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Meet Memphis

Richard and Margaret's child, Memphis, was diagnosed in 4th grade with Carney Complex, a rare genetic disorder characterized by multiple benign tumors most often affecting the heart, skin and endocrine system. Benign tumors of connective tissue (myxomas) are common in individuals with Carney Complex and, most often, are found in the heart where they can potentially cause serious, life-threatening complications including stroke, valvular obstruction or heart failure. Memphis had open heart surgery the next month and a second open heart surgery again 2 years and 7 months later. Memphis has several specialist in St. Louis and has spent much of her young life in the hospital. This year (2024) Memphis had her 3rd open heart surgery and was admitted to the ICU for a left atrial myxoma. She was also diagnosed with Addison's Disease. After returning home, she had some complications and returned to the ICU where a pacemaker was placed.

"We are very Thankful for CMN. Memphis says 'There was nothing better than a second chance, but a third chance at life and knowing our family could stay together.' We look forward to the months ahead and pray for a healthy girl through the winter months," says Margaret.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Coxhealth has helped the family with medical bills and travel expenses. *"We couldn't have made it with out the support of CMN at Coxhealth,"* says Margaret. *"We are beyond grateful and thankful for the support and assistance. Our family was able to stay together because of the support that was a huge impact to Memphis and her care."*



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Children's Miracle
Network Hospitals
at CoxHealth
Selected as Winner
for Non Profit
Excellence Award
by Springfield
Business Journal



We are proud to announce that Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth has been selected as the WINNER by the Springfield Business Journal (SBJ) for their outstanding contributions to the community. CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth was nominated in the Small Organization category for the Non Profit Excellence Awards, a reflection of their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of children and their families in the Ozarks.

Since 1986, CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth has served as a vital support system for children across the region. The organization provides essential medical care for a wide range of conditions, ensuring that children from birth through age 18 receive the comprehensive care they need. CMN Hospitals offers assistance to those facing various illnesses and injuries, including cancer, multiple sclerosis, asthma, blood disorders, complications from premature birth, brain injuries, diabetes, autism, and more.

This recognition by SBJ is a testament to the incredible impact CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth has on the community. Their dedication to enhancing the lives of children and supporting families during difficult times has made them an indispensable part of the healthcare landscape in the Ozarks.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth for this well-deserved nomination, and we thank them for their ongoing commitment to making miracles happen for children every day.

Shout Out to Our Employee of the Year!



Meet Kassie

Director of Special Projects,
CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Kassie Fox has been awarded the Non Profit Excellence Award for Employee of the Year by the Springfield Business Journal. This prestigious recognition comes after a rigorous independent judging process, underscoring Kassie's outstanding contributions to our organization and the families we serve.

As the Director of Special Projects at CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth, Kassie plays a pivotal role in our mission. She is not only the face of CMN but also the essential line of communication to the families who depend on us. Her work extends beyond mere assistance; she provides unwavering support during some of the most challenging times these families face.

One grateful parent shared, **"I have never encountered another individual that I feel is better suited for his/her career than Kassie. She is truly gifted at helping families by advocating for children and walking alongside us parents. She is a treasure."** This sentiment is echoed by many families who have had the privilege of working with Kassie.

Kassie's warmth and compassion are evident from the moment families meet her. Her radiant smile and genuine love for her work immediately put distressed families at ease. As another family noted, **"Her smile is contagious, and her love for her job serving others is evident in all that she does."**

Kassie's dedication and passion are truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud to have her as part of the CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth team. Her award is a reflection of the remarkable impact she has on the lives of the children and families we serve every day.

Please join us in congratulating Kassie on this well-deserved honor!

Celebrating Our Incredible Volunteers at CMN Hospitals

At Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth, we are incredibly fortunate to work alongside approximately 150 dedicated volunteers each year. These wonderful individuals play an essential role in our mission, contributing their time, energy, and passion to help make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

Our volunteers are involved in a wide range of activities, including:

- Taking pledges during Miracle Week and Radiothons
- Assisting in our office with various tasks
- Helping to organize and run special events
- Serving on one of our committees, such as the Campaign Committee, Volunteer Committee, Branson Area Ambassador Council, and Monett Area Ambassador Council

It is truly inspiring to see so many excellent people highly engaged with CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth. Their support and dedication are vital to our success, and we are deeply grateful for everything they do.

Whether they are answering phones, coordinating events, or providing valuable input on our committees, our volunteers help us achieve our goals and continue to provide the best care possible for the children and families who depend on us.

Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers for your commitment to CMN Hospital at CoxHealth. Together, we are making miracles happen!

calendar of events

Club Car Wash Air Freshener Campaign

September 1-30

Co-branded air fresheners will be sold at all Club Car Wash locations for \$1 and half will go to your CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

Loves Travel Stop Balloon Campaign

August 23-September 27

Icon Balloons will be sold at the registers for \$1, \$5 \$20. Additionally, customers will be able to donate at the pin pad with the choices of Round up at the register.

Ace Hardware Holiday Round Up

November 1-December 31

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

Dairy Queen Round Up for Kids

September 1-30

Round up your purchase to support local children by supporting CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

Jersey Mike's Subs: For the Kids Fridays

October 5, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7

On the first Friday of every month at the Battlefield Road location, a portion of sales from For The Kids Fridays will be donated to CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

2024 Miracle Week

December 2-8

Miracle Week is a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the well-being of local children and families in need. Donations made during this week will directly support the medical care and assistance provided by your Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth. This is a special time to make a lasting impact on those who need it most during the holiday season.

2023 Statistics: The estimated number of children served are as follows:



Special Needs Fund: 1,696 Kids

Funding for family assistance needs such as wheelchairs, leg braces, prescription medications, travel expenses, etc.



Family Care Grants: 42 Kids

Funding for CoxHealth hospital bills including, but not limited to, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.



CoxHealth Grant Funding: 57,266 Kids

Distribution & Departmental Grants primarily for CoxHealth departments serving pediatrics, such as this transport incubator.



Community Grants: 519,633 Kids

Funding for various areas including, but not limited to, outreach programs that promote child safety and health (including mass media coverage).



Discretionary Funds: 500 Kids

Funding for miscellaneous needs that impact the health and welfare of children, such as specialized car seats for safer travel to medical appointments.



CoxHealth Program Grants: 32,112 Kids

The mission of the C.A.R.E. Mobile program is to provide access to health care for children in the Ozarks who have no insurance, do not have a primary care physician or whose parents cannot afford to pay for necessary services.