

Miracles in the Making

Spring 2025

Introducing the 2025 Miracle Children



Graylon, 8

In February 2024, Graylon fell while riding his scooter and was complaining of not being able to put any weight on his leg. He was immediately

admitted to the ED where imaging revealed an abnormality in his leg bone which was later diagnosed as osteosarcoma. Graylon received multiple chemotherapies and a femoral resection to remove part of his leg. In October 2024, he received his prosthetic leg. Today, Graylon is an outgoing 8-year-old who loves dancing!



Alejandro, 14

Alejandro was a healthy, active kid when during a family gathering, he suddenly collapsed and went into

cardiac arrest at just 13 years old. His cousin immediately began CPR until the ambulance arrived. Once at the hospital, Alejandro was intubated in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and had a tracheostomy placed. He spent over three months in the hospital and also had a defibrillator placed. Today, Alejandro has made a full recovery and is a freshman in high school. His dream is to be a cardiologist when he grows up.



Christopher, 2

Christopher was born at just 23 weeks and weighed just over one pound. He was a triplet, but lost his

brothers en utero. After birth, Christopher required extensive respiratory support. At five days old, he suffered a collapsed lung and stopped breathing. Even after so many obstacles and setbacks, Christopher got stronger every day. In December 2023, after a 206-day hospital stay, he was able to go home. Today, Christopher is two years old and loves music and dancing.



Insley, 4

Insley had end stage renal failure due to an ischemic injury during birth (lack of oxygen). From April 2021 to July 2023, she was on

dialysis until she received her first kidney transplant. That kidney immediately failed due to a blood clot. In February 2024, Insley received her second kidney transplant from a family friend which was successful. Today, Insley is a normal, active 4-year-old who loves to sing and going to the beach!



Owen, 1

Owen was born at 26 weeks. Despite his early gestational age, he was already crying and weighed only 2 pounds at birth. Owen

was immediately put on a ventilator to help him breathe. Eventually, he came down with viral meningitis but made a full recovery. After 86 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Owen was able to go home without oxygen and was feeding on his own. Today, he is hitting all milestones and is a happy, healthy 1-year-old.



Tay, 4

Tay was admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) with a diagnosis of RSV and the flu. Upon arrival, he was quickly intubated and had a chest tube placed. He

eventually developed necrotizing pneumonia and was cannulated to ECMO and dialysis because his heart, lungs and kidneys weren't doing what they needed to do. Tay spent 64 days in the hospital, including rehab to learn to walk and talk again. Today, Tay is four years old and loves Roblox, YouTube and terrorizing his siblings.

Hope in the Healing

On March 10, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital celebrated the opening of the Panda Cares Center of Hope. This was made possible by the associates and guests of Panda Express, who foster the spirit of giving to help change kids' health to change the future. The garden space was chosen because it provides a serene oasis, thoughtfully designed to enhance the healing journey for patients and their families. Central to this outdoor retreat is the inviting gazebo area, a charming structure that beckons visitors to step away from the clinical environment and embrace a sense of calm and normalcy.

Here, therapies can be conducted under open skies, moving treatment from bedside to an outdoor setting that inspires relaxation and optimism. The fresh air and natural surroundings work harmoniously to reduce stress and anxiety, fostering an improved mood and a greater sense of well-being. This is a place where hope blossoms, spirits are uplifted, and healing extends beyond medical treatment.

Panda Express guests and their associates in eastern North Carolina have raised over **\$345,000** for Maynard Children's Hospital since 2016.





28th Annual Music for Miracles

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Listeners from all over the east phoned in their support for children and raised **\$113,734** during the 28th 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 **\$4 million**. One hundred percent of the funds raised through Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospital events such as this, directly support programs and services at James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at ECU Health Medical Center.



Layah, 7



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