



Miracles in the Making



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Meet Our Miracles

The 2019 CMN Miracle Children are all exactly that, miracles. From a micro preemie to a cystic fibrosis diagnosis at four days old, these miracle stories will warm anyone's heart. Tune in on May 31 and June 2 on WITN for the 34rd annual Celebration Broadcast where all of these miracle teens and children, along with their families, will share their stories of healing from serious illnesses and recoveries made possible by the life-saving care they received at the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital. Your generous contributions help kids in eastern North Carolina receive the best care possible by providing the most current equipment and a nurturing environment for them to recover.



Malachi Austin, 4

Malachi Austin was born prematurely at just 23-weeks gestation weighing only 1 lb. 7 oz. During his 137-day stay at the hospital, Malachi had many diagnoses, including a grade 4 Intraventricular Hemorrhage (IVH), hydrocephalus and the need for Ventriculoperitoneal

(VP) shunt placement, Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), MRSA infection, sepsis, and Pulmonary Interstitial Emphysema (PIE). With five months in the hospital, he had a very long and hard recovery including developing mild Cerebral Palsy and some eating difficulties. He is now thriving as a silly four-year-old who enjoys playing outside, reading books and loves everything and anything construction!



Kayleigh Rossie, 1

Kayleigh Rossie suffered from a bowel perforation and a severe abdominal infection shortly after birth. At just four-days-old, she had to have surgery for bowel resection where it was discovered that she had Cystic Fibrosis. During her recovery, she stayed in our NICU for one month and then went to the Special Care Nursery. After being home for a month, she was readmitted with necrotizing enterocolitis and failure to thrive so she received a g-tube to help gain weight and

spent another week in the general pediatric unit, for a total of 12 weeks in Maynard Children's Hospital. Today, she loves to play in her princess carriage and dance.



Mason Burnette, 8 mos.

Mason Burnette was born very prematurely at 22 weeks and five days. He spent 131 days at Maynard Children's Hospital. In the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) he was on a ventilator and had a bleed in the brain. He battled a significant lung infection and pulmonary hemorrhages. The fact that he is one of the youngest babies to survive at Maynard Children's Hospital and he required no surgical interventions shows what a true miracle Mason is. He does have mild Retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) and a small opening between two blood vessels leading from his heart (called Patent Ductus Arteriosus or PDA). Both of these should remedy themselves as he gets older and should not require surgery. He's almost seven months old now and loves tummy time.

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Save the Date
**34th Annual
Celebration Broadcast**
May 31 and June 2, 2019

Upcoming events



34th Annual Celebration
Broadcast – May 31 & June 2
on WITN



Walmart & Sam's Club
Campaign – June 10 thru July 7



Publix Campaign – June 19
thru June 30



Dairy Queen's
Miracle Treat
Day – July 25



24th Annual Colony Tire
Sporting Clays Miracle
Shoot – August 2 & 3



Extra Life – November 2



Speedway – all
year round

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Colt Cowell, 6



Colt Cowell was almost four years old when he started stumbling and complaining of headaches. An MRI showed that Colt had a golf-ball-sized tumor on his brain that was herniating his brain stem and causing hydrocephalus. The next day, he had a 10-hour brain surgery to remove the tumor, a medulloblastoma. Following surgery, he spent a month in the hospital recovering and learning to walk and talk again. Colt finished almost 40 cycles of chemotherapy and radiation last fall and is doing great. He did suffer permanent hearing loss and has developed bilateral cataracts which will require further treatment. Today, he says he wants to be a doctor and help people when he gets older.



Emirrah Rodgers, 13



Emirrah Rodgers has been living with sickle cell disease, an inherited blood disorder, her whole life. Recently, she was hospitalized and developed acute chest syndrome, which is one of the most severe complications of this disease. The very serious lung infection required her to be intubated while in our PICU. Emirrah is a miracle because shortly after being released home, she was back to school! She is still closely monitored and receives transfusions as needed. At 13-years-old, she loves Camp Hope, a CMN-funded camping experience for children with sickle cell disease and thoroughly enjoys relationships she's made with other kids. 🙌



Here's a look at the specialized equipment your contributions make possible!



Medela Symphony Plus Breast Pumps -

As a baby-friendly designated facility, our hospital encourages breastfeeding and strives to make breastfeeding as easy as possible for babies and mothers. Research has shown that breastfed babies have numerous healthy outcomes with shorter hospital lengths of stay. Mothers who breastfeed also receive numerous health benefits. The patients who benefit from the use of these breast pumps are babies who are transitioning from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to home and need additional time to feed and grow.



Mridium remote control - a device that links to the medication infusion pump in the MRI room. Medication titration can occur without stopping the scan for the nurse to manually adjust medication infusion. The ability to control medication titration from the MRI control room with a remote assists in maintaining a steady sedation state, limit the amount of time scanning is interrupted, and ultimately decrease overall procedural time and improve patient/family experience.



Kind Virtual Reality Goggles - as a children's hospital we continuously seek safe, effective therapies which assist in reducing stress and anxiety for an already frightened child. Kind Virtual Reality goggles are a therapy designed to help patients lower their pain and stress due to medical procedures or conditions. KindVR stimulates multiple regions of the brain and creates a sense of presence directing the child's attention into the virtual world leaving less attention available to process incoming signals. 🖐️



Plant a Seed to Give the Gift of Growing Up

Giving a gift to James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital through your will, estate plan or a charitable gift annuity ensures that we can continue to support sick and injured children in eastern North Carolina for years to come. To find out more about Planned Giving, contact cmninfo@vidanthealth.com or call 252-847-5437. 🖐️

Thank you so much to 107.9 WNCT and Inner Banks Media for 22 years of miracles! We are so grateful to their loyal listeners for pledging more than \$67,000 to help sick and injured children in eastern North Carolina. 🖐️

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