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Miracles happen because of you



You Gave Maddison Her Smile Back



Maddison smiles today because a team of trained specialists had equipment provided by donors like you.

Tooth decay is a simple inconvenience for most families who can see a dentist regularly. But for children like Maddison, treatment is out of reach and something her family just couldn't afford. Thankfully, a team of trained specialists with equipment provided by donors like you were ready to help her at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital.

Four-year-old Maddison experienced the pain and struggles of dental issues. "In the weeks leading up to her surgery, she would say to me, 'Mommy, it hurts to eat,'" explained Brittany, Maddison's mom.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, could not come soon enough.

"I was told St. Clare Hospital was the closest facility that could provide Maddison with the care she needed." This meant the family would travel two hours to Oconto Falls from their home in Stevens Point.

Upon checking into HSHS St. Clare Hospital, Maddison was greeted by her care team. This group included Kailee, a child life specialist who is trained in helping children feel comfortable with their hospital experiences.

Kailee stayed with Maddison as she prepared for her pediatric dental procedure. Together they read books and played games. This ultimately calmed Maddison's nerves, and her mom's too.

"Everyone was just so caring and did everything they could to make sure our visit was as comfortable as possible," shared Brittany.

Maddison underwent her dental procedure. To relieve the pain Maddison was experiencing, she needed a tooth removed and a spacer inserted to bridge the new gap. This spacer would make eating and speaking easier. Seven of her teeth also needed crowns.

Fortunately, recovery went really well, and Maddison was back to her goofy self by the next day. "She loves to be outdoors - running and playing on grandma and grandpa's farm," said Brittany.

Thanks to your generous giving, Maddison and kids like her have bigger and brighter smiles.

You Made This Possible

Kids now receive child life services at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital

Donations from wonderful people like you have expanded our program to support child life specialists like Kailee at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital. Child life is a free, one-of-a-kind service available to all children, teens and families. These specialists are certified and trained to help children and families cope with health care experiences before, after and during care.

“We understand how very stressful it is for the parents to see their child in a hospital. Anytime we can make this experience more home-like or comforting, the parents are always going to feel better as well as their child,” said Kailee, child life specialist.

Oftentimes Kailee will use medical play as way to rehearse a procedure with a child. While getting ready to work with a patient, Kailee may give the child a tour of the operating room or introduce them to members of their care team.

Your generosity puts children in our hospital at ease now and into the future.



A New Face at the Foundation Meet Meggie Cramer

HSHS St. Clare Foundation is thrilled to welcome Meggie Cramer as our new foundation director.

Meggie joins the Foundation from Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, where she served as associate director of major gifts.

Prior to Rush, Meggie was assistant director of reunion and annual giving for the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She also worked in fund development roles with the Kindling Group and the Chicago Family Health Center.

An accomplished equestrian, Meggie is a competitive dressage rider and coach of the Northwestern University Equestrian Team. Although residing in Chicago since 2013, “Wisconsin is where I grew up, and I’m eager to re-establish my roots here,” said Meggie. She looks forward to connecting with you soon.

Your support in 2020

Day in and day out, your gifts are hard at work. An elderly woman seeking rehabilitation, a mechanic needing radiation treatment, or a little boy on his way to the emergency room - your support saved them all. This is the care we provide, whether we’re going through a pandemic or not. Gifts like yours directly and indirectly touch all the patients we serve each year, which in 2020 consisted of:

14,316	4,077	607
Total Visits	ED Visits	Surgeries

2020 Tax Acknowledgment Receipts

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