

802 VENTURA AVE MIDLAND, TX 79705

PHONE: 432.498.2053 FAX: 432.682.4478 WWW.MIDLANDCHILDRENS.ORG

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE.





# Thank you



The Permian Basin Golf Tournament put on by Select Energy Services raised MCRC \$40,000! Thank you for supporting MCRC and helping us change the lives of children in West Texas.



802 Ventura Ave 432.498.2053 www.midlandchildrens.org

#### NONPROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PAID MIDLAND, TX 79711 PERMIT NO. 73

#### Winter 2018





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

STEPPING STONES

### **Meet CB!**



#### In this Issue

- **Building Blocks to**
- Success
  Take the Money and
- **Retirement at MCRC**
- **Pumpjack Paradise** 2019

#### Did you know?

On average, medical expenditures for children and adolescents with autism were 4.1 to 6.2 times greater than for those without autism.

### **Building Blocks to Success**

hree-year-old Carl "CB" Jr. is finding it a lot easier to express himself these days. CB has only been coming to MCRC since May and his progress, is already exceptional. CB's family started coming to MCRC after their insurance changed and no longer covered therapy at the facility they were attending. The financial strain caused his family to look into other options and found MCRC. CB receives both occupational and speech therapy and has already completed a rotation of hippotherapy. "It's overwhelming raising an autistic child because most parents don't understand what it's like or what you're going through," said CB's father, Carl Sr. "At MCRC I've met other parents who are facing similar situations and it's been comforting." In speech therapy CB has opened up with his therapist and is communicating his wants and needs. "CB has progressed a lot! We are currently working on strategies that are building blocks for a solid foundation that'll help CB have more meaningful conversations soon," said Sharla Gray, SLP. CB's success doesn't stop in speech. CB started hippotherapy to help him with sensory processing, self care and social anxiety. His therapist, Jessica Neves, MOT wrote a story to help him transition into hippotherapy and asked his parents to read it to him daily. Two weeks after starting the reading of the story, CB rode the horse and had his first successful hippotherapy session. CB has also improved fine motor skills, is now holding writing utensils and is tolerating various textures. "CB is flying through his goals! I can attribute a great deal of credit to the fact that his parents are so invested in his therapy and are motivated to follow through with any and all home activities given to them," said Jessica Neves, MOT. "He's doing great!" CB's parents and therapists are excited to see his development continue. "Most autistic children have a hard time bonding and CB loves both of his therapists here," said Carl Sr. "It's made a world of a difference with his progress."

### **Take the Money and Run**



Thank you to
everyone who
contributed to
Take the Money
and Run!

This was our first time bringing TMR back since 2016.
This event allows us to fundraise for children in need of our therapy services.

Whether it was by underwriting, donating, attending, volunteering or helping us spread awareness, YOU make a difference in the lives of these children.

# Stay Connected with MCRC Mark your Calendars!

- November 21-23 MCRC is closed for Thanksgiving
- December 4- Christmas Dance Recital
- December 24- January 1 MCRC is closed for Christmas

## **Happy Retirement!**



Congratulations on your retirement, Elnora! Elnora served MCRC for more than 50 years!

She has always had such a love for the children we serve and their families. Thank you Elnora!



# **Hippo Play Day**



Hippotherapy Play Day was filled with smiling faces and proud parents! This year we had 35 participants showing off what they've mastered during therapy.

### **How to Give**

Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center is blessed to have donors who year after year ensure children continue to receive the very best therapy services possible. However, as this year comes to a close, we still have budgetary needs.

A monthly gift is one of the best ways to support MCRC. Whether it's \$5, \$25 or \$100 a month. Even a one-time gift provides immediate help with our anticipated end of year expenses. No matter the amount, we appreciate you recognizing our need for financial support.

Together, we can embrace the children that need us. With your tax-deductible gift, YOU will directly impact the day-to-day lives of children. We truly appreciate your generosity and understanding of Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center and hope you will join us in continuing our commitment to children with special needs in our community.

### **Save the Date!**

Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center is back with Pumpjack Paradise!

> June 22, 2019 Golf Tournament & Rooftop Party

