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## **MATHIS BROTHERS TOY DRIVE**

## **Sharing love and broadcasting smiles**

Hundreds of children received toys from Santa on Dec. 12, thanks to a toy drive hosted by Mathis Brothers, KOCO 5 News and Children's Hospital Foundation.

During the toy drive, patients at the hospital and their siblings were able to select their favorite toy from under the Christmas tree set up in the Atrium of Children's Hospital. Upon their arrival, each child was coupled with a news reporter who helped the child choose their gift.

The Mathis Brother's Toy Drive is an annual event that allows Mathis Brothers customers to buy gifts to donate to the Children's Hospital patients during the Christmas season.



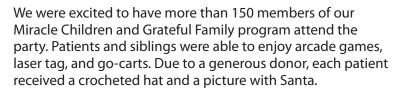


# MIRACLE CHILDREN & GRATEFUL FAMILIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

#### A night of games, gifts and lasting memories

Christmas is about giving. Thanks to the generosity of a number of companies, Miracle Children and Grateful Families saw that giving in action.

Children's Hospital Foundation partnered with Incredible Pizza on Dec. 11 to throw Miracle Children and Grateful Families a Christmas party. It was an opportunity to help patients and their families keep their minds off of treatments and have a little fun.



Thanks to several community partners participating in our toy drive, each child was able to receive three gifts. Gifts were also donated to children of Saint Francis Foster Community Service.

We are pleased to work alongside other organizations to improve the lives of children.





## PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS EVENT

#### **Remington Park and Jockeys Give Back**



It was a celebration full of hooves, hearts and happiness at the Friends of Jimmy Everest Annual Pediatric Cancer Awareness Event.

Remington Park and the jockeys rolled out the red carpet for past and present patients, families and the entire Jimmy Everest Center staff on Sept. 8. As a special feature for the day, a race was held and families were hosted in the winner's circle to greet the winning horse and jockey.



# DONOR SPOTLIGHT: CANCER SUCKS, INC.

Cancer Sucks, Inc. reaches \$150,000 milestone with Children's Hospital Foundation

Cancer Sucks, Inc., was established in 1998 by Rick Horton of Bixby, Oklahoma. Horton founded the organization out of the pain and frustration that came after losing his mother, Donna Holland White, to cancer in 1996. While undergoing treatments and surgeries, Donna had time to think of others and arranged to have her body donated to cancer research at the time of her death. Cancer Sucks® is dedicated to the memory of Donna and is focused on raising money for cancer research. Fourteen years ago, Cancer Sucks® made a goal to donate more than \$1 million to various organizations. Children's Hospital Foundation has received \$150,000 to benefit the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

Children's Hospital Foundation is thankful for the continued support to defeat pediatric cancer. Every dollar raised makes a difference in cancer research and the generous donations will continue to help children battling cancer in Oklahoma. Cancer Sucks will be recognized with the naming of a research area at the Center.



# FUELING FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION

## Love's Travel Stops raised a quarter million dollars for children's health

If you've ever noticed the logo for Love's Travel Stops, you'll see it has a lot of hearts. Just like its logo, the company, its people and its patrons have a lot of heart too — especially when it comes to kids.

Love's Travel Stops (Love's) customers and employees recently wrapped up a five-week fundraising campaign for Children's Hospital Foundation, raising \$255,555.87, a 59-percent increase from last year.

From Aug. 26 - Sept. 30, Love's team members asked customers to round up their change on gas and restaurant purchases, sold CMN Hospitals' Miracle Balloons for donations and held numerous events to raise funds to help kids in local communities. A few of these events included bake sales, cookouts, golf tournaments, poker runs, garage sales and more.

Love's showed additional support for Children's Hospital Foundation on National Coffee Day - all 24-ounce hot beverages were discounted to \$1 and all the money collected from the area went to Children's Hospital Foundation.



Nationally, Love's employees surpassed their goal of raising \$3 million, bringing \$3.4 million for Children's Miracle Network nation-wide.

The money raised at each Love's location benefits sick and injured children of their community. Of the 170 CMN Hospitals members throughout North America, 101 benefit from Love's annual campaign.



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## ABOUT EXPERIENCE

## **EXTRA LIFE: GAMIN' 4 AVEN**

### Texas resident plays games to raise funds for Children's Hospital

Life isn't all fun and games. Dallas resident Ryan Ritter knows this in a very real and personal way. It's why he is using fun and games to raise money to save children's lives - he has raised more than \$5,000.

