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With the Help of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Life is a Song



Timmy recently starred in his high school's production of "Grease" as the Teen Angel.

When Timmy Kelly sings, his unquenchable enthusiasm for life comes through loud and clear.

Perhaps the young man can sing with such a love for life because he has already endured, and overcome, so much.

Timmy, now 15, has waged a tenacious fight for survival from the start. Born prematurely at 26 weeks, he spent four months in intensive care before going home for the first time. He endured emergency heart surgery, eight operations that could not save his sight, and then, he did not begin to walk.

At that point, Timmy's family turned to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia. Timmy was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and a treatment plan of surgeries and therapies began.

Today, Timmy walks and plays, just like other children. He's received awards from the Associated Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and The Philadelphia Unit of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. Timmy is also an honor student, and he was selected as part of the "Who's Who Among Outstanding Middle School Students in America." But his tremendous physical progress, academic achievements and awards are only part of his story.

Timmy was born with an incredible singing voice and is well on his way to becoming a celebrity. He performed his first solo at the age of four, and he hasn't stopped singing since. He's performed at hundreds of public events, including Philadelphia Eagles football games, the East-West Shrine Game, the Governor of Pennsylvania's inauguration and even at the White House.

Timmy's tenacious spirit and incredible voice have led to numerous television appearances, including the CBS Early Show and Access Hollywood. He performed live when he was featured on the CBS Early Show's "Extraordinary People" segment; and when he was selected to be featured on Access Hollywood, he had the opportunity to meet celebrities and perform an impromptu duet with Beyoncé Knowles during Grammy rehearsals.

Timmy Kelly is quite an impressive young man. Despite beginning life with many difficulties, he definitely has a future worth singing about.

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