

# Miracles in the Making Spring 2024

## Introducing the 2024 Miracle Children & Teen



Jadon, 1

Jadon was born at just 27 weeks and at just over 2 pounds. He dealt with numerous medical interventions and diagnoses while in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) alongside his prematurity, including necrotizing enterocolitis, surgeries and a central line placement. Jadon was discharged from the NICU after 119 days with a small unit celebration. Today, he is a happy and healthy one-year-old.



Wiley, 14

Wiley was in a boating accident that resulted in his left arm being amputated and severe injuries to his left side and leg. He spent four days intubated and sedated in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and spent a total of 33 days in the hospital. Wiley has endured 10 surgeries so far and continues to rebuild his strength all while remaining strong and positive every day.



Layah, 6

Layah was diagnosed with metastatic neuroblastoma at 15 months old. At diagnosis, the disease had already spread throughout her little body. Layah had multiple cycles of chemotherapy and surgeries as well as a stem cell transplant and a g-tube placement. She was put on palliative care in April 2020. Miraculously, over the next 3 years, Layah's scans showed near complete resolution and no new or progressive disease.



Leonardo, 2

Leonardo was admitted to Maynard Children's Hospital after a history of congenital nephrotic syndrome and a right sided stroke. He has been admitted to almost every unit of the children's hospital. In April of 2023, Leonardo received a kidney transplant. He continues to recover every day and still visits the hospital for management.





# Celebrating 27 Years of Miracles



Listeners from all over the east phoned in their support for children and raised \$109,703 during the 27th 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 \$3.9 million. One hundred percent of the funds raised through Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' events such as this, directly support programs and services at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at ECU Health Medical Center.

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."





# Meet Sam!



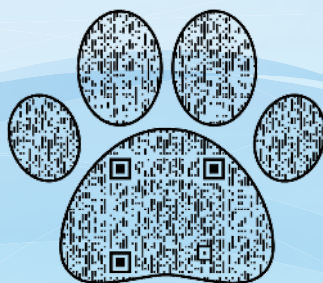
## WOOF! 🐾

(That's dog  
for 'Hello,  
my name  
is Sam!')



Maynard Children's Hospital introduced a new furry staff member in November. Samus, Sam for short, is the first facility dog at a children's hospital in North Carolina. She assists the child life specialists to provide emotional support, encourage bravery and play, celebrate milestones and combat anxieties in a hospital setting. Unlike therapy dogs, who provide support two to three days a week at the hospital, Sam works a 40-hour work week. She was trained at a facility in Georgia where she was exposed to a hospital environment with field training which included how to navigate wheelchairs, demonstrate CT and MRI scans, and show kids that procedures aren't that scary. Ideally, the Maynard Canine Crew hopes to add more facility dogs to the program. Dollars donated by the community to support Children's Miracle Network will also help support Sam and related programs and upkeep. 🐾

Want to support Sam and the Maynard Canine Crew?  
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