A family of heroes

One hundred percent of your gift to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals helps children in our region. With your support, children can achieve their full potential. Behind each child stands an entire family. A child’s diagnosis is a family’s diagnosis, which is why your gift is so meaningful. Your gift offers health, hope, and healing to entire families who need it most.

Sophie Bisek
Age: 8
La Crosse, Wis.
Type 1 Diabetes
CMN Hospitals Support: insulin pump, meal vouchers, transportation, specialty camp

Chloe Burkhalter
Age: 12
Tomah, Wis.
Epidural Abscess
CMN Hospitals Support: home health infusion training, automated external defibrillator (AED), meal vouchers

Madelyn Payne
Age: 4
La Crosse, Wis.
Medically complex: neuromuscular disorder, infantile spasms and epilepsy, hearing loss, G-tube
CMN Hospitals Support: Tumble Forms feeder seat, meal vouchers, respite, palliative care support program

Justus Heise
Age: 8
Hokah, Minn.
Relapsed Wilms’ Tumor
CMN Hospitals Support: transportation, meal vouchers

Blake Oldham
Age: 4
Black River Falls, Wis.
NICU, G-tube
CMN Hospitals Support: Vitamix blender, transportation, meal vouchers

To read more about our Heroes and the services provided by CMN Hospitals—or to make a donation—visit gundersenhealth.org/cmnhospitals today!
Dance Marathon: Dancing For The Kids

For the past four years, students at Winona State University have been using their energy and creativity to make a difference in the lives of children and families by supporting Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals®.

Students involved in the Warriors For The Kids club conduct several fundraisers each year, but their main event is WarriorThon, a dance marathon that seeks to raise both awareness and funds.

Last year, about 100 students and community members participated in the six-hour dance marathon, which raised $7,000 for CMN Hospitals (bringing the group’s year-end donation to $8,000). In recognition of their impact, Warriors For The Kids earned the 2017 Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award from the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

“It’s rewarding to see the students learn and to watch them make a difference,” shares the club’s faculty advisor Dr. Aurea Osgood. “They are especially motivated because they know the money raised for CMN Hospitals goes to help local families.”

The students hope to raise $10,000 this year by making the February 2018 WarriorThon the most successful yet.

Save the date! Emerald Ball is Friday, April 6, 2018:
Join us for an evening of celebration to support Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, including dinner, a fund-a-need auction, a child art auction and a dessert auction.

Miracle Milestones

The Miracle Milestones program recognizes extraordinary cumulative giving by individuals and organizations to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals at five benchmark levels.

Thank you to these honorees for their outstanding support of the families and children in our region.

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Walmart Distribution Center #6025 accepting the Compassion level award.
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Fishel also shares the impact access to cutting-edge technology has on families: “A stay in the NICU is a trial for any family. If this life-saving technology was not available at Gundersen, patients in need would be transported elsewhere to receive care. Sending families outside of their community for what could be a long hospital stay is a tremendous added stressor.”

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TOGETHER, WE HELP CHILDREN

Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals®, a service of Gundersen Medical Foundation, is dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children. We directly assist children and their families, and support pediatric programs and services that help kids battle diseases and injuries of every kind. In the Gundersen service area, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than $17.86 million since 1986. Each charitable donation—whether through special events, annual gifts, business partnerships, sponsorships or planned giving such as bequests—benefits children in this region and provides support for specialty medical care, research and preventive education.

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Your support lets kids be kids

Jude Schipper, Holmen, Wis., was born with spina bifida and without his left leg. However, support from CMN Hospitals recently helped this three-year-old’s dream come true with the purchase of an adaptive trike.

We are grateful for CMN Hospitals. With this adaptive trike, Jude can be a kid. Either outside on the driveway or with friends at daycare, he can ride his bike—all by himself—while also developing arm and leg strength.

Megan, Jude’s mom

Giving generously

Make a gift to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals

Girls and boys are counting on you to support Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals which helps local children with all medical needs. And we can’t do it without you. There are so many ways to give!

- Make a one-time gift
- Honor someone special
- Create a legacy
- Become a monthly donor
- Make a memorial gift
- Matching gifts

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