

## MID-YEAR REPORT



One of the greatest moments at the center is watching a child accomplish something that was once impossible for them. Our therapists work diligently to incorporate a child's interest or hobby into therapeutic activities. For Issac and Josh, this passion is basketball. The two were fast friends after noticing how much they have in common. Both boys share a similar goal of returning to the game after an amputation. The two motivate each other to keep going on tough days and Josh is proving to Isaac that his dream is possible by playing on his high school team this year.



Prior to her diagnosis, Emma was a normal 7-year-old girl who enjoyed playing with her siblings. Emma's daily activities changed drastically when she was diagnosed with Pilocytic Astrocytoma, a rare cancerous tumor on the brain stem. The 8-year-old underwent a surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible. The location of the tumor and the severity of the surgery resulted in challenges of learning how to eat, walk, and communicate again.

## CELEBRATING LEAPS AND BOUNDS



Through physical, occupational, speech and hippotherapy, Emma has defied the odds. Over the past two years, she has battled infections, the return of her tumor, a second surgery, and learning to navigate her pre-tumor life again. Her current therapy goals include working on balance and coordination, memory recall, and visual tracking. Through therapy, Emma has been able to walk with assistance, learned to take conversational style notes, and has begun participating in taekwondo. Her therapists have especially enjoyed seeing Emma's joy and confidence return. In her first session, Emma set a goal of breaking a board with a front snap kick. Although ambitious, Emma showed her strength once again. Her confidence soared as her therapy team witnessed Emma rediscover not only her outward ability, but also her internal strength. We can't wait to see all that these three continue to accomplish.



"The MCRC therapists work to provide every possible resource and their relationships with their patients make a world of difference." -Lara Bow, Emma's Mom

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MCRC MISSION MOMENTS!

# PUMPJACK PARADISE

Pumpjack Paradise was held April 10, 2021. Beginning with the Montie Watson Memorial Golf Tournament at Midland Country Club and followed by an evening at The Grove of Centennial Park. The event featured various local vendors to align with the theme of supporting local and giving back to the community that has supported MCRC over the years. The evening included catering from Pi Social, Opal's Table, and Cancun Grill and drinks and treats from Texas Tap Co. and Pop Bar. The wonderful evening in honor of former Executive Director, Brooke Mueller was a testament to the generosity of the Permian Basin. We are incredibly grateful for the committee members, sponsors and attendees who made this event a great success.



Committee Members  
(pictured from left to right)  
Tricia Seth, Chelsea Davis, Claire Statton, Amy Bell, Molly O'Donnel, Co-chair Claire Ramirez, Co-chair Mandy McCabe, Cecilia Goebel, Kristina Williams, Callie Fuqua, Brooke Robnett, Mary Kathryn Wimberly, Taylor Billingsley.

## FROM THE HEART

This summer, MCRC is saying goodbye to two members of the MCRC family. Bobby and Ellen Conner have served in various capacities around the center over the years. A friend of many kiddos in the equine program, Ellen has volunteered as a side walker, assisting during hippotherapy and therapeutic riding. "One of the best things about Ellen is that she is dependable and always willing to contribute in any way possible," said Gwen Salcido, Volunteer Coordinator. Ellen has devoted herself to ensure the success of our fundraising efforts by volunteering her time at many MCRC events including Pumpjack Paradise and Bikefest. Her husband Bobby has served as a trusted member of our Fund Board. He brings numerous years of experience to the committee and he is a valued member by all. Together the two have greatly impacted our organization and they will be dearly missed. Thank you, Bobby and Ellen, for all that you have done for the center and the children we serve. Wishing you the best in your new adventure!



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

2ND QUARTER STATISTICS



68%  
OF ANTICIPATED  
CHILDREN SERVED.



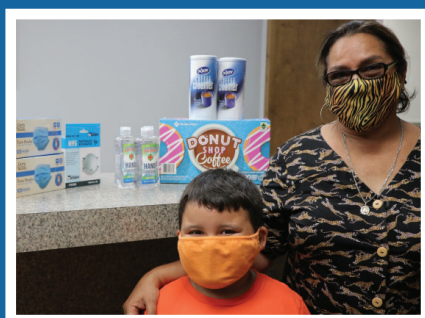
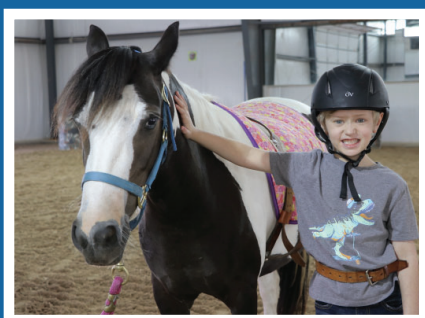
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CHILDREN GRADUATED  
FROM THERAPY.



45%  
OF ANTICIPATED  
SESSIONS  
PROVIDED.

\*Directors anticipate that 500 children will be served by December 31, 2021.

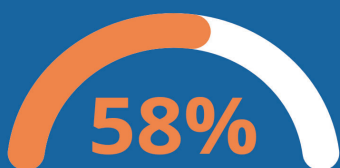
# COMMUNITY SUPPORT



We recently gained a new member of the MCRC family! Meet Blue Belle, our 11th horse. The 7 year-old Shetland pony was made possible by a generous gift to the center by Lea Ann and Roger McVay. Blue Belle quickly captured the hearts of our kiddos and will be a great addition for our youngest clients. Her smaller stature makes her less intimidating and allows for therapeutic gains. We are so excited to see all that she makes possible within our equine therapy programs.

We are so grateful for the support of our parents. Early last year, Emily Massie began donating masks. Her creative and fun patterns brought joy during a time of uncertainty and kept our staff and clients well protected. Similarly, the Reyes-Rojas family has consistently donated coffee, creamer and many other treats for our staff. "We can never repay MCRC for all that they have done, but we can always offer a token of our appreciation," said Maria Rojas.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE



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58%  
OF OUR 2021 BUDGET  
HAS BEEN RAISED.

Last year, we experienced the cancellation of a fundraising event and the downturn of our local economy. Our community however, continued to rally behind the mission of the center. 2021 has been a year that has inspired hope. As an organization, we witnessed the resilience and generosity of our community in ways we never expected. Both Pumpjack Paradise and Permian Basin Gives alleviated the financial burden of 2020 and allowed our leadership to begin planning for the growth of MCRC in years to come.

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