



News Release

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Millions of Dollars Raised in 20 Years! *And It's All For Kids!*

(Bangor, Maine) -The twentieth annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon, held May 30, raised \$622,819 for local kids! The **Children's Miracle Network of EMHS** has been working hard for two decades and counting making sure our children have the healthcare they need close to home. The yearly telethon would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers and CMN "Miracle" Families, from Presque Isle to Waterville and Greenville to Machias who joined together at the Bangor Mall all for the eight-hour telecast aired over WABI-TV 5.

Since 1988, \$ 6.5 Million has been raised by CMN for the hospitals of EMHS through individual donations and corporate support – with 100% of those funds staying in this region of Maine for the continued excellence of pediatric healthcare.

Nancy Dysart, director of CMN, says CMN couldn't have done it without our amazing communities pulling together, "Thank you to everyone who has gone the extra-mile for the Children's Miracle Network. Your efforts will help assure continued access to quality healthcare close to home for the thousands of children who live in eastern, central and northern Maine." Dysart adds that it's through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who – every- year give of their time, talent and resources that CMN is able to continue to play such an important role in the lives of sick, injured and grieving children who live in this region of Maine.

Money raised through CMN will go toward the purchase of highly specialized pediatric medical equipment, therapