

CHILDREN'S CONNECTION

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Mark Your Calendar for June 4 It's Celebration 2006!

Our kids are called Champions. They are Champions for a reason. They face challenges every day that some of us will never know. Children's Miracle Network® (CMN) touches thousands of Champions every year.

Celebration 2006 takes place LIVE in the lobby of Gundersen Lutheran, Sunday, June 4 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on WXOW-TV19 La Crosse and WQOW-TV18 Eau Claire. Join WXOW news anchor Diana Henry and sports director Scott Emerich as they share incredible stories of some very courageous Champions. We will celebrate the fund-raising accomplishments of our growing list of sponsors who donate their time, talents and dollars to help area Champions.

The "network" in Children's Miracle Network is our local and national sponsors, our volunteers and our donors. CMN supporters put on fund-raisers, volunteer time and even donate goods to help provide funds for Champions in our area. You can help local families by tuning in and making a pledge. One easy way to help Children's Miracle Network is to join the CMN Monthly Giving Club. For only \$15, \$20 or more each month for a year, you can be a

member. This small gesture will go a long way to help Champions and their families. As a BONUS, members of the Monthly Giving Club will have their name entered in a special drawing for a \$750 travel certificate, compliments of Carlson Wagonlit Travel "Owned & Operated by Goli's Avenues of Travel." This certificate is good on Northwest, Mesaba, Express 1 or KLM. So pack your bags and join the Monthly Giving Club.

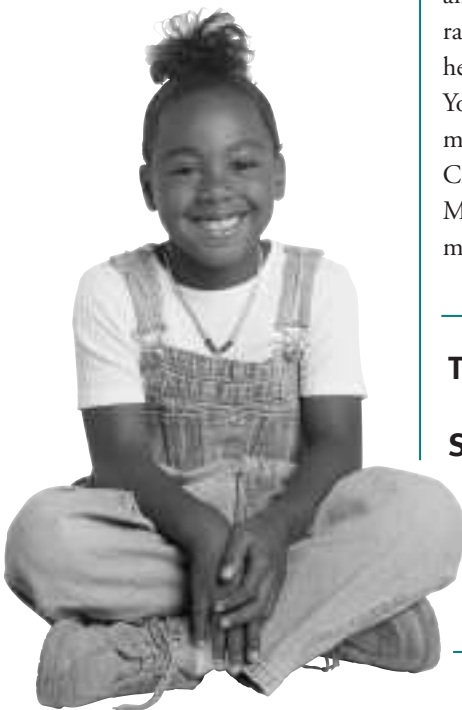
All of the money raised for CMN stays in the Tri-state Region. It doesn't matter where a child receives his or her healthcare. It doesn't matter if the family can pay. Anyone can apply for funding from CMN. From meal tokens to specialized equipment, CMN helps to fill the gaps whenever possible for these kids and their families.

You can make a difference in the life of a Champion and their family. Call in during the Celebration at (608) 781-8900 or (800) 853-6889.

*Tune in...call in...make a pledge.
Be a Champion for kids.*

Turn to page 2 to read about this year's CMN Celebration Kids' stories.

See page 3 for a Celebration pledge form.



Area children featured at 2006 Children's Miracle Network Celebration

Hannah Froseth

When Hannah Froseth of Eau Claire was 7 years old, she was diagnosed with type one diabetes and had to give herself insulin injections four to six times a day. After hearing a CMN presentation at work about another girl with diabetes, Hannah's mom, Melissa Fawcett, contacted Gundersen Lutheran - Onalaska Clinic pediatrician Tom Roberts, MD. Shortly after he began caring for Hannah in January, Roberts started her on an insulin pump, which has helped consistently control her blood sugar. Now, free from living her life around daily shots, Melissa says her 10-year-old daughter is herself again. They're grateful for the help they've received from CMN to pay for a portion of the cost of the insulin pump and their travel expenses because it's allowed Hannah to receive the care that's made such a difference in her life.



and, for six months, underwent chemotherapy and radiation. In November, she had a stem cell harvest and transplant in Minneapolis. Earlier this year, Sara had a relapse and is receiving additional chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Even with the setbacks, Sara has kept a positive attitude. Throughout her treatment CMN has provided her family with meals and assistance with travel expenses, alleviating some concerns as they focus on helping Sara.

Samantha Murphy

October 2005 is a month Samantha Murphy's family won't forget for a long time. It was the month their 7-year-old faced a potentially life-threatening situation. The Arcadia second grader seemed to have the flu, but she wasn't getting better. Doctors at Gundersen Lutheran discovered Samantha's appendix had ruptured. Her condition was so serious she spent 19 days in the hospital. Two days after going home, she spiked a fever and her lung collapsed. She was admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for two nights and spent several more days in the hospital. During Samantha's ordeal, her parents received meal vouchers and help with their transportation costs from CMN. They say the assistance made a huge difference in their lives because traveling from Arcadia every day was extremely expensive. The help from CMN allowed them to stay with their daughter at a time when she needed them most.



Cole Herrmann

Six-year-old Cole Herrmann of Onalaska has taught his family that not everything that is good for them is perfect or as they may have planned. When his mom was 17 weeks pregnant an ultrasound revealed something suspicious and tests confirmed Cole had Down syndrome. His parents, Carrie and Jason, say their son is a lovable kid with a heart of gold who loves horseback riding, playing with his sister and brother, and watching his favorite videos after a long day at Eagle Bluff Elementary. The Herrmann's feel fortunate to receive funds from CMN for respite care, which gives them time to devote to their other two children and each other. They also received help from CMN to partially fund a new fence for their yard, allowing Cole to play outside independently and have the freedom he deserves.



Zoey Slaby

Two-year-old Zoey Slaby has shown more strength and courage in her young life than many people have to in a lifetime. On Dec. 23, 2005, doctors at Gundersen Lutheran diagnosed Zoey with a cancerous tumor called neuroblastoma. By the time it was discovered, the cancer had spread to the Waumandee girl's bones and bone marrow. Zoey had surgery at Gundersen Lutheran on Dec. 26 to remove the tumor and began the first of six rounds of chemotherapy in January. She underwent a stem cell harvest at the University of Minnesota to prepare for a stem cell transplant this summer and will receive radiation treatment after the transplant. Through it all, Zoey's fighting spirit has never wavered. When Zoey is in the hospital, her family benefits from meal vouchers through CMN. They say the support of CMN and the generosity of their friends, family and neighbors has given them strength.



Sara Kerrigan

Sara Kerrigan is an 18-year-old high school senior at Aquinas High School with a lot more on her mind than graduation. The La Crosse teenager has been battling Hodgkin's lymphoma since Feb. 2, 2005. Her journey began after her mom discovered Sara's lymph nodes were large and painful. A chest X-ray and lab tests revealed a large tumor under her sternum and a small tumor on her right lung. Sara immediately began treatment in the Gundersen Lutheran Pediatric Oncology department



Think Christmas in July

Attention all child artists! Think snow, Santa and Rudolph and enter the Children's Miracle Network's 20th Annual Holiday Card Coloring Contest.

a gift card to Wal-Mart, courtesy of Gundersen Lutheran Credit Union. And, his or her design will appear on thousands of cards to be sold next season.

On your next visit to one of our medical care sites, look for an entry form in any of the Pediatric departments or call us for a form. Using your imagination, draw a picture about what the holidays mean to you. Is it lots of presents under the tree, angels, Santa Claus and his reindeer, snowmen? We would like to see!

Deadline for entering is, of course, July 25, Christmas in July! Call the CMN office for more details or pick up an entry form on your next visit to Gundersen Lutheran.

