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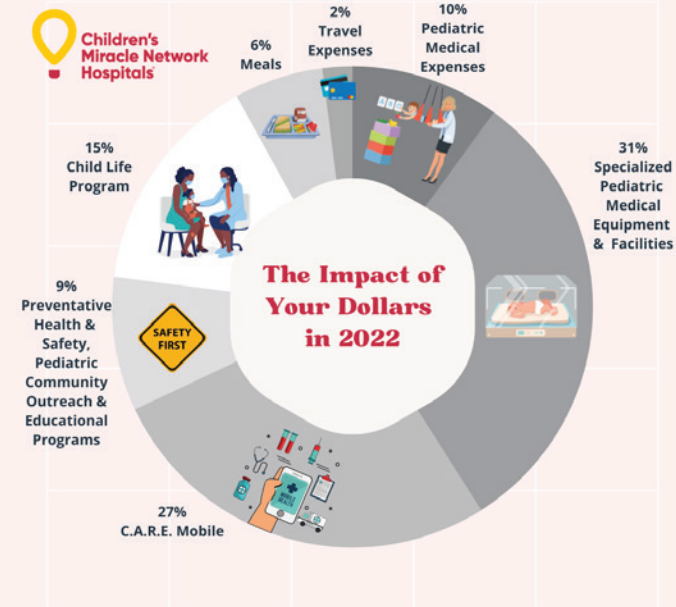
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Here
is how
**YOUR
SUPPORT**
made
an impact
in 2022.



What services do your dollars fund at Children's Miracle Network Hospitals?

In 2022, children were given immunizations through the Cox C.A.R.E. Mobile, made more comfortable when they are in the hospital with help from Child Life Specialists and given bicycle safety tips along with their parents. While Children's Miracle Network Hospitals is known for providing direct assistance to children with medical needs, the impact to the community is much more. Cardiac Kids in Barry and Lawrence County are great examples of the impact CMNH is having on the health of children.

Read more about how your support makes an impact on page two!



Finnegan's Story

When most parents are celebrating the birth of their baby and being new parents, Aubrey and Brittany Johnson were faced with the fear and uncertainty of what would happen to their newborn son, Finnegan. He was born at 27 weeks and suffers from bronchopulmonary dysplasia, a condition that restricts his ability to breathe.

Finnegan spent four months at a hospital in Ohio which specializes in his condition. Brittany stayed with him while Aubrey commuted back and forth to see his family. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals paid for gas and lodging so they could be together as much as possible. Life-saving equipment in the CoxHealth NICU also helped Finnegan for his first two months.

"Brittany missed out on a lot as a mom and Finny didn't get to experience anything his first 6 months or so. We make a point to have him experience everything now, no matter the cost. He fought to be here and we will spoil him forever now," says Aubrey.





Cardiac Kids – The Way to a Child’s Heart



Health and safety education programs sponsored by Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals bring important information to the minds of children and teens as they begin to form habits which will follow them to adulthood.

Healthy lifestyles that lead to better heart health is the focus of Cardiac Kids – an education program sponsored by Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth. The program targets 5th and rescreens 6th grade students for cardiovascular risk factors. At this age, children are old enough to begin making decisions about nutrition and exercise and still young enough to influence patterns of behavior before they turn into hard habits.

Screening for cholesterol not only offers insights into health patterns that can lead to future health problems for children, but frequently reveals warning signs in their parents. Since its inception, CARDIAC Kids has completed 6,000 cholesterol screenings on children and educated 13,000 children on heart health in 12 school districts in Barry and Lawrence County.

Meet Cora

Premature Birth & Respiratory Distress
Salem, MO



Cora was born needing oxygen and a feeding tube, but she is now a happy and healthy toddler. She loves playing outside with her siblings and watching Sesame Street. Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals gave them support that eased their stress by helping with medical bills.

Charitable IRA Rollover

A Tax-Wise Way to Help Children in the Ozarks

TO QUALIFY:

- 70½ or older
- Transfers directly to charity
- Gifts must be outright
- Must be from Traditional IRA, not a 401(k), 403(b) or other retirement plan

THE BENEFITS:

- Transfer up to \$100,000 annually
- Free of federal tax
- Qualifies for your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- May reduce your taxable income

Above information does not qualify as professional or legal advice. Please consult with your accountant, attorney, or financial planner.

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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2022 Miracle Week Telethon

Presented By:



A big thank you to donors, sponsors and volunteers who made the 2022 KY3, KSPR and Ozarks CW Miracle Week Telethon a success. This annual event raises funds to provide miracles for children who have special medical needs in our community.



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Miracle Kids Paying It Forward

Suffering from an auto-immune disorder for most of his life, **Nick** has been helped by Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals over the years and wanted to give back in some way to show his appreciation. So he applied for a grant from Generate Generosity and received \$100 to spend on a cause he feels deeply about. Nick’s efforts will provide kid-friendly band aids for the Pediatric Unit at CoxHealth.



Our Miracle Kids and their families are so grateful for the help they receive, they look for ways to help others in the same situation. Along with Nick, a family in Pierce City sold lemonade and cookies to raise money for CMN Hospitals. **Easton** set-up shop on his family farm and raised

\$915 for the kids! His school in Pierce City – St. Mary’s Catholic School – also raised \$1,170 for CMN Hospitals.

We see children in the community who also share their passion for helping others by holding fundraising events at their school. **Students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton** in Springfield held a business expo and sold items from their “business” with proceeds going to help with the medical needs of children. Students raised \$1,655 for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.



Give Year-Round to Help Kids

Several of our National Partners will be fundraising all year in 2023. When you make a purchase, you can Round-Up and your spare change will be donated to CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth. Participating Partners in 2023 are Panda Express, Dairy Queen, Love’s Travel Stops and Ace Hardware.



calendar of events

Dairy Queen Dip It for Kids

March 20

Celebrate Free Cone Day at Dairy Queen and dip it for an extra treat and a \$1 donation to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

Ace Hardware Spring Round-up

April 1- 30

Start those spring projects and support the kids by rounding up your purchase at any Ace Hardware location.

Club Car Wash May Month of Giving

May 1 – 31

Visit Club Car Wash locations in Lebanon or Rolla and donate to your local CMN Hospital at CoxHealth when you clean your car.

Costco Register Campaign

May 1-31

Shopping in May at Costco benefits Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals when you make a donation at check-out.

Medical Mile/Kids Health and Safety Fair

June 3

Join us for a fun and healthy day as these two CoxHealth events combine on the CoxHealth campus. Get moving at 8 a.m. with the Medical Mile and 5K walk/run. Then enjoy the Kids Health and Safety Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. where you can learn about bike, water, car seat, and home safety at vendor booths as well food trucks and inflatable games.