

HOW YOUR DOLLAR MAKES MIRACLES AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS



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In 2019, CMN Hospitals raised \$3,346,961 for Children's Hospital Foundation.



Only fifty percent of babies born with congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) survive. Mattie's was larger than anticipated when she was born. Every abdominal organ had developed in her chest, pushing her heart to the right and keeping her left lung from developing. She had immediate surgery, and what followed was a roller coaster ride, with complications that necessitated her being placed on an ECMO machine to regulate her heart and lungs. With a poor prognosis, her family prepared to say goodbye, until a neonatologist tried a "high-frequency jet ventilator" and by that afternoon, Mattie was bouncing back. She was eventually sent home, although complications continued. She was diagnosed

with progressive scoliosis and a diaphragmatic hernia at age three and was recently diagnosed with bronchiectasis, leaving her lungs functioning at only 50 percent of normal capacity.

Mattie's unique combination of difficult diagnoses means she is limited in what she can do - but her positive attitude has no limits at all. She teaches everyone around her that life is meant to be lived to the fullest. She is always ready with a joke to tell or dance to perform. "You will not keep me from loving gymnastics and ballet," Mattie says about her condition. "You won't keep me down because I'm a miracle."

HOW DONATIONS HELPED MATTIE:

Funds from Children's Miracle Network Hospitals helped purchase the ECMO machine that helped saved Mattie's life during her first few weeks of life. This machine is critical for babies in the NICU. Funding also helps to recruit and retain the best specialists in Neonatology and Pediatric Surgery that helped care for Mattie during her most critical time as a newborn and into her infancy.