

# ***HOW ARE YOU MAKING A DIFFERENCE***

## ***MEET BOSTON***

Adelaide, South Australia

Boston was just six weeks old when his kidneys started to fail. Since that day, this brave, bright little boy has been fighting for life.

At six months old, most babies are learning to crawl, smiling, and laughing... but sadly Boston was preparing to have one of his kidneys removed.

“Boston had been unwell, and then we noticed he looked really swollen. We took him straight to the GP, and next thing we knew we were in an ambulance being rushed to the Women’s and Children’s Hospital. Seeing this photo of him covered in tubes still makes me cry.” – Tennielle, Boston’s mum

At 12 months old, we weren’t celebrating the usual milestones – walking, laughing, first words, first teeth. Boston was seriously ill and we were preparing to have his second kidney removed.

Boston can’t go to kindergarten because of the risk of infection, or have sleepovers with friends, because he is tube fed overnight while on dialysis. He has hospital appointments every two weeks – sometimes every week. His life revolves around never-ending medical intervention, and he misses out on being with children his own age.

He is such a bright, fun little boy and it breaks my heart.” —Tennielle.

For Lucas and Tennielle, it can be hard to find people who understand what their family has to go through – and that is exactly why through your support Kidney Health Australia has set up Peer Support Groups, and Kidney Health 4 Youth to meet this need.

