For Aulana, being born with a major portion of her spine missing made walking on her hands a day-to-day reality. But doctors at the U of M invented a solution no one else could. Using donor bone and one of Aulana's own ribs, they built her a new spine, giving her the ability to sit upright like any other child.

And in the process, illuminated the entire medical world with a new possibility for people living with spinal deformities. Discover more at umn.edu.