All Gundersen Lutheran pediatric patients are eligible for the contest. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit children in the Tri-state Region with any type of medical challenge.

Just for entering the contest, a special prize will be given. The winning artist will receive



Meet the Loggers

As American as apple pie, the Loggers are synonymous with summer fun in La Crosse. Children's Miracle Network is pleased to announce a fun-filled family event on Tuesday, May 30. Bring the kids and enjoy an opportunity for everyone to meet this year's edition of the La Crosse Loggers baseball team. The event will be held at North Country Steak Buffet located next to Bridgeview Plaza from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Activities will include an autograph session with the players, a pitching machine, Louie the Lumberjack, and a sawdust pile for the kids. There will be drawings for Loggers game tickets, Loggers memorabilia and other great prizes.

Loggers team members and coaches will be your wait staff for the evening. All tips and a portion of that day's meal sales will be donated to CMN.

ESPN Radio 105.5 will be broadcasting its local show from North Country Steak Buffet that afternoon from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Make plans to attend this fun evening and help support CMN at the same time!

Please be part of Celebration 2006. Send in your pledge to support Children's Miracle Network®, a service of Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

_____ I(we) would like to join the CMN Monthly Giving Club (see pg. 1)

\$ _____ x 12 months = _____

_____ Other (Any donation is greatly appreciated) Enclosed is my pledge \$ _____



Please make checks payable to:
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation - CMN.

May we acknowledge your gift on Celebration 2006?
Yes _____ No _____

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CMN Honorariums and Memorials received January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

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Cheri Brudos

*In honor of Bethany-St. Joseph
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Patrick C. & Angela A. Goethel

In honor of Benjamin M. Koelker
Gregory J. & Ellen M. Koelker

In honor of Mark J. Koelker
Gregory J. & Ellen M. Koelker

In honor of birthday, Pat Murray
Cardinal IG Company

*In honor of 80th birthday,
Arleigh R. Pfaff, Sr.*
Jean M. Moe

In honor of Macy Williams
Whitney Fiberglass Products

Memorials

In memory of Lucille Adler
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In memory of Maurice G. Schaller
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*In memory of Norbert 'Schmidty' J.
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FUN-Raising calendar

To plan an event or promotion to benefit CMN, please call us at (608) 775-4424 or (800) 853-6889. We welcome your ideas! This is a list of known events as of 4/17/06. Call us any time for the latest additions to our event calendar.

June

June all month: Be a Hot Shot for CMN sponsored by Hot Springs Spas, Billiards and Pools

June 1-4: Menomonie Wal-Mart D.C. Golf at Mill Run in Eau Claire

June 3: Coldstone Creamery's 3rd Anniversary, Onalaska

June 4: CMN Celebration Weekend, LIVE at Gundersen Lutheran airing on WXOW TV-19 in La Crosse and WQOW TV-18 in Eau Claire

June 10: La Crosse Wal-Mart Hamburger/Cheeseburger and Hot Dog Fry at La Crosse Wal-Mart

June 13: 7 Rivers Region Chapter of Credit Unions' Miracle Open Golf Classic at Fox Hollow

June 13: Ron Sacia and the Fat Daddys at the Freighthouse

June 13-16: Book fair in Gundersen Lutheran Hospital lobby

June 17: Matt Euler's Texas Hold'em Tournament at The Moose Lodge

June 22: Crescent Printing Golf at Drugan's in Holmen

June 27: Ron Sacia and the Fat Daddys at the Freighthouse

June 29: Wisconsin Bankers Groups 7 Golf Outing at Drugan's, Holmen

June 30: Black River Falls Wal-Mart Chicken Q at Black River Falls Wal-Mart

July

July all month: Be a Hot Shot for CMN sponsored by Hot Springs Spas, Billiards and Pools

