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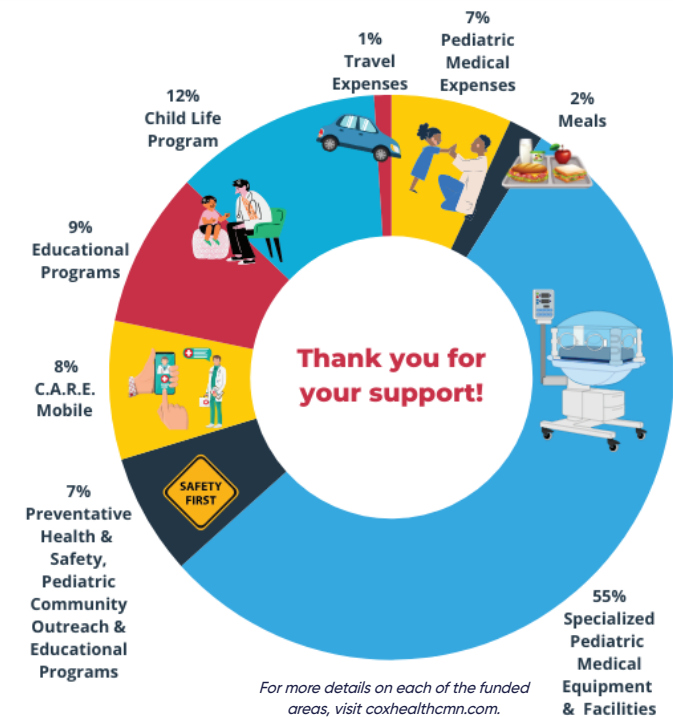
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Here is how **YOUR SUPPORT** made an impact in 2023.



Miracles are Made with your Support

Life-saving equipment for premature babies, a unique swing used in therapy for children with disabilities and car seats for families who don't have one for their child – these are all examples of the impact funds have on thousands of children in the Ozarks. But the real impact is the difference programs and services have on changing a child's life and changing our future. This work would not be possible without the support of a generous community and the medical staff who deliver care to our smallest patients.

Read more about how this equipment saves lives on page two!



Avery's Story

What started out as a normal weekend for the Holbert Family of Ozark turned into a shocking discovery when eight month-old Avery became sick one night. "She woke up crying and couldn't be consoled," recalls mother Krysta. "I thought she had an ear infection or something like that."

A visit to the ER and an MRI revealed a mass behind her right eye prompting an emergency trip to St. Louis Children's Hospital. Avery was diagnosed with retinoblastoma – a form of cancer which most often occurs in children. Krysta and her husband Zach were told their daughter must undergo surgery to remove her eye.

"What we thought was nothing turned into everything," says Krysta. They were given good news after surgery that the cancer had not spread and the optic nerve was left intact. Two months later, Avery was fitted for a prosthetic eye.

Her three siblings – ages eight, six and three – have learned to understand what happened to their sister. "When it came time for Avery to get her new prosthetic they were thrilled and couldn't believe that it looks so "real". Honestly, most days I think the kids forget that she doesn't have both eyes, she's just Avery, their baby sister."

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals gave the family peace of mind during the ordeal by covering medical bills. "They helped with everything from top to bottom so we could focus on her." Avery has check-ups every six months and receives vision, occupational and physical therapy to keep her on track for development.



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Pam Sawyers, Neonatal Transport Coordinator



Addison Groves, EMT and Pam load a Transport Incubator into the Pediatric Ambulance



Sunny Sprague, Valerie Stanton and Lisa Westerman are nurses who accompany babies on their trip in the Transport Incubator.

NICU on Wheels

When a premature baby is delivered at a hospital not equipped to handle its special needs, time is critical to saving a life. A Transport Incubator is a piece of equipment purchased by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals this past year to be used by the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at CoxHealth. The Incubator mimics those used in the hospital but is fully mobile to be loaded into a pediatric ambulance with baby on board.

"We use the Transport Incubator at least twice a week to either bring a baby from another hospital to the CoxHealth NICU or transfer a baby from Springfield to other hospitals when they need a higher level of care," explains Valerie Stanton, an RN in the NICU for the past 27 years.

