

# Celebrating Brighter Futures: Logan is a National Champion!

For the past year, Logan McCool served as our Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Local Champion. In this role, Logan appeared on promotional materials at CMN Hospitals partner locations such as Walmart, Publix, Costco and Love's Travel Stop. Logan and her family also served as ambassadors of Children's of Alabama by sharing their medical story and what Children's of Alabama means to them.

Each year, the team at CMN Hospitals headquarters chooses a handful of Local Champions to serve as National Champions, who will represent the fundraising and advocacy efforts of the organization at a national level. We are so excited to announce that Logan has been chosen to be a 2023 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Champion!

We cannot wait to see how Logan shines in this bigger role, and we know she will represent our state, hospital, and CMN Hospitals so well!

## Logan

AGE 7, SPINA BIFIDA PATIENT



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## 2023 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Local Champion

In the process of her adoption, Lucy's family knew she had been born with cleft lip and palate. Upon her arrival, they knew they were going to Children's Adoption Clinic and Cleft and Craniofacial Center. With many cleft lip and palate repair surgeries now under her belt, Lucy continues to work with hearing and speech therapists at Children's to improve her speech. There are potentially more surgeries to come in her future. But for now, the family is enjoying the significant progress she has made and that their family is now complete.



# Lucy

AGE 8, CLEFT LIP AND PALATE;  
HEARING AND SPEECH PATIENT



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Around the time of her fourth birthday, Janai was battling a cold. It led doctors to discover something much more severe—Janai had cardiomyopathy, and her heart became too weak to function on its own. She would need a transplant. In June of 2022, a match was found, and Janai had the surgery. Despite some complications, she came through it, and went home just over a month later. It was the first time she'd been home in almost a year. She's now 5 years old, and she and her family remain thankful for everything Children's did to make Janai's life as normal as possible.

# Janai

AGE 5, CARDIOMYOPATHY;  
HEART TRANSPLANT PATIENT



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When Cole Murphy began experiencing persistent fevers, his parents initially attributed it to a normal 3-year-old's interactions with other children at pre-school and church. But when he fell out of bed during the night and couldn't walk the next morning, his mom, Madison Murphy, called the pediatrician. The nurse told her to take Cole to Children's of Alabama immediately. Before the day was out, he was diagnosed with leukemia. Doctors needed only 28 days to get him into remission, but it took nearly four years of treatment to make sure he stayed there. Along the road, he endured chemo, spinal taps, bone marrow tests, home injections and innumerable labs and tests. His medical care team at Children's of Alabama became like family to Cole, his parents and siblings. He took his last chemo pill on May 21, 2022, and today he's playing tackle football and living "a normal life" with his family.

# Cole

AGE 7, PRE B-CELL ACUTE  
LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA PATIENT



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When Adam and Becky Reese decided to get speech therapy for their adopted triplets Alexandra, Alie Ana and Mila, they took them to Children's of Alabama. "We knew we would get the best help for our girls at Children's," Becky says. They were amazed by the results—first when the girls were 2, then again when they were in preschool. The progress both times was so significant, Becky even calls it lifechanging. "It takes a village when it comes to raising children, and I'm so thankful to have Children's of Alabama as a part of ours."

## Alie Ana, Mila & Alexandra

AGE 5, SPEECH THERAPY PATIENTS



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