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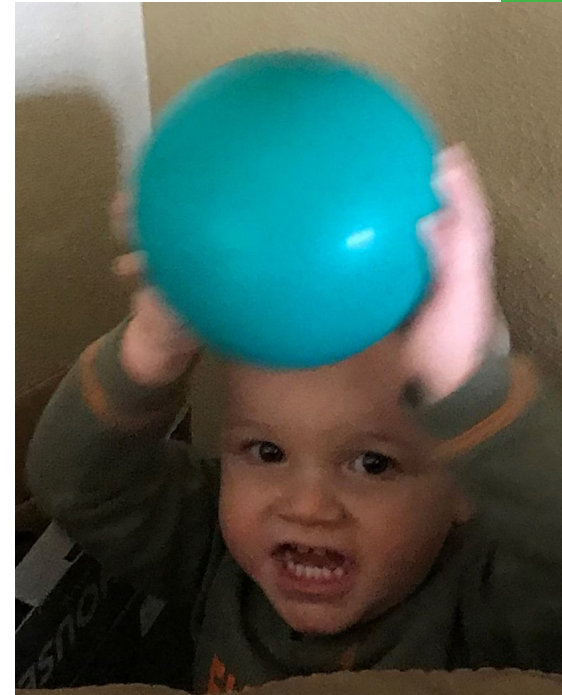
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STEPPING STONES

Winter 2018

Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center
Changing Lives... One Step at a Time

Meet Luke!



The Perfect, Positive Storm

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Did you know?

Every day, 33 children are born with hearing loss, making it the most common congenital condition in the United States

We've all heard about the Perfect Storm, when all the conditions are perfect and come together at just the right time and place. Sometimes this storm can be a positive, wonderful thing!

Meet Luke. He is about to turn two years old, and has been coming to MCRC since he was just a few weeks old. You see, Luke has Erb's Palsy; a condition caused during birth which damages the nerves that prompt the arm to work. Luke's left arm was nearly immobile from the shoulder to the wrist.

Luke's pediatrician told his parents it was important to get him to physical therapy right away and they took him very seriously. Luke's dad, Tim, was on the phone right away and soon found out there were not many options available for them and no one seemed to have an opening in the next few weeks. Tim then called MCRC; turns out there had been a cancellation for an evaluation that day! Tim, his wife, Lynnsey, and their kids brought Luke right away, a nearly two-hour drive from their home in Ackerly. The evaluation confirmed the diagnosis and physical therapy was immediately started. But therapy didn't just happen at MCRC. Tim and Lynnsey understood how important it was to manipulate Luke's arm everyday- several times a day. By working with Brooke Mueller, P.T., M.Ed., they learned how to properly work with Luke so that his therapy was happening daily. In addition, because MCRC doesn't file with insurance, Luke was able to have PT as frequently as his therapist, Brooke, thought would be best to give

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him the greatest chance of success. Early on Luke was making progress, but he was still monitored. Surgery was an option his orthopedist thought probable. Dr. Diab, a pediatric orthopedist that comes to MCRC once a month and sees children at no cost to families, recommended he go to Scottish Rite hospital for further evaluation. There they took a watch and see approach, telling the family that surgery was highly likely. This seemed to further motivate Luke's parents to exercise at home and attend therapy multiple times a week- anything to avoid surgery. Luke continued an aggressive therapy session at MCRC and mom and dad did their part at home. On January 11, 2018, Luke was discharged from MCRC. He will not need surgery and he has 98% function in his left arm, that only 20 months ago, lay limp beside his body. The perfect positive storm! Quick and early intervention, strong parent involvement, no limitations from insurance companies, access to doctors and specialists and a therapist who wouldn't give up. See video of Luke and his great success on the MCRC website! midlandchildrens.org



Christmas Dance Recital

MCRC's dance program is a therapy we've used for over 20 years to treat children. In therapeutic dance the combination of sound, rhythm and movement allows children to experience and explore movement that improves balance, coordination, timing and sequencing, as well as sensory and social integration.



Every year our children and their families look forward to this event! The program's objective is to maintain a professional dance environment for our children who cannot join dance programs elsewhere in the community.

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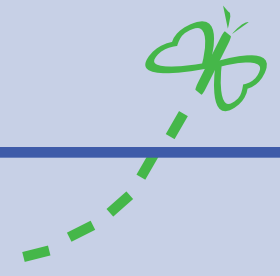
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Mark your Calendars!

- February 24- Steers & Stars Ball
- April 7- Spring Riding and Trail Show
- April 19- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- May 12- Bike Fest
- May 28- MCRC closed for Memorial Day



We are pleased to welcome our new board members joining us in 2018. We would like to welcome Jenna Knight, MarLu Hiller, Christine Moore and John Bell as incoming members to our 2018 Board of Directors. MCRC is so incredibly grateful for the amazing people who have previously served and who currently serve on our Board. Thank you for all that you do for MCRC!

Make a big impact!

Your monthly gift will help MCRC thrive year-round!

While many corporations and foundations give to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, it's every day individuals who keep the center afloat. By contributing to MCRC, you are directly impacting the day-to-day lives of children by giving them the opportunity to reach their goals for independence and contribution to the community as adults.

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