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Ariana

Survivor, Grade 2

Ariana was born with a heart condition called a ventricular septal defect, which is a hole in the lower part of her heart. She had open-heart surgery when she was just 7 weeks old. Ariana doesn't remember it, but her mom reminds her of how strong she was, even as a baby.

Today, Ariana is healthy and has no limitations. She loves riding her bike and going on walks, and dreams of becoming an astronaut. As part of Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge, Ariana gets to be a voice for other kids with heart conditions. By sharing her story, she wants to give back to the American Heart Association and help make a difference for families like hers.

The **Kids Heart Challenge** and **American Heart Challenge** funds research that helps kids have longer and stronger lives. Your support helps families have hope and for that they are so grateful.

Together, we are creating a world of longer, healthier lives.