# Miracles in the Making Spring 2023



### Introducing the 2023 Miracle Children & Teen 👹



#### **Caesey Hutcherson, 1**

Caesey was born prematurely at 27 weeks weighing just two pounds. He stayed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at ECU Health Medical Center for almost three months. Caesey required intense respiratory support as well as neurological interventions which include a reservoir followed by a shunt placement. Today, Caesey is thriving and continues to need follow up and assessments to assist with developmental care.



#### Elijah Hagans, 5

Elijah was admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) with RSV. Shortly after his admission, he was intubated and a week later was put on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO). During this time, there we several setbacks. Elijah missed several holidays during his stay, including his 5th birthday. He was eventually transferred to inpatient rehab where he learned to walk again. Elijah spent a total of 48 days in the hospital. Today, Elijah is doing great and continues to work with physical and occupational therapy on a weekly basis.



#### **Raeleigh Goodwin, 7**

Raeleigh was admitted to Maynard Children's Hospital with COVID-19 symptoms including dehydration, lethargy and abnormal behavior. She was eventually diagnosed with COVID Encephalopathy. During this time, Raeleigh experienced several procedures in the PICU. She was transferred to inpatient rehab where she recovered. Today, Raeleigh is a happy and healthy seven year old who loves to sing!





#### Madilyn Brewer, 1

Madilyn was born prematurely at 27 weeks weighing less than two pounds. She stayed in the NICU for almost three months. During this time, she received respiratory care and support until she could breathe on her own without oxygen. Today, Madilyn continues NICU follow up but is a healthy one-year-old.



#### Parker Joyner, 13

After having frequent headaches, a CT scan in February 2022 showed Parker had Medulloblastoma, a brain tumor. He was admitted to the PICU where he underwent additional testing before having a sub-occipital craniotomy to remove the tumor. Parker received a combination of chemotherapy and radiation. In October 2022, Parker celebrated his completion of treatment but continues to receive therapies. Today, Parker is back in school part time and is enjoying life to the fullest!





## **Celebrating 26 Years of Miracles**

Listeners from all over the east phoned in their support for children and raised \$108,443 during the 26th annual "Music for Miracles" radiothon on 107.9 WNCT and all the Inner Banks Media stations.

These generous donations bring the all-time giving for the event to more than \$3.8 million. One hundred percent of the funds raised through Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals' events such as this, directly support programs and services at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at ECU Health Medical Center.



**Oldies** 94.1 & 102.7 Hits of the 60's & 70's



This year's radiothon included all of the Inner Banks Media radio stations. In addition to 107.9, these include: Talk 96.3 and 103.7; Oldies 94.1 and 102.7; and 94.3 The Game.

"We are thrilled to have once again been a partner with CMN and ECU Health Medical Center. Doing two days of broadcasts gave us an opportunity to interact with the doctors, staff, and most importantly, the kids who are served there," said Henry Hinton, president, Inner Banks Media. "It is one of the highlights of our year in terms of our public service efforts. As is often the case when you do something like this, we were the ones who were blessed to have been part of it."





## **Celebrating 10 Years!**



June 20 will mark the ten year anniversary of the opening of the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital addition. While the original children's hospital, known as the Children's Hospital of Eastern North Carolina, was established in 1986, the Maynard Children's Hospital expansion brought many much needed services for children together under one roof. The 78,000-square-foot addition included a Kids Immunosuppresed Specialty Unit (KISU), a Pediatric Day Medical Unit (PDAY), a Pediatric Radiology Unit, several dedicated family spaces and more. Over the past 10 years, Maynard Children's Hospital has seen continued growth in the services provided such as the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program, a dedicated pediatric pharmacy, a complete renovation of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and so much more.

This continued growth has been made possible in large part because of your generous donations. We are so grateful for our loyal donors who support us year after year. And, with your future support, we can continue to fulfill our promise of a healthier tomorrow for children in the east.



#### In Memoriam Dr. Jon Bunde Tingelstad 1935 - 2023

On February 28, 2023, we lost a dear friend to our Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' family. Dr. Jon Bunde Tingelstad came to the ECU Brody School of Medicine in 1976 where he served as professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics for 23 years. During his tenure, he was responsible for bringing the Children's Miracle Network program to eastern North Carolina. We are so grateful to Dr. "T," as he was affectionately known, for his unwavering commitment to children. Because of his vision to bring the Children's Miracle Network program to our hospital, more than \$32 million has been raised to support the unique healthcare needs of sick and injured children being treated at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital. He will be greatly missed.



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Tune in to the 38th Annual Celebration Broadcast airing on WITN on Saturday, June 3 from 7 - 8 pm and Sunday, June 4 from 6 - 9 am and 7 - 11 pm.





### Plant a Seed to Give the Gift of Growing Up

When you choose to give a gift to James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital through your will, estate plan or a charitable gift annuity, it ensures that we can continue to support sick and injured children in eastern North Carolina for years to come. To find out more about Planned Giving, contact cmninfo@ecuhealth.org, or call 252-847-5437.



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