

# Faces of Mito

## DECKLAN'S STORY

*The bravest 7 year old you will ever meet, with a smile and laugh that can light up any room. #mightydecklan*

When Decklan was six months old when his parents started to notice that his development "just wasn't right." He had trouble gaining weight and developing motor skills. Decklan was always in and out of the hospital seeing one specialist after another. Over time, Decklan's condition started to worsen and he began trembling quite a bit. Eager to find an answer, his parents had him undergo genetic testing. This led to Decklan being diagnosed with [Leigh Syndrome](#) at the age of five. At this point, Decklan was already beating the odds and proving to everyone that he was here to stay! Since his diagnosis, Decklan has had a gastrostomy tube put in and is starting to gain a good amount of weight. With the help of family, friends, doctors, and the mitocommunity, Decklan is in better health than ever! His still has many challenges, but this unrelenting 7-year-old keeps proving just how strong he is.

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