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## Jakob's Story



For two years, Jakob complained of his leg hurting and doctors kept explaining it as "growing pains". At fourteen, he was growing tall so his mom Nichole felt that was a logical reason. But as the pain grew worse and over-the-counter medication brought no relief, she finally requested an X-ray on his left leg.

The family got the news they were not prepared for – Jakob had a rare form of bone cancer called Ewing Sarcoma. His case was especially unusual because the tumor was located in the middle of his femur and in most cases, the tumor grows at a joint. He was referred to oncologists and orthopedic specialists at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis.

Over the next two years, Jakob would undergo months of chemo and surgery to replace 12 inches of bone in his leg. "He had to learn to walk again," says Nichole. Physical therapy at the CoxHealth Meyer Center has made a huge difference in his recovery. Unfortunately, the family insurance would not cover it. That's when they turned to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals for help in paying for therapy.

"He is making progress every day," says his mom. "I Just want to see him walk across the stage for graduation."

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## Wayne and Jo Scheer Leaving a Legacy for Children



**Wayne and Jo Scheer** say they are blessed with a healthy, loving family. A gift to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth is their way of giving back to help children who are hospitalized. Their experience with the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at CoxHealth when twin granddaughters were born prematurely, made a lasting impact on the couple.

"We have been involved with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals for many years and feel so strongly about its mission in helping children," says Wayne. "They have helped so many families in our community. We pray our legacy of support, where the money is used locally, will sustain and further enhance the medical care provided to children in our region."

A gift from the Scheer family will support the creation of the Wayne and Jo Scheer Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Scheer Family Swing Unit. Both areas of the hospital will impact children in the Ozarks for many years to come, according to Tim Siebert, Executive Director of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



Scheer family gather for dedication of Pediatric ICU and Swing Unit.

"We are grateful for Wayne and Jo's generosity," says Tim. "From the tiniest babies needing critical neonatal care to teenagers suffering from chronic diseases and life-threatening injuries, Wayne and Jo's care and compassion, expressed through this important gift, will positively impact local children with medical needs."

The Scheers' donation will support life-saving equipment in the swing unit and PICU as well as other needs that may arise in the units.

## Safety in Numbers



In the U.S. nearly 7.7 million children are treated for injuries in Emergency Departments every year and preventable injuries are the number one killer of kids in the U.S. One of the best ways to prevent injuries is education. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has partnered with Trauma Services at CoxHealth for many years to provide education and prevention services for families in the Ozarks.



This year, CMN Hospitals will provide funding for nine safety education programs through Trauma Services which have already reached 86,000 people this year through on-line and in-person education, according to Lucas Spain, Injury Prevention Coordinator. Programs include information on water safety, bicycle safety and Shaken Baby Syndrome. Installing a car seat is one of the most common ways his office can reach new parents on a variety of safety issues for their child.

**"We do outreach at community events, schools, safety fairs and one of the most time consuming activities we do is car seat education,"** says Spain. Four out of five car seats are not properly installed, he says. Police, fire and other first responders go through a three day training program to become a certified car seat technician.

Lucas says four new programs were added this year - Firearm, Home, Infant Sleep and Safety as well as Farm Safety. **"Farming has the highest injury rate of any industry so we are very aware of the potential threat to children."** Trauma Services now provides helmets for ATV's in addition to bicycles and will distribute thousands of helmets this year.



## Legacy Giving

Support Children with Medical Needs in the Ozarks

For more information, contact Tim Siebert, Executive Director of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth, by calling 417-269-5437 or emailing Tim.Siebert@coxhealth.com.



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- Provide a gift in your trust
- Make a gift through your retirement plan
- Gift a life insurance policy you no longer need
- Consider a gift of real estate
- Leave personal property like art, jewelry, a boat, a car, etc.
- Gift a stock account, mutual fund or bank account

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## Medical Mile Running 31 Years

Our 31st CoxHealth Medical Mile was held virtually again this year with over 400 runners and 31 teams participating.

Highlights from the event include:

- **Presenting Sponsors** – Assemblies of God Credit Union, TelComm Credit Union, Volt Credit Union, and Multipli Credit Union
- **Biggest Team** – Teamie Premie, CoxHealth NICU
- **Most Creative Team Name** – Run from the Rona

**Thank you to all who participated to support kids through the work of CMN Hospitals!**

## Miracle Week 2022 on KY3, KSPR and the Ozarks CW

Every year the week following Thanksgiving, the community steps up to help Children's Miracle Network Hospitals make miracles for thousands of sick and injured children in the Ozarks. This year, the event will be held November 28th-December 4th. You can be a part of Miracle Week 2022 by making a donation, by being an event sponsor or by volunteering.

Sponsorship opportunities are offered at many levels and sponsors receive advertising on TV, radio and print. Phone banks are staffed each evening to take pledges from supporters and volunteers are needed to help take pledges. This can be a great group activity for civic organizations, churches and businesses. Contact Adrielle Griffin at 417-269-8809 or [adrielle.griffin@coxhealth.com](mailto:adrielle.griffin@coxhealth.com) for more information on Miracle Week volunteer opportunities.

## calendar of events

### ACE Hardware Bucket Days

August 5-7

Purchase a CMN signature bucket at your local ACE Hardware and receive 20% off everything in it!

### Panda Cares Day

August 8

Panda Express will donate 28% of all sales online or through the mobile app. Simply type in code PCD2022 when you go to [order.pandaexpress.com](http://order.pandaexpress.com)

### Extra Life Tabletop Appreciation Weekend

August 19-21

Haven Games, 701 N. McCroskey, Nixa

Play your favorite tabletop game and raise money for kids at this all-day event hosted by Haven Games.

### Dairy Queen Round-Up

September 1-30

Round-up your purchase of sweet treats at your local DQ and help raise money for sick kids!

### Walgreens Register Campaign

October 17 - 30

Make a donation at the check-out at Walgreens locations to help sick children in the Ozarks.

### ACE Hardware Holiday Round-Up

November 26 - December 31

Shop at your local ACE Hardware store and Round-Up your holiday purchases to benefit the kids at CMN Hospitals.

### Miracle Week

November 28 - December 4

Tune in to KY3, KSPR and the Ozarks CW for the annual telethon featuring Miracle Kid stories, live phone banks and the opportunity to make a pledge or donation for sick and injured children in the Ozarks.