July 4: La Crosse Wal-Mart Chicken Q at La Crosse Wal-Mart

July 9: Team Paintball Tournament at Hidden Valley Paintball, Ettrick

July 9: Memononie Wal-Mart D.C. Ride for the Kids at Dunn County Fish and Game

July 11: Ron Sacia and the Fat Daddys at the Freighthouse

July 15: Sam's Club Onalaska Manager's Cookout at Sam's Club in Onalaska

July 17-18: Tomah Wal-Mart D.C. Golf at Hiawatha Golf Club

July 20-22: Country Jam USA, Eau Claire

July 22-25: Wal-Mart Menomonie Sporting Clays at Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm, Menomonie

July 25: Ron Sacia and the Fat Daddys at the Freighthouse

July 29: Kristin Lily Golf Tournament at Trempealeau Mountain

August

August 1-13: Be a Hot Shot for CMN sponsored by Hot Springs Spas, Billiards and Pools

August 5: Bud Loomis Old Timers Softball Tournament at Erickson Field

August 5: La Crosse Wal-Mart Brat/Hot Dog Fry at La Crosse Wal-Mart

August 8: Ron Sacia and the Fat Daddys at the Freighthouse

August 12: Coulee Region Modelers at Coulee Region Modelers airfield

August 14 and 16: Book fair at Onalaska Clinic and Support Services Building

August 19: Cruisin' for Kids at Lake Lawrence Marina

August 19: Menomonie Wal-Mart Drivers/Dispatch 5K Run/Walk

August 19: Martial Arts America Kids Kicking Cancer at Martial Arts America, Onalaska

August 22-25: Book fair at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital lobby

August 22: Ron Sacia and the Fat Daddys at the Freighthouse

August 26: Wal-Mart Onalaska, Magic 105 and Eagle 102.7 sponsor Change Bandits at Wal-Mart Onalaska

September

September 2: La Crosse Wal-Mart Chicken Q at La Crosse Wal-Mart

September 6 and 9: Tomah Wal-Mart D.C. Riding for a Reason

September 7-10: Menomonie Wal-Mart D.C. Golf at Mill Run in Eau Claire

September 8: Ace Hardware RSC Golf at Pine Creek

September 8-10: La Crosse's Elvis Explosion with Ronny Craig at the La Crosse Center

September 9-10: Honeycrisp Festival at Sunrise Orchards in Gays Mills

September 17: Chicken Q & Silent Auction at the Wharf plus watch Green Bay Packers vs. New Orleans Saints

September 23 and 26: Menomonie Wal-Mart Sporting Clays at Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm, Menomonie

Welcome New Donors

Welcome to the new donors who have recently joined our network of friends. Your gifts will make it possible for us to continue providing the highest quality of services to children in our communities. We hope you tune in to Celebration 2006 to see the many families who have been touched by your generosity.

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Blarney Party Challenge—Remarkable Fundraising

The 15th Annual Blarney Party raised \$173,364 to benefit Children's Miracle Network® (CMN) on March 4 and 5. The 18-hour event, hosted by Ed and Sally Sullivan, included sponsor recognition, phone pledges, a live auction and stories of courage from those who benefit from CMN.

“It never ceases to amaze me how the area responds and gives of themselves to help this great organization. Each year they outdo themselves,” says Jean Moe, CMN events coordinator.

CMN wishes to acknowledge and thank Ed and Sally Sullivan; their very devoted sponsors, friends and donors; WLFN 1490 AM; Charter Communications; and Tri-County Communications for their tireless commitment to the Blarney Party Challenge.

“This is a year-round team effort. So many people take time out of their busy lives to help us. It is a privilege to be surrounded by genuinely kind, giving people,” comments Moe.

To date \$1,224,955 has been raised during the 15 years of the Blarney Party Challenge.



RJ (left) and Ingrid Herken (center) along with their son Tysen are interviewed by Jean Moe, (right) CMN events coordinator, during the Blarney Party Challenge. Tysen's story was one of many featured throughout the Challenge, which raised \$173,364.

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