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Brantley's Story

Brantley is your typical active, nine-year-old boy who loves to play baseball and swim with his friends in the summer. He was also born with the most common type of birth defect in the country affecting 1% - or 40,000 births per year in the U.S. He has a critical congenital heart defect which means that his condition is more serious than most cases.

"Brantley has six different defects in his heart and had to have open heart surgery when he was three months old," explains his mom Nikki. "He doesn't let that stop him and plays competitive baseball and soccer."

Brantley received a new heart valve this summer at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth helped to cover travel costs and lodging for the family.

"We have to travel to Texas and St. Louis for specialized treatments he requires and we really appreciate the help we have received from CMN."

A problem with his heart doesn't slow him down and he is the star pitcher for his baseball team!



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Miracles have names:

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What's
YOUR
Why?

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is supported by many people in the Ozarks who help provide resources to meet the medical needs of children. What motivates them to give and volunteer? We asked a group of supporters **What is YOUR Why** and here are their thoughts.

D'Ann Kohls serves on the Children's Miracle Network Hospital's Volunteer Committee and is a retired nurse from CoxHealth Hospital. **Here is D'Ann's why:**

"As a nurse who spent part of her career in Pediatrics and NICU, I have a real heart for children. I have seen firsthand how CMN Hospitals helps children and their families - from equipment to Child Life Specialists to funds for transportation. I am honored to play a very small role in the organization."

D'Ann Kohls



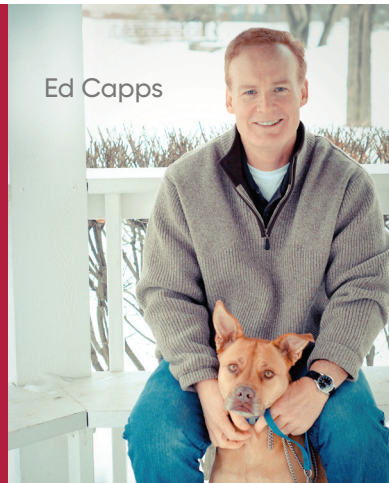
Valerie Stanton



Valerie Stanton is a NICU Nurse at CoxHealth Hospital and is the Medical Mile Team Captain for Teamie Preemie. **Here is Valerie's Why:**

"I know firsthand from working in the NICU the impact that Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has on services and families. Having had a preemie myself, I know the challenges a parent faces and how helpful the support of programs like CMN Hospitals are to a parent."

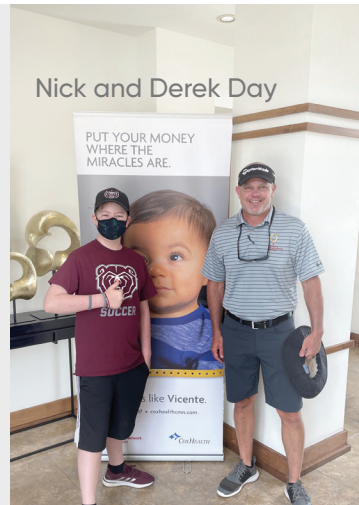
Read more about what motivates volunteers. →



Ed Capps

Ed Capps is a CMN Hospitals donor and father of a CMN Hospitals child. **Here is Ed's Why:**

"My daughter Ryan was born in 1988 with a condition called myelomeningocele which is more commonly known as Spina Bifida. Complications from her condition put her in the hospital numerous times over the years both locally at Cox South as well as Children's Hospital in St Louis. Over those years CMN Hospitals helped out in numerous ways such as providing financial help to get back and forth to St Louis for treatments unavailable locally in Springfield at the time. CMN Hospitals and the staff were always there for whatever was needed even if it was just a smiling face popping into her hospital room at Cox. Ryan taught me with her short life the importance of paying it forward, and to that end, I will continue to support them as I can to include leaving the bulk of my estate to the local chapter in Springfield."



Nick and Derek Day

Derek Day is the President of Heavy Duty Rebuilders Supply and is the Title Sponsor of the Scramble for Miracles Golf Tournament. **Here is Derek's Why:**

"Our family's heart is to support organizations that help kids. CMN Hospitals is a wonderful organization that our family has supported for many years."



Alka Amonker

Alka Amonker is a volunteer at the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals local office. **Here is Alka's Why:**

"Charitable activities give strength to us, help the recipients and inspire good actions in others! CMN Hospital's help reaching 32 counties around Springfield inspired me to volunteer and support CMN Hospitals!"

Amy Fleming is a Walmart Associate and Champion for Nixa Walmart. **Here is Amy's Why:**

"I love getting people as excited about CMN Hospitals as I am! I love seeing the excitement grow and bring out the best qualities in my CMN Hospitals Walmart 2702 team. I have raised money for CMN Hospitals for many years and after being blessed with a healthy son, it means so much to pay it forward!"



Amy Fleming



Rhett Middelkamp, born to Natahle and Jon Middelkamp, at 12:40pm on June 2nd.



Alyssa Welch, Infant Hearing Tech, Acute Care Therapy at CoxHealth

Hearing Screening Equipment Grant

Hearing loss is one of the most common conditions present at birth, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. To diagnose hearing problems early, a hearing screen is performed within a day or two of a baby's birth.

Through the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals grant distribution program, the Acute Care Therapy department at CoxHealth purchased an Interacoustics Titan ABRIS Stand Alone Unit that performs hearing screens on newborn patients. This new device replaced the previous 6-year-old hearing screener that had become unreliable due to its heavy use.

This particular screener employs tiny microphones placed in a baby's outer ear canal to record the middle ear response to clicks or tone bursts. The device then registers a pass/fail result.

"The emissions equipment has been used to assess hearing levels in 2,513 babies since purchase," said Jennifer Baird, audiologist. "Some of these babies have failed the testing and gone on to be fitted with hearing aids, some have received ontological intervention, and in most, hearing was found to be within normal limits."

In 2021, CMN Hospitals has approved 22 grants to purchase equipment for pediatric patients. The grant program offered to CoxHealth departments improves services to patients ages 0 through 18.

Quick Facts About Newborn Hearing Screening

- Screening is safe, painless, and can be done in about 10 minutes.
- Most babies sleep through the screening.
- Screening results will be available to the parents before leaving the hospital.
- Results will either be "pass" or "refer." Refer is a failed test that can happen due to fluid in the ear, a baby moving a lot, a noisy testing room, or actual hearing loss. A second screening will be done with a failed test.

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Telcomm Credit Union Team for Medical Mile and 5K Run/Walk



The 30th Anniversary CoxHealth Medical Mile and 5K Run/Walk was celebrated with 700 runners and 26 teams representing members of the community and CoxHealth. We would like to thank all the sponsors for making the event a success.

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calendar of events

Wendy's Balloon Campaign

August 2 – 22

Visit local Wendy's locations and purchase a balloon to make miracles for sick children.

Love's Balloon Campaign

August 26 – September 30

Love's locations in Strafford, Rolla and Willow Springs will display a balloon for a donation to CMN Hospitals.

Every Family Campaign

September 1 – October 31

Support the families of CMN Hospitals as they raise money to help other children.

Walgreens

October 1 – 15

Visit local Walgreens locations and support the kids by rounding up your purchase.

Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day

October 28

Purchase a blizzard at local DQ stores and support CMN Hospitals.

Extra-Life Game Day

November 6

Online gaming competition raising money for the kids. More information at www.extra-life.org

Miracle Week

November 30 – December 6

Tune in to KY3, KSPR and Ozarks CW to become a Miracle Maker.