

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**O17 "He's the Bravest Kid I've Ever Seen" – Boo's Transplant**

Intro: Children are not supposed to get sick. They're supposed to live and grow and not worry about adult issues such as serious illness. The little boy you're about to meet got hit hard with the flu. It damaged his lungs to the point where he needed to be on life support. The ordeal severely damaged his kidneys, but doctors feared he was too sick for a life saving transplant. Then he went to Mayo Clinic where a transplant team fought to give him the gift of life.

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<b>TRT 2:50</b> <b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	By age 10, little Boo Maddox has endured more medical treatments than most people will see in a lifetime. 75 surgeries.
<b>Robert Maddox</b>	"At the beginning it was terrifying."
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	Boo came down with H1N1, the swine flu, when he was 6.
<b>Robert Maddox</b> <b>Boo's father</b>	"The virus attacked his lungs. His lungs put him on the life support machine."
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	Boo then suffered multiple organ failure. His heart, lungs, kidneys and other organs shut down. He was in a local hospital for 501 days.
<b>Renee Maddox</b> <b>Boo's mother</b>	"We just had to take it day by day. Minute by minute when he was so sick."
<b>Robert Maddox</b> <b>Boo's father</b>	"There were doctors and people who were telling us we needed to unplug him because it was going to be terrible. But we just knew we couldn't."
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	When Boo finally left the hospital the situation was grim. Life support and so many surgeries meant major complications. He needed a kidney transplant that doctors said was just too risky. Boo was suffering.
<b>Robert Maddox</b> <b>Boo's father</b>	"He just said, he asked me to do him a favor. I said, what? And he just said will you let me go to heaven?"
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	Boo's parents, Robert and Renee, prayed that someone would figure out how to help their little boy. Their search

	for answers led them to Mayo Clinic.
<b>Robert Maddox Boo's father</b>	"Me and Boo was sitting in the room and the door opened and a strange man walked in we'd never seen before and he said 'my name is Mikel Prieto.'"
<b>Mikel Prieto, M.D. Mayo Clinic transplant surgeon</b>	"He is the bravest kid I have ever seen in my life. He looked pretty desperate multiple times. It didn't look like he was going to make it multiple times, but he came through it."
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	Transplant surgeon Dr. Mikel Prieto led the team of experts that cared for Boo. The group included heart, lung, pancreas, kidney, GI specialists and others.
<b>Mikel Prieto, M.D. Mayo Clinic transplant surgeon</b>	"Putting a kidney transplant on somebody who has constant severe abdominal pain and who has an occluded vena cava where the blood flow from the legs cannot get back to the heart, it's almost a failed enterprise."
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	They did not give up. They felt a moral responsibility to help little Boo.
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	After many months in the hospital and many procedures that included repairing the vena cava and taking down a fistula in his arm for dialysis that was causing pulmonary hypertension, Dr. Prieto told Boo's family that their little boy was ready for a kidney transplant.
<b>Robert Maddox Boo's father</b>	"I said, 'do you want me to hug you now or later?'"
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	Renee was the donor. She gave her son one of her own kidneys. And now, a year later, Boo is back.
<b>Voice of Vivien Williams</b>	Boo's dad, Robert, says it was his family's belief in God that gave them the strength to make it through this difficult journey.
<b>Robert Maddox</b>	"We just kept hoping and believing and God kept answering prayers."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Vivien Williams.

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Boo has come a long way on his journey back to health. He says what he's really happy about it to just be a normal kid again.

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