Last year marked three years that Ryan has been playing games to raise funds for kids at Children's Hospital through a Children's Miracle Network program called Extra Life. Through the program, people of all ages play board and video games for an hour or up to 24 hours to raise money for Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

The resulting funds go toward research for cures and better treatments for sick and injured children all over Oklahoma.

So why does Ryan, a Texas resident, raise funds for a hospital in Oklahoma? Here is why, in Ryan's own words:



#### Ryan Ritter, in his own words, on why he's Gamin' 4 Aven

I'd like to introduce you to Aven, the firstborn son of my wife's college roommate. Aven has had a massive impact on my life although I never had the pleasure of meeting him face-to-face.

That's because Aven lost his battle with Leukemia in the fall of 2015.

My wife was able to meet Aven while she was pregnant with our own firstborn son. She went to help Aven's mom out for a few days. While I didn't have the flexibility to travel, I did what I could to help. The Savin' Aven Benefit was launched and I did everything that I could to promote it through a Notre Dame Football website that I run, HerLoyalSons.com. This effort raised over \$10,000 dollars for Aven's family.

There are no words to describe how it felt to sit in a funeral home, your own perfectly healthy infant son only a couple hours drive away, while watching Aven's parents deal with the most devastating heartbreak in the world. It wasn't fair. Aven received a very positive diagnosis only a couple months prior. Everyone thought he was beginning to win his fight, but he lost.

Fast forward to the fall of 2016, I was listening to one of my favorite video game podcasts, Limit Break Radio, while traveling for work. Extra Life's 2016 Game Day was rapidly approaching and they were promoting their efforts. I've long known about

Extra Life, as well as their efforts since the very infancy of Extra Life itself.

As they discussed their Game Day planning, my mind went to Aven. At the drop of a hat, I went to bat for him, using every bit of my little online platform to help raise money for him. One year later, while midair on a flight back home, I decided that I needed to get back off the sidelines once again.

When I got home, I explained Extra Life to my wife. With no planning, I was prepared to play video games for 24 hours in honor of Aven to raise money for the same hospitals that gave him care during his fight. I raised \$856 dollars in this effort, just shy of my \$1,000 goal. I focused on planning efforts for my 2017 Game Day and ended with \$2,000. This year, I'm shooting for \$5,000 and streaming throughout the fall in addition to Game Day.

Aven may have lost his fight, but I am determined his memory will live on. I sincerely hope my efforts in Extra Life may just be the thing that allows the Children's Hospital Foundation in Oklahoma City to save another family from the unimaginable pain and heartbreak of losing their child.

It doesn't matter that I live in Texas. It doesn't matter that the previous fundraising efforts didn't save Aven. It doesn't matter that the only smile I got to see from Aven was via photos.

What does matter is that I am making a difference. What does matter is that every year Aven's family gets to see the impact that their son not only has had on me, but on everyone that hears his story and donates in his honor.

For the kids. For Aven.

If you love children and enjoy playing video games, board games or virtual reality, check out extra-lifeokc.com for more information on how to make an impact on Oklahoma's sick and injured children. Play games. Save lives.



## DANCING FOR A MIRACLE: Celebrity dancers raise \$309,000

Co-Chairs Randy and Linda Kamp hosted a wide world of dance giving hundreds of sick and injured children across Oklahoma a reason to celebrate.

Dancers participating in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Dancing for a Miracle gala and competition in August, raised more than \$309,000 for the Children's Hospital Foundation.

More than 850 guests filled the ballroom at the Embassy Suites in Norman to watch award-winning professional and celebrity dancers pair up and compete in a "Dancing with the Stars!" styled dance competition. The event's theme was "We are the World," and focused on diversity among cultures, styles of dancing and the diseases for which children are treated.

The evening kicked off at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by a live auction, seated dinner and musical entertainment by Oklahoma City acoustic/electric cellist Sam Kahre.

The nine local celebrities who took to the stage were Scott Fischer, Shannan Hinckley, Dr. Rene McNall-Knapp, Grant Mathiews, Madison McConnell, Korey McMahon, Xavier Neira, T.W. Shannon and Shannon Taylor. They were each paired with professional dancers April Blaker, Brian Franks,

Darren Fernandez, Hays Hopkins, Amanda Leonard, Johnny Milla, Marissa Runnels, Meagan Schofield and Elizabeth Willis.

T.W. Shannon and Meagan Schofield claimed the overall Dancing for a Miracle winner's title, having raised more than \$73,000 during the dancing and fundraising competition.

