



Miracles in the Making



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Making the pass for more miracles at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital

As this year's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Poster Teen, 17-year-old Caleb Woodley looks like any other high school junior. However, that wasn't the case in early 2017 when he spent nine weeks in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) in the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at Vidant Medical Center (VMC). Caleb, who lives in Winterville, had his first seizure on Dec. 29, 2016 and was ultimately diagnosed with viral encephalitis.

During his time in the PICU, he was on a ventilator and in a medically-induced coma for five weeks. When he was finally able to come off of the ventilator and out of a coma, Caleb had lost a significant amount of weight and had to learn how to walk again. With anti-seizure medication and lots of hard work in the pediatric rehabilitation unit at VMC, Caleb was able to walk back onto the football field as back-up quarterback at South Central High School in the fall of 2017.



 Caleb Woodley, 17



 Josiah Corey, 3

Josiah Corey was diagnosed with b-cell lymphoblastic leukemia when he was 14-months old. He spent two years receiving chemotherapy in the pediatric day medical ambulatory unit (PDAY) and kids immunosuppressed specialty unit (KISU) at Maynard Children's Hospital. As of late 2017, Josiah is in remission. His family is forever grateful for the amazing care their "miracle baby" received.

In 2016, Waylon Denny was born prematurely at 23 weeks, weighing only 1.4 pounds. He spent the first 298 days of his life in Maynard Children's Hospital, first in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), then in the special care nursery and finally in the PICU. While in the PICU, he was placed on ECMO (heart and lung bypass machine) for 10 days. At six months old, Waylon had to

"They do a lot of good work at the children's hospital. We saw a lot of people come and go during our time there. You really grow to appreciate them," said Stewart Woodley, Caleb's father. "Every parent thinks that will never be your kid. Well guess what...it can be your kid. We are fortunate to have a facility like this so close to home."

Caleb is now a junior in high school and says that the entire experience changed him. His motivation to get better and his passion for football make him a role model and inspiration for his fellow teammates.

Joining Caleb as 2018 Miracle Children are: Josiah Corey, 3, Beaufort County; Waylon Denny, 1, Edgecombe County; Amelia Evans, 4, of Pitt County; Camron Yopp, 15, Onslow County.



Waylon Denny, 1 

Save the date
33rd Annual
Celebration Broadcast
June 1 and 3, 2018

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Upcoming events



33rd Annual Celebration Broadcast – June 1 & 3 on WITN



Dairy Queen's Miracle Treat Day – August 2



23rd Annual Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot – August 3 & 4



Walmart/Sam's Club Campaign – August 27 thru September 23



Bryson's Birdies for Kids – September 21 & 22



Extra Life – November 3

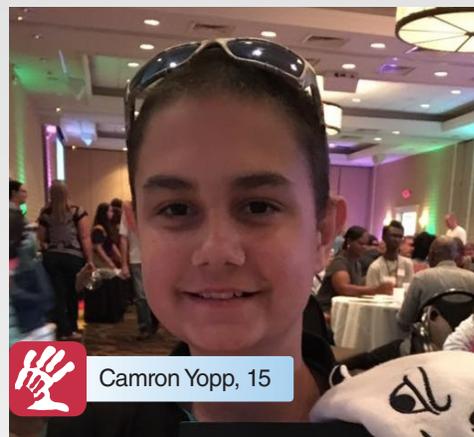


All year round

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have a tracheotomy and gastrostomy tube inserted to help him breathe and eat. He still has the tracheotomy collar where he is connected to a ventilator at night and monitored by several disciplines at the children's hospital. His family says he is a fighter and surprises doctors every day with how fast he is developing.

Nine-month-old Amelia Evans went to the doctor in 2013 for a routine visit where her parents mentioned that a small rash that had developed. What they thought was eczema or dry skin turned out to be something much worse – acute megakaryoblastic leukemia, a sub type of acute myeloid leukemia. She went home after spending 146 days in Maynard Children's Hospital. Today, she's an easy going 4-year-old who loves the Troll



Camron Yopp, 15

soundtrack, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and her big sister Taylor.

Camron Yopp was 11 years old when he was diagnosed with mixed-phenotype acute leukemia, a rare type of leukemia with only three percent of cases receiving this diagnosis. For the next three years, Camron received chemotherapy and blood transfusions in KISU and PDAY. He had his last treatment in Dec. 2017 and is doing great.

Tune in on June 1 and 3 on WITN for the 33rd 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 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. 🙌



Amelia Evans, 4

A huge thank you to Inner Banks Media for a successful 21st Annual Music for Miracles Radiothon!



Here's a look at the advanced care your contributions make possible!

Pediatric Asthma Camp - offers a week-end retreat held in the fall for children ages 7 through 17 with asthma. Asthma education sessions are provided to help families better understand and control asthma as well as medication observations. During the retreat, children have a chance to enjoy the experiences of camp such as canoeing, archery, swimming and other recreational activities.

Snoezelen Multi-Sensory Environments - relaxing spaces that help reduce agitation and anxiety. They also engage and delight the user, stimulate reactions and encourage communication while children are undergoing a variety of medical treatments.

Teddy Bear Fair – Vidant Chowan Hospital and Vidant Bertie Hospital have provided Teddy Bear Fairs for kindergarten



students for more than eight years. The purpose of these fairs is to educate children about healthy living, hospital services, safety, and health careers. During the time of the fair, the children visit a series of booths hosted by health professionals, to learn about nutrition, physical



activity, hand hygiene, safety, and other health-related topics. 🖐️



Thank you to 107.9 WNCT, 103.7 WTIB, 94.1 WNBU, Thunder Country 96.3, Fresh 97.9 and 94.3 The Game for helping us raise \$72,175 at this year's Music for Miracles Radiothon! "We are thrilled to have been a part of this. Doing two days of broadcasts from inside the children's hospital gave us an opportunity to interact with

the doctors, staff and most importantly the kids who are served there," said Henry Hinton, president, Inner Banks Media. "It was absolutely the highlight of our year in terms of our public service efforts. As is often the case when you do something like this it was WE who were blessed to have been part of it." 🖐️

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