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Miracles in the Making



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Special Edition

Given the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 crisis, we are sad to announce that the 35th Annual Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' Celebration Broadcast scheduled to be held on May 29 & 31 will not happen this year in its traditional format. This event is vital to our mission not only for the dollars it generates, but just as important, for the opportunity to share with our loyal donors and supporters the impact their donations and efforts make in the lives of thousands of sick and injured children throughout eastern North Carolina. We are excited to announce our longtime partner, WITN, will be helping continue our efforts by hosting the CMN Month of Miracles in June. Stay tuned throughout the month for updates as to how CMN dollars impact care for kids at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital along with in-depth news stories the week of June 22-26, followed by a one-hour special on Saturday, June 27th at 7 PM. If you would like to make a donation today, please visit givetocmn.com or new this year, you can sign up to start your own "virtual" CMN Month of Miracles fundraiser by visiting vidanthealth.com/cmnh and clicking the link to join under upcoming events. For more information, call 800-673-5437. Kids Can't Wait!

Despite all that is going on, there are still sick and injured children here in eastern North Carolina at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at Vidant Medical Center who need your help, perhaps now more than ever before.

Meet Our Miracles



Blake Collie, 9

Blake was an energetic 9-year-old enjoying the last day of summer at the pool with his family when he suffered a sudden debilitating headache. His local emergency department discovered a brain aneurysm on a scan, and he was airlifted to Maynard Children's Hospital. He immediately went into surgery where two external ventricular drains (EVD's) were placed to relieve the pressure in his brain. After surgery, Blake was placed into a coma to allow healing of the brain. He then suffered a stroke which resulted in a 24-day stay in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). His prognosis at one moment was very bleak because there was so much blood in his brain. But, after a 48 day stay in the hospital, he started his healing journey where he relearned to walk and talk and is now enjoying life with his family and friends.



Molly and Lucy Davis, 1

Molly and Lucy were born prematurely at just 24 weeks gestation in January 2019, both weighing the same at only 1lb. 9 oz. They spent 128 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the Special Care Nursery. Molly battled a rare fungal infection that required medication for the first seven weeks of her life as well as receiving several lumbar punctures. Lucy became septic because of a bacterial infection she had acquired. Both girls were critically ill and required multiple interventions to overcome the numerous infections and surgeries during their stay at Maynard Children's Hospital. Earlier in the year, Molly and Lucy celebrated their first birthdays and are hitting all their milestones including walking and developing their first teeth!



Leonardo Aguilar Mendoza, 3

Leonardo was born prematurely at 30 weeks with many issues along his gastrointestinal tract. He was diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia, a tracheoesophageal fistula and a rectal malformation. Leonardo was intubated at birth and was taken to the NICU. He had surgery at three days old to fix a fistula and eventually had a g-tube, ostomy and several surgeries to fix the hernia and esophagus. After spending three months in the hospital, Leonardo was discharged only to return again at 8-months-old. This was a lengthy stay because of respiratory distress which lead to multiple intubation and extubation trials. Finally, a trach was placed. After spending four more months in the hospital, and Leonardo was discharged. He was weaned from his ventilator while at home and is now able to vocalize and eat by mouth.

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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.

The local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals fundraising program is staffed and supported by Vidant Health Foundation, the non-profit charitable corporation that serves as the custodian for all financial gifts and bequests to Vidant Health. Vidant Health Foundation oversees allocation of all donated funds.



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Upcoming events

As we continue to go through this rapidly changing situation related to COVID-19, please be sure to stay informed of upcoming event statuses on our Facebook page @CMNGreenvilleNC or at vidanthealth.com/CMNH.



Publix Campaign
June 3 – 14



Walmart & Sam's Club Campaign
June 22 – July 19



Dairy Queen's Miracle Treat Day
July 23



25th Annual Colony Tire Sporting Clays Miracle Shoot
July 31 & August 1



Ace Hardware Bucket Days
July 31 – August 2



International Taste of Greenville
September 29



Extra Life – November 7

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Olivia Thorn, 15

Olivia was a healthy 14-year-old but she suffered daily headaches for years and never complained until they were finally causing such horrible pain and vomiting. An MRI showed what doctors thought to be a tumor deep in her brain. Olivia had emergency surgery the day after Thanksgiving which revealed that instead of a tumor it was a tangled bleeding mass of abnormal vessels. The surgery was tedious and required two neurosurgeons to remove the mass. Fortunately, Olivia's mass was benign, and she is thankful that she has not experienced any residual effects. Today, she is doing great and is an avid runner where she recently set a cross country personal best.



