. The average life expectancy for children with Krabbe is 2 years.

## **The Decision**

When the Mercados were told that Millie had Krabbe, they were devastated. They couldn't believe that their daughter was going to die.

The doctors told the Mercados that the only hope for Millie was a bone marrow transplant from a sibling who was a perfect genetic match. Her older brother, Joseph, was a perfect match. But Joseph was only 10 years old.

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In the end, the Mercados chose to give Millie a chance. They knew that the transplant was a risky procedure, but they were willing to do anything to save their daughter.

## **The Transplant**

Joseph underwent the bone marrow transplant on January 26, 2010. The transplant was a success. Millie's body accepted the new bone marrow, and her immune system began to produce the enzyme that she was missing.

Millie's recovery from the transplant was long and difficult. She had to spend several months in the hospital. But slowly, she started to regain her motor skills and her vision. She also stopped having seizures.

Today, Millie is a happy and healthy 10-year-old girl. She loves to play with her brother and her friends. She also enjoys going to school and learning new things.

## **The Miracle**

The Mercados' story is a miracle. Millie is alive and well today because of the love and sacrifice of her family. Her story is a testament to the power of hope and healing.

If you are facing a difficult challenge, I encourage you to read the Mercados' story. It will inspire you to never give up, no matter how difficult the challenges you face.

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