Dancing for a Miracle began in 2008 with four local celebrity dancers, guests and a visionary committee. Since 2008, the annual event has contributed more than \$2.5 million to improve the health of children from every county in Oklahoma, every year.

"This event wouldn't be successful every year without our amazing sponsors such as the Chickasaw Nation who have been the presenting sponsor the last 4 years," said owner of Kamps 1910, Randy Kamp. "We are so thankful for their commitment to our event and their vested interest in helping the future generations of Oklahomans."

2018 major sponsors included the Chickasaw Nation, Embassy Suites Norman, Kampco Foods, Jasco Giving Hope Foundation, Eventures, R.K. Black, Express Employment Professionals and Gardner Tanebaum Holdings.







**LEFT:** (Left to Right) Dancers Meagan Schofield and T.W. Shannon pose with Miracle Kids Katie Green, Grace Nelson, and Mattie Hurley. **MIDDLE:** Shannan Hinkley and Hays Hopkins with Katie. **RIGHT:** Brian Franks and Dr. Rene McNall with Katie.



## Teen Board gives Children's Hospital Foundation a helping hand and offers members valuable experience

There is no age requirement to have a heart for Oklahoma's sick and injured children. Adult, child or highschooler, each age group's efforts are significant.

Teens desiring to make a positive impact for the sick and injured kids of Oklahoma and gain experience to help prepare for life as adults may find their niche on Children's Hospital Foundation's Teen Board.

The Teen Board is made up of more than two dozen 9th through 12th graders. Since August of last year, the board has planned and executed a number of events raising more than \$2,000 to benefit Children's Hospital Foundation.

A few of last year's Teen Board events included helping in the planning and hosting of "Trick or Treat at the Street," a Street of Dreams Halloween event, assisting in the annual NICU Reunion event at the Children's Hospital and helping with family registration, gift pickup and pictures with Santa at the

Miracle Kid Christmas Party. They also made crafts and s'mores with the children attending a Christmas party for patients of the Jimmy Everest Cancer Center and their families currently staying at OK Kid's Korral.

Founded four years ago to expand high school-level volunteer support among service-oriented school groups within the Oklahoma City metro, the teen board represents and works to increase and enhance community awareness of Children's

Hospital Foundation. In this role, the Teen Board plans and hosts fundraising events throughout the year.

Not only do board members help kids, their involvement helps them develop leadership and volunteer skills, as well as utilize their talents to build a professional network with their peers from around the city.

To find out more about the Teen Board, go to www.chfKids.com.





The Street of Dreams is a central Oklahoma luxury home tour held in October, featuring home builders in the region showcasing the latest home design trends and technology.

Presented by Harry's TV, Video & Appliances and Pella of Oklahoma, the event was hosted at The Falls, a new development located in northeast Oklahoma City, and included nine home builders representing all areas of central Oklahoma.

The events objective was to inspire patrons to remodel or redecorate their current home, or even purchase a new one. Featured homes ranged from 4,000-5,000 sq.ft., each reflecting their respective builders unique style and character.



## **DEKHARAI** "BRINGER OF JOY"

#### 2019 Champion Child of Oklahoma

DeKharai was born a healthy baby boy but suffered a bilateral brain bleed, which led to more than 30 medical procedures, countless emergency room visits and several nights at Children's Hospital.

He was diagnosed with spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, seizure disorder and visual disorder.

DeKharai's name means "the bringer of joy" and his contagious smile is evidence that he is living up to his name. He loves smiling, playing in cold pasta, watching sports and singing every kind of music.



# **TRIVIA BOWL** \$34,000 raised for children

Trivia is not trivial, at least when it comes to caring for Oklahoma's sick and injured children.

That's why on Nov. 8, more than 400 young professionals gathered together at The Criterion for Children's Hospital Foundation's Trivia Bowl, hosted by the Innovative Board. The Innovative Board consists of young professionals, 24-35 years old, who want to make an impact in their community. The event raised more than \$34,000 to support pediatric research and education programs. Attendees enjoyed five rounds of trivia hosted by Spencer Hicks and Ryan Drake, appetizers from multiple local restaurants and beer, wine and specialty cocktails.

## 2018 Starlight Ball Gala

#### **Miracle Makers Award Presented**

Generous supporters of Children's Hospital Foundation converged for an elegant evening at our Starlight Ball Gala.

Hosted at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club on Oct. 20, the event benefited Children's Hospital Foundation and featured casino-style games, delicious food, drinks and dancing to live music by Think Big & The Bulletproof Brass band.



