

AUBURN UNIVERSITY DANCE MARATHON

MIRACLE KIDS



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



Grant Maclsaac

At 31 weeks, Hilary Maclsaac was placed on bed rest until her baby Grant had reached full term. That same day, though, the doctors decided that Grant needed to come within the next 48 hours. Grant was delivered by C-section and quickly placed on a ventilator because his lungs were not yet fully developed.

Grant's lung had collapsed, requiring emergency surgery and a ventilator for 21 days. Because of CMNH hospitals, Grant was able to leave the NICU after 43 days and he can continue to see specialists who help him develop certain skills that would come normal to a full-term baby.

Brody Hester

At 14 weeks, Amberly Hester had a cerclage put in so that her baby could grow healthy until full term. Unfortunately, her baby, Brody, did not make it full term and was born premature. He was born 1lb and 4oz with a collapsed lung, PDA on his heart, brain bleeds, RPO, jaundice, and severe sepsis. After 98 days in the NICU,

Brody was able to go home, and he has grown stronger every day since. Thanks to the doctors and nurses at CMNH, Brody is a happy and healthy little boy who loves to eat and dance!



Chloe Wall

Chloe was born premature at 26 weeks at under a pound and was given little hope for survival. After 7 days on a ventilator she was taken off and went on oxygen before her journey to the NICU.

Throughout her 80 days in the hospital she endured blood transfusions, learning to feed and suck, infections, PDA in her heart, and RPO. Once she was released, she had to undergo laser eye surgery, and only stayed

on oxygen a few weeks after her release. Chloe says, "If it hadn't been for the wonderful care, I received from my NICU doctors and staff at CMNH hospital, my future would have most likely been much different. I owe my life to my CMNH hospital!"

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Parker Grelecki

Born on September 9, 2008, Parker Grelecki's life has been everything but ordinary. During the 20th week of their pregnancy, the Grelecki's were given the unfortunate diagnosis that their son, Parker Grelecki, was to be born with Hydrocephalus. While at birth, Parker had over 98% fluid within his cranial cavity, and 2% brain matter. The next nine months of Parker's life were filled with surgeries that would result in the proper draining of the excess fluid and reshaping of his skull. At just four weeks old, Parker began therapy in which continues to do even until this day. Being the Rockstar that he is, Parker has let absolutely none of this stop him from being such an amazing kid! He does exceedingly well in school, has the outgoing personality like that of none other and doesn't let anything stop him from being the joyful, silly, kind soul that he is. Anyone blessed with the opportunity to meet Parker should definitely consider themselves lucky!

Emma Smith

At 20 weeks pregnant Emma's mom was told she was having a rare type of identical twin pregnancy called Monochorionic-monoamniotic and at 24 weeks pregnant, was placed on bedrest at Piedmont Columbus Regional for umbilical cord entanglement and preeclampsia. Just two weeks later, Emma and her sister, Brooklyn were born and taken to the NICU. Sadly, Brooklyn took a turn for the worst and passed away at 13 days old, however, Emma's family likes to say that the hemangioma that appeared on Emma's cheek the day that her sister died is a kiss from Brooklyn. Emma was in the NICU for 76 days and was able to come home on October 20th, 2018. Since then, Emma has fought several battles, such as being hospitalized for eating issues and RSV, as well as being diagnosed with cerebral palsy, but she is thriving, nonetheless. Thanks to the doctors and staff at CMNH Emma's life has been made possible.





Slade Triplets

The Slade Triplets, Isabelle, Gracie, and Emma were all born at 25.5 weeks gestation on September 4, 2011. Isabelle was 11lb 14 oz, Gracie was 1 lb 6 oz, and Emma was 1 lb 2 oz. Isabelle spent 102 days in the NICU and has been diagnosed with hydrocephalus and cerebral palsy but lives her life to the fullest! Gracie and Emma both spent 95 days in the NICU. While Gracie was in the NICU she became septic and had to be intubated for longer than her sisters. Emma's size at birth raised concerns about her being intubated. Emma is the smallest but is considered the boss of her sisters! Isabelle loves all things Frozen, while Gracie loves to read books! These triplets are full of energy and light up every room!



Karsyn Cooper

Karsyn Cooper was born on October 25th, 2009 as a premature baby. Her original due date was February 1st, 2010, therefore she was 15 weeks premature weighing 2 pounds and was 13 inches long. Karsyn was born with insufficient lungs, a swollen and bleeding brain, a heart murmur (Patent Ductus Arteriosus), jaundice, transparent skin as well as issue with her gastrointestinal tract and eyes that were fused together. Although there were many complications, Children's Miracle Network was there by Cooper's side. CMN worked with Piedmont Regional and helped fund the NICU's giraffe incubators, therefore giving Karsyn a chance to survive. Karsyn was in the NICU for 79 days under the care of Dr. David Levine as well as many other fantastic nurses. Currently Karsyn is 10 years old and is a living, breathing example of a miracle. She is a very smart girl thriving in life with no physical limitations. With the help from children's Miracle Network the miracle of Karsyn's life was made possible, just as many other children's lives as well. Karsyn's story is truly inspirational.



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The resources that AUDM provided thru continuously raising funds and awareness are one of the main reasons we saw discharge day and I brought my miracle micro preemies home. It hadn't been easy but because of AUDM they had a fighting chance.

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To say I'm eternally grateful is an understatement. There's is not a single prayer that we pray daily and we don't thank AUDM. We count our lucky stars twice because of you all.

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