The Transport Incubator has a high frequency ventilator, heated mattress, phototherapy lights and portable IV pumps to deliver lifesaving care to the tiniest of patients. CMN Hospitals supports the care of pediatric patients by awarding grants which fund equipment like the Transport Incubator and a Pediatric Ambulance.

Swing Therapy

Most children think of swinging while at the park but a specialized form of therapy uses a swing to improve a variety of physical issues facing children. A Sensory Swing System purchased by CMN Hospitals for the Outpatient Rehab Therapy Program at CoxHealth is a valuable tool in providing physical therapy for young patients.

The system is in the Outpatient Rehab gym where patients achieve therapeutic goals in a fun and practical way. There are five different swings with varying purposes including promoting core stabilization, improved fine motor skills, balance and coordination.

Two year-old Madison is diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, a genetic disorder which affects balance and motor skills. The Sensory Swing will help her learn to walk and give her the freedom to explore!

Meet Madison

Rett Syndrome
Mansfield, MO



2023 Miracle Week Telethon

For almost four decades, the staff at KY3 have hosted Miracle Week to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth. This longstanding partnership has raised millions of dollars for local children with medical needs. It could not be done without the dedication of KY3, KSPR and the Ozarks CW as well as countless volunteers and sponsors over the years.

But the true heroes are the families who share their stories during broadcasts and donors who are touched by those stories. They make the miracles during Miracle Week happen!



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The legacy you leave can mean a normal life for a child like Vicente.



In his short lifetime, Vicente has required numerous surgeries, a specialized wheelchair, and regular therapy to assist him in overcoming the challenges of brittle bone disease, a rare and lifelong disorder that causes his bones to break.

Last year, Vicente danced with his classmates, thanks to years of generosity by individuals and businesses who have provided financial support for his medical care through **Children's Miracle Network Hospital at CoxHealth.**

In 1906, Ellen Burge left her legacy by donating her duplex, which became the first home for CoxHealth and Springfield's second hospital.

Ellen was a model of philanthropy, an important element in our culture at CoxHealth. Because of generous support from individuals who continue to follow her example, we are able to provide world-class healthcare in the Ozarks. And as the only locally owned nonprofit health system in the region, we are especially grateful for members of **The Ellen Burge Legacy Society.**

You can become a member of **The Ellen Burge Legacy Society** by including your **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at CoxHealth** or the **CoxHealth Foundation** as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or estate plan. Simply provide us with the cover page and beneficiary section indicating you have remembered us in your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, financial account, or title of specific property.

The Ellen Burge Legacy Society membership includes several special benefits. **Plus, sign up by the end of 2024, and you will be recognized as a charter member of this philanthropic cornerstone.**

Don't wait. Leave your legacy. Dance with Vicente.



Scan to request more information.

calendar of events

Zimmer Communications Radiothon

March 21-22

Join radio personalities from four local stations as they raise money for local kids during a two day Radiothon. Tune in and make a pledge to one of these stations: 101.3 Real Country, 98.7 The Dove, 96.9 The Jock, 93.3 KWTO

Ace Hardware Spring Roundup

April 1-30

Roundup your purchase at participating Ace Hardware locations to support kids at CMN Hospitals.

Ozarks Dynacom Radiothon

April 11-12

Tune in to Branson's best radio during this two day fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and call in to make a pledge. Hear stories from local kids and their families on five stations including: 101.1 My Station, 102.9 New Country, 106.3 Legends, 98.1 Branson4U, 94.9 KHOZ

Costco Register Campaign

May 1-31

Shop at your local Costco in Springfield and make a donation at the register for children with medical needs by supporting CMN Hospitals at CoxHealth.

Medical Mile/Kids Health and Safety Fair

June 1

The 33rd Annual CoxHealth Medical Mile will be held in conjunction with the Kids Health and Safety Fair to combine for a fun-filled day for the whole family. Get moving at 8 a.m. with the Medical Mile and 5K walk/run. Follow with a visit to the Kids Health and Safety Fair presented by CoxHealth Trauma Services, featuring hands-on activities including bike safety demos, car seat checks, vendor booths, food trucks and inflatables.