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Brave boy doing better

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MIHDI Brock, the little Bermudian boy born with curvature of the spine, celebrated his seventh birthday on Monday, Bermuda Day — a milestone that at one time family members wouldn't have dreamed possible.

Mihdi's condition has improved dramatically over the years, but ironically, the fact that he's getting better has had a detrimental affect on fundraising initiatives, which dad Marvin says are as important today as they've ever been.

Volunteer Raven Cloudwalker, who has been helping to raise money for Mihdi for the past five years, told us: "While Mihdi's health has improved so much over the years, he is still an extremely fragile little boy with a delicate constitution that even a mild common cold can quickly escalate into pneumonia from which he could die equally quickly."

Mihdi still undergoes acupuncture five times a week and has herbal and physical therapies three times a day. Mr. Brock said his son's speech has "improved tremendously" and that he now "joins in wholeheartedly with the other children on the playground." Consistency, however, in terms of treatment, is vital to his success. Mihdi weighs just 36 pounds and has a long way to go. Mr. Brock says he'll need to be treated for at least another 10 years.

Ms. Cloudwalker told us: "It is an absolutely monumental task that Marvin took upon himself five years ago in order to make sure that Mihdi would have not only a life, but a life with some quality to it." Now, she added, Mr. Brock is "exhausted." Bermudians have already donated thousands of dollars to the Mihdi Joon Fund, but the coffers have once again run dry.

Mr. Brock said: "That Mihdi is meeting his challenges with exceptional spirit, desire and continuous effort shows the worthiness of this cause. "Once again, the Fund is appealing for financial assistance to meet his needs. Any contribution, regardless of size, is greatly appreciated. Mihdi must remain in treatment in order to sustain his life."

How can you help

Contributions can be sent to The Mihdi Joon Fund (Bermuda Registered Charity #547), PO Box HM 1987, Hamilton, HM HX.