

Faces of Mito

EVAN'S STORY

A smile that lights up a room.

Evan was a happy, healthy child before going in for a routine appendectomy at age 3. He didn't recover as expected and was left quadriplegic, having been subsequently diagnosed with mitochondrial disease. He's fed by a tube, has trouble lifting his head, suffers chronic bouts of pain, and has no reliable way to communicate with the outside world. But despite all this, Evan's smile is a common theme with all that meet him sharing, "When you smile, I smile." Evan's diagnosis led to the founding of MitoCanada in 2010, and inspired this awareness video, when [you smile, I smile.](#)

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