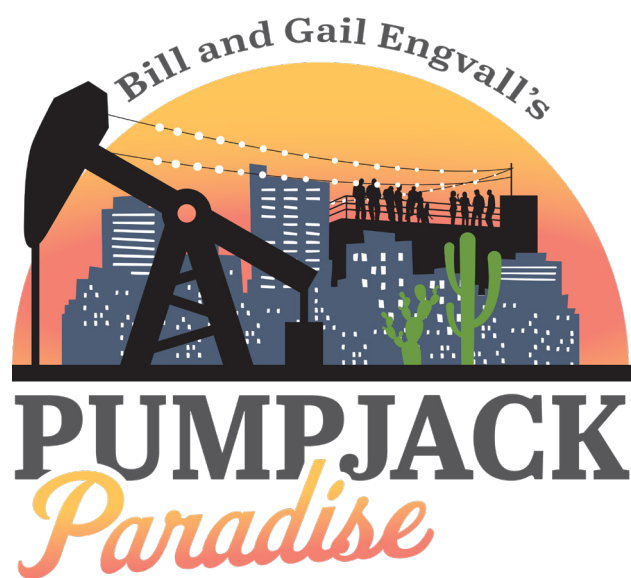


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**BETTER HEARING
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SIGNS OF A LANGUAGE DISORDER IN A CHILD

- Does not smile or interact with others (birth and older)
- Does not babble (4-7 months)
- Makes only a few sounds or gestures, like pointing (7-12 months)
- Does not understand what others say (7 months-2 years)
- Says only a few words (12-18 months)
- Words are not easily understood (18 months-2 years)
- Does not put words together to make sentences (1.5-3 years)
- Has trouble playing and talking with other children (2-3 years)
- Has trouble with early reading and writing skills* (2.5-3 years)



Go Hannah Go

If you've been around the center long enough, then you've probably met Hannah. Ask anyone about Hannah and the first thing they'll tell you is that she has a joyful personality, her attitude is contagious, and her smile lights up the room.

Hannah has been receiving occupational, physical, and speech therapy at MCRC for over 7 years. Throughout that time, her therapists have set plenty of objectives for her as she works towards developmental goals that include strengthening her core, improving her verbal communication and a deeper capability for self-care. Mom even says, "she wants to do chores, too," a comment Hannah could neither confirm nor deny through her laughter.

Hannah's diagnosis of Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy and Transfemoral amputation of her right leg requires her to use a wheelchair, traditional stander and a prosthesis. However, a few months ago Hannah outgrew her

stander and it was no longer able to meet her needs. Having the ability to stand is something that many of us take for granted. The act of standing helps to improve our respiration, voice control, and our posture, while increasing bone density and circulation - benefits Hannah was at risk of losing if something was not done.

Part of MCRC's vision is to provide rehabilitation services at little or no cost, which includes being the best advocates of a patient's needs. That's why a request for a new stander was made and approved. But this is no ordinary stander, it's a dynamic (mobile) stander sporting a bright pink paint finish! This new piece of equipment will allow Hannah the freedom to explore, to participate in a wider variety of activities, and the chance to progress her rehab in new and exciting ways. Jessica O.T.R., M.O.T. is certain, "This will be good so that she (Hannah) can be eye level with her peers."

"It made me so happy to see her excited - for her to do things on her own - to be free." Hannah's mom has always been supportive of her and her therapy and looks forward to Hannah's continued progress at the center.

An active participant in MCRC's Ultimate Dance Company, Hannah's next recital may involve her performing the "moon-walk" or 1,000 spins in her dynamic stander - a sight we're all eager to see!



**HAVE YOU SEEN THE
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BUILD YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION & INTERACTION SKILLS ALL DAY LONG THROUGH OBSERVING | WAITING | LISTENING

BASIN BIKEFEST

On May 4th, the fourth was definitely with us at the 2019 Basin Bikefest! We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather. It was a comfortable 70-80° all day long!

The morning started off with the two bike rides. A swarm of orange shirted kiddos made their way around the park and back to the center where medals were given out to the participants. A quick dance off between a T-rex and H-E-Buddy took place before everyone made their way to MCRC's backyard where tons of activity booths, jumpers, and a petting zoo was awaiting the guests.

Kids could get their faces painted and paint a horse - an all-around favorite! The petting zoo sported animals of all kinds including a baby kangaroo, an unforgettably tall camel, and the loud moos of a baby calf! With bingo, the CSL's cake walk, a lemonade stand, food truck, and an assortment of games, there was something for everyone at this year's Bikefest.

Thank you to everyone who came out to Bikefest! A special thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time and to our sponsors that made this year's event possible!



On the morning of the event, the air was crisp and fresh due to the rainstorm that swept through Midland the previous evening. Everything was lining up just right for the third annual MCRC Trail and Riding Show.

The horses were just as eager as the kids to show off their skills and each parent, grandparent, friend and relative had their phones out ready to snap pictures. As the riding commenced, rider after rider progressed through their routine exquisitely. An occasional uh-oh is certainly expected but even those instances were handled with grace from our therapists and volunteers on site. In fact, there were just a handful of them, much to the credit of the kids in the saddles - the control they demonstrated was inspiring. After skills were proven, each participant received a ribbon commemorating the achievement they earned through their hard work and dedication.

When it was all said and done, everyone was treated to a freshly prepared lunch thanks to the Atmos Energy BBQ duo. The show couldn't have gone smoother than it did. A huge thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time to help the show be a success and thank you to all who came and participated in the 2019 Trail and Riding Show.



Hillander Owls for Pals



Does Reading Aloud Really Matter?

Yes!

- Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning.
- Reading to your child helps with language development, brain development, literacy skills, information acquisition, a love for the pursuit of knowledge and helps to build bonds.
- Only 48% of young children in the United States are read to each day.
- Reading at least 15 minutes a day can make a huge difference in a child's development - you can never start too early!

169 students with Hillander School's Owls for Pals raised around \$30,000 for MCRC in two and a half weeks. Their goal was \$5,000 to be used to repair and refurbish equipment in the sensory room. They smashed that goal! The remainder of the money will go towards other programs including hippotherapy, therapeutic riding and aquatics. It's inspiring to see children like the students at Hillander stepping up to meet a need. Through their giving, the Owls for Pals are making a tangible difference in our community by helping us provide much needed services provided at little or no cost to children and their families. Thank you again students! We hope you continue to be an excellent example of a giving spirit!