

Gundersen Medical Foundation  
Children's Miracle Network Hospitals®

# THE *Miracle* CONNECTION



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## Safe transport for the tiniest patients

Gundersen Health System's ground transport service team is dedicated to providing high-quality, expedient care for all patients, including neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) patients who require specialized equipment for safe transport.

Each year, the team transports about 50 infants to or from Gundersen, and access to dependable medical equipment is crucial. That is why CMN Hospitals at Gundersen recently funded the purchase of a new

specialized neonatal ground transport isolette when the previous model became unreliable.

Not only does the new isolette provide a double outer wall system for keeping infants warm in the winter and cool in the summer, but it also allows for the monitoring of an infant's clinical measurements. Members of the transport team can track oxygen saturation, blood pressure, vital signs, and heart rhythm during transport with a touchscreen monitor. The

new model is also more user-friendly and easier for medical staff to move and operate.

"Our goal is to provide the best care possible to our tiniest patients, and in order to do that, we need to have reliable, user-friendly equipment," says Kelley Zhovtis, NNP. "We are incredibly grateful to CMN Hospitals and their donors for this grant, which has positively impacted our patients and our staff."

*Pictured: Members of Gundersen Health System's ground transport team with the new specialized neonatal ground transport isolette*

# A Celebration of Miracles

**The Miracle Gala returned in spring 2023 and was a huge success! More than \$102,000 was raised, which will help thousands of kids and their families throughout our region.**

The evening included stories from our Heroes, as well as a child art auction, dessert auction and fund-a-miracle auction. New this year was the Diamond Dash, where attendees purchased cubic zirconia earrings and were entered into a drawing to win a pair of genuine diamond earrings.

We are so appreciative of our attendees and our sponsors for their generosity.



**save the date**

*Miracle*  
**Gala**

Join us on **April 12, 2024**,  
in the Cargill Room at the  
**Waterfront Restaurant & Tavern** and learn how your  
support makes miracles  
happen for local kids.



## 2023 Miracle Gala Sponsors

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### Hero Flowers

Bittersweet Flower Market

### Auctioneer

Garrick Olerud of Olerud Auctions in Westby, Wis.

# Making spirits bright

Show your care for kids this holiday season by purchasing cards that feature the heartwarming artwork of our 2023 CMN Heroes. As always, 100 percent of sales will benefit kids and families in our region.

Purchases may be made at these locations:

### Gundersen Medical Foundation

201 3rd Street North, La Crosse

### Gundersen Gift Shop

Gundersen Health System's Main Campus

### Gundersen Pharmacies

Onalaska Clinic on Gundersen Drive; Onalaska Clinic on Sand Lake Drive; Cass Street in La Crosse; Village Shopping Center in La Crosse; Holmen Pharmacy on Hale Drive; Winona Campus in Winona, Minn.; and St. Elizabeth's in Wabasha, Minn.

**Email:** [cmnhospitals@gundersenhealth.org](mailto:cmnhospitals@gundersenhealth.org)

For pickup at the Foundation office (or shipped for an additional \$5)

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**\$10**  
PER PACK OF 20  
cards, envelopes  
& seals



Amanda



Eduardo



Brynleigh



Trey



Charlie

*Inside message:  
May the peace, love  
and joy of the holiday  
season carry through to  
the new year.*

## A gift from the heart

This holiday season is the perfect time to honor friends or family members with a gift (in their name) to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals®.

Just look at what your gift can do:

- **\$100** will cover gas cards for a family traveling to visit a child in the hospital
- **\$250** can help cover the cost of sled hockey or other adaptive recreation
- **\$500** will pay for tutoring and educational support
- **\$750** will help a child attend a summer camp that supports their medical diagnosis
- **\$1,000** helps cover the cost of technology and educational apps

These are just a few examples of the impact your gift to CMN Hospitals can make for children and families in need.

**Give today at [gundersenhealth.org/cmnhospitals](https://gundersenhealth.org/cmnhospitals).**





Dear CMN Hospitals,

When Alec was first diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, we were overwhelmed with all the health information we had to navigate and learn—and then came the bills!

Knowing that a grant from CMN Hospitals was available lifted much of our stress, and the straightforward application process was also a tremendous help. When our family received the wonderful news that we had been awarded a grant, I read through the email with Alec. Together, we discussed how fortunate we were to receive this opportunity.

Because of this grant, we don't have to worry about the monthly bill for supplies, and it even means we will be able to get him an insulin pump.

The generous support we have received from CMN Hospitals is so meaningful and helpful to our family. We are incredibly grateful!

Sincerely,  
The Hamilton Family

## TOGETHER, WE HELP CHILDREN

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals®, a service of Gundersen Medical Foundation, is dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children. We directly assist children and their families and support pediatric programs and services that help kids battle diseases and injuries of every kind. In the Gundersen service area, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than \$22.3 million since 1986. Each charitable donation—whether through special events, annual gifts, business partnerships, sponsorships or planned giving such as bequests—benefits children in this region and provides support for specialty medical care, research and preventive education.

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