Piratethon One Generation Fighting for the Next

Students at East Carolina University pledged to stand up and dance for six straight hours at Piratethon in March to raise money for pediatric patients at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital. Students had the opportunity to meet miracle children and their families and hear their stories. With a goal of \$20,000, the students created their own fundraising pages and were able to surpass their goal and raise more than \$28,000 for the kids in eastern North Carolina during the event.

You, too, can be a hero for kids!

Peer-to-peer fundraising is transforming how people give to and connect with the causes they care about most. We have new tools that now make it easier than ever for you to help support our cause. We can help you set goals, create donation web pages and track your progress to fundraise on behalf of Children's Miracle Network. Contact us to learn more at cmninfo@vidanthealth.com or call us at 1-800-673-KIDS (5437).



Major Woods, 6

Major was just 4-years-old when his mother noticed him complaining of abdominal and mouth pain along with the presence of bruises all over his body. He also had frequent complaints of his legs hurting which caused limping. A blood test confirmed that he had b-cell lymphoblastic leukemia. He has spent the past 18 months in and out of the Pediatric Day Ambulatory Unit (PDAY) where he receives treatment and is now in a three-and-a-half year maintenance phase. He has faced many obstacles, including allergic reactions to some of his chemotherapy. However, through everything, Major and his mother have always maintained such a positive attitude. Major is a ball of energy and has the most infectious laugh! Now, Major is back in school and enjoying every part of life.

Look at How Your Contributions are Making a Difference



Chemotherapy Port Shirts

These shirts are designed to make access to chemo ports much easier. They have zippers, buttons, snaps, pockets and openings to allow nurses to access the child's port while allowing them to remain covered. This helps the environment feel less scary and helps the patient feel more in control each time they are "poked".

SimNewB Manikin

The first 10 minutes is critical for a newborn. When complications arise, a highly skilled team of healthcare professionals must be ready to deliver quality care. These manikins allow staff to focus on a broad range of pediatric skills in order to gain exposure and practical experience of life-threatening pediatric problems during the most critical moments of life. They have an anatomically accurate airway, realistic anatomy, life-like clinical feedback and tetherless design.



Milestone Beads

When your baby is born early or with special healthcare concerns, milestones have a very different meaning. Each bead represents a special step in a family's journey home. They allow families to have a lifelong keepsake depicting the story of courage and strength their child had while in the NICU. Beads such as the paper clip signifies a baby's first diaper change, and the duck signifies their first bath.



Camp Hope/Camp Rainbow

These weeklong sleepover camps at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC are offered free of charge annually to children ages 6 – 18 with cancer, hemophilia and sickle cell disease who receive treatment at Maynard Children's Hospital. The campers learn more about their clinical condition through educational activities and support group sessions. Campers receive chemotherapy, pain medications, antibiotics and all necessary 24-hour medical care from their own physicians and nurses. One of the most positive benefits for campers is the opportunity to meet others with the same diagnosis and build a community of support, education and life-long friendships.

Revealing A New Identity

From the iconic light tower with its colorful, encouraging hues to the triumphant sound of a bell ringing down the halls signifying the end of treatment and the beginning of a new chapter of life for a young patient, James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at Vidant Medical Center serves as a visible pillar and beacon of hope and care for our region.

Over the last several decades, our children's hospital has remained on the cutting edge of expertise and experience for young patients and their families. This was evident when, thanks to generosity, vision and support of the Maynard family and Vidant's community of donors, the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at Vidant Medical Center addition opened in 2013, allowing continued growth and fulfillment in achieving the mission of Vidant Health.

Now, as part of this continued evolution, we are excited to introduce the new identity for Maynard Children's Hospital. With the launch of the new identity, Maynard Children's Hospital will be represented by a unique, purposefully-designed image that embodies its dedication to providing excellent care to eastern North Carolina's children.