**ABOVE:** Vi and Tom Blalock, Starlight Ball Co-chairs

Since 1993, the annual ball has contributed more than \$2.5 million to improve the care of children across Oklahoma.





**ABOVE:** Jenny and John Meyer honored with the 2018 Miracle Makers Award.

**LEFT:** (Left to Right) Chip and Brittney Keating, Ron Norick, Cathy and Frank Keating.



**WALMART & COCA-COLA GOLF CLASSIC** 

#### Tee time at the Trails Golf Club in Norman

Last year marked the fifth consecutive year the Newcastle and Norman 12th Street Walmart Supercenters partnered with Coca-Cola to host the Walmart & Coca-Cola Golf Classic at the Trails Golf Club in Norman. The event raised more than \$12,000 for Children's Hospital Foundation.

The Oklahoma City Thunder girls attended the event to wish the players a great day of golfing. Vendors like Coca-Cola, Fritos, Coors Light, Red Bull and Hiland provided teams for the tournament. The vendors also donated grills, coolers and autographed posters for the silent auction.

The tournament offered golfers the ability to purchase "mulligan insurance," an opportunity to have a redo if they mess up. Men had the option to tee off from the ladies' tee at the 13th hole for \$5 — but only while wearing a bright purple and pink tutu. Drink carts made regular visits throughout the tournament and players enjoyed tacos for lunch.





## **OCA RANCH RODEO**

## Cowboys helping kids buck disease & injury

Cowboys at the annual Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Ranch Rodeo endure the bumps and bruises from the bucking broncos to help raise money for Oklahoma sick and injured children.

"The camaraderie among the ranch teams paired with our mission ... 'Cowboys Helping Kids' makes participating worthwhile and enjoyable," said Tim Drummond, OCA Ranch Rodeo Chairman.

In August, 12 teams of cowboys competed at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie in five different events mirroring real ranch work for the 34th Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Ranch Rodeo benefiting The Children's Hospital Foundation. Since the OCA made the Foundation its selected charity in 1997, it has donated more than \$475,000 to help fund children's medical research and treatments.

The Buford Ranch won champion team honors by winning the saddle bronco riding and wild cow milking events, bringing the ranch its ninth win since the rodeo began in 1985 and qualifying it to compete in the Working Ranch Cowboy Association National Finals.

## **COMMUNITY CURTAIN CALL:**

## Recognizing our supporters in the community

**RIGHT AND IMMEDIATELY BELOW:** True Sky Credit Union hosted a Food Truck event June 22, 2018 at their Yukon location.

**CENTER RIGHT AND LEFT BOTTOM:** Attendees of the Greater Oklahoma Chapter Golf Classic on Sept. 20, 2018.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Cherokee Strip Credit Union in Ponca City on Sept. 11, 2018 presented the Children's Hospital Foundation with a \$3,000 check for money raised by selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars.











**RIGHT:** DJ Boles presents a check for \$3,676 from the Cade Boles Memorial Foundation to Children's Hospital Foundation.

**CENTER LEFT:** Representatives of Marathon Oil on Nov. 15, 2018 present Children's Hospital Foundation with a \$2,500 check sponsoring the iHeart Media Big Event to help raise awareness and improve the health of Oklahoma's children.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Cancer Sucks Inc., presents Wyatt, pediatric cancer survivor, a check for \$50,000. These funds will benefit the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders and support our mission to defeat pediatric cancer.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Cheyenne Middle School girls volleyball team presented Children's Hospital Foundation with a check for \$1,216 on Oct. 12, 2018 following their Pink Out Cancer campaign.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** The Edmond North girls volleyball team presented Children's Hospital Foundation with a check for \$2,000 on Nov. 9, 2018 following their Pink Out Cancer campaign.











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**LEFT:** Sheridan's Sunshine Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 to Dr. William Meyer of the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders on Dec. 20, 2018.

**CENTER LEFT:** Children's Hospital Foundation and hospital representatives commemorate Dr. William T. Basco, M.D., as the CHF Emil Stratton M.D. Research Visiting Professorship.

**CENTER RIGHT:** Children's Hospital Foundation presented Dr. James Cherry with a token of gratitude for being selected as the CHF Harris D Riley, M.D. visiting professor. (Pictured left to right) Morris Gessouroun, M.D. James Cherry, M.D., Robert Welliver, M.D.

**BOTTOM:** Jiffy Trip representatives present Children's Hospital Foundation with a \$60,000 check on Dec. 20, 2018.









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