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Avaleigh's Story

Josh and Aundrea are bringing their 10 month old baby Avaleigh home from a check-up at a St. Louis Hospital where she is receiving follow-up treatment for a rare condition that happens in fewer than 20,000 births each year in the U.S. Luckily, Avaleigh's story has a positive ending.

Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) is a condition where the opening between two major blood vessels leading from the heart fail to close after birth. Avaleigh was born at 24 weeks and weighed just over one pound. When the condition was discovered in the NICU at Cox South, she was airlifted to St. Louis for a life-saving procedure.

A device was inserted through a catheter to the opening of her artery blocking the flow of blood which was leaking into her lungs. **"Doctors say she is the poster child for a baby born at 24 weeks,"** says Aundrea. Baby Avaleigh would stay in St. Louis for six weeks before returning to the NICU at Cox where she stayed for another 3 months. **"We practically lived at the NICU, the nurses and doctors really became like family to us."**

Since the family doesn't live in Springfield, they commuted back and forth with assistance from Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth. **"The support we received from CMN Hospitals and CoxHealth helped us through a tough time, especially the emotional support,"** says Aundrea. Nurses from the NICU still call to check on Avaleigh to see how she is doing.



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Expanding Services at CMN Hospitals



Non-routine Dental Procedures are now included in services.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, more than half of children aged 6-8 have had a cavity in at least one of their baby (primary) teeth. More than half of adolescents aged 12-18 have had a cavity in at least one of their permanent teeth.

Dental health is the most unmet healthcare need in children and adolescents in this country. One in 16 children in the U.S. have no access to professional dental care services due to financial circumstances. That's why **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals** at CoxHealth is now providing assistance for non-routine dental procedures for families who qualify, in an effort to address the need for pediatric dental care in our community.



When untreated, major dental problems in children can lead to more serious diseases such as heart disease in adults. Providing access to treatment for more serious dental problems in children will now be considered for families. Non-routine dental procedures include crowns, bridges, implants and oral surgery.

Families can apply for assistance by completing an application at www.coxhealthcmn.com

CMN Hospitals helping to meet dental care needs of local kids.

Check out what is coming on the calendar of events





Two Fun Events, One Great Cause



This year marked 32 years for the CoxHealth Med Mile, making it one of the longest running events of its kind in the community. A new partnership with the Kids Health and Safety Fair, also sponsored by CoxHealth, created a fun-filled, family friendly day. The combined events drew over 3,000 people who gained valuable information on health and safety as well as getting healthy by participating in the walk/run.

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Campaign Committee

The **Campaign Committee** for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth includes respected community leaders who live and work in our 32-county service area. They are our voice in the community sharing positive news and progress about CMN Hospitals.

- Mike Farquhar**, Owner & President, Pella Products of Arkansas and Missouri
- Michael Miller**, Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel, Mid-Missouri Bank
- Jennifer Jackson**, Publisher, SBJ Publishing, Inc.
- Dennis Heim**, Senior Health Advisor, Mercer Global Advisors
- Brian McDonough**, Vice President & General Manager, KY3, KSPR, the Ozarks CW
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- Lina Robertson**, Real Estate Agent, AMAX Real Estate
- Greg Mitchell**, President, McLane Ozark
- Kim Hancock**, President & CEO, Federal Protection, Inc.
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- Kyle Mann**, Market Manager, Walmart Stores
- Joseph Wilkinson**, Chief Member Relations Officer, Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Craig Dunn**, Chief Commercial Banking Officer, Guaranty Bank
- Todd Sherman**, Retired Director of Manufacturing, Kraft Heinz
- Kelly Wasson**, Corporate Marketing Manager, Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr Pepper Bottling Co.
- Randy Little**, Owner, Missouri Berries
- Keith Noble**, President, Commerce Bank
- Mike Hamra**, President & CEO, Hamra Enterprises



Meet Cade

Premature Birth
Seymour, MO

"I am on the CMN Hospitals Campaign Committee because everyone needs a miracle, especially children with medical challenges. I want to help make miracles happen."

— Diane Homan

The Ball Foundation: Making a Difference in Lives of Local Children

CoxHealth's mission to improve the health of the communities we serve through quality health care, education and research is exemplified by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' effort to be the best for the children who need us. We rely on support from a variety of resources to fulfill our mission and a good example is the ongoing support we have received from the Stanley and Elaine Ball Foundation.

A recent grant of \$10,000 from the Ball Foundation to the CMN Hospitals Special Needs Fund helps provide medical equipment for children with disabilities.

Here are just two stories about the difference made in the lives of local kids:

Graham is a 9 year old from Springfield with a diagnosis of spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, Epilepsy and a global developmental delay. As a result, Graham has decreased sitting balance and poor head control and cannot sit up or hold his head up without support. He was being transported in a store-bought car seat that did not provide him with adequate head and trunk support. Graham's physician recommended a specialized medical car seat that would provide the necessary head, trunk, hip and leg support that Graham needed and funding from the CMN Hospitals Special Needs Fund purchased the car seat.

Seventeen year old **Dustin** from Pottersville suffered a mild traumatic brain injury when he was hit on the left side of his head while playing basketball and lost consciousness. Since that time he has noticed problems with speech understanding. The injury caused some central auditory processing disorders and a decoding deficit so his audiologist ordered a Roger System, which is an intelligent wireless technology that transmits speech directly to hearing aids helping to overcome distance and noise. Dustin's Medicaid would not cover the cost of the assistive device and CMN Hospitals was able to purchase the equipment for the family.



Meet Graham

Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy
Springfield, MO

Don't Miss Miracle Week!!

Since CoxHealth covers the operating expenses of our local CMN Hospitals office, 100 percent of gifts and oceeds benefit children here in the Ozarks.

The care and compassion of our generous donors allows us to assist children with hearing aids, prescriptions, prosthetics, wheelchairs, leg braces, specialized therapies, life-saving equipment, hospital bills, educational outreach. and more.



calendar of events

Club Car Wash

Air Freshener Campaign

September 1 – September 30

Co-branded air fresheners will be sold for \$1 during the month of September with half of the proceeds donated to CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

Dairy Queen

Round Up Campaign

September 1 – September 30

Round Up is one of the easiest and fastest ways to raise money for your local CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

Jersey Mike's Subs

"For the Kids" Friday

September 1; October 6;
November 3; December 1

On the first Friday of every month, a portion of sales from "For the Kids Friday" will be donated to CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

Ace Hardware

Holiday Round Up Campaign

November 1 – December 31

Round Up is one of the easiest and fastest ways to raise money for your local CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

2023 MIRACLE WEEK

November 27 – December 3

Miracle Week is an opportunity for individuals to donate funds that provide medical care and assistance when families need it most. It's a special time of the year to make an impact on local kids and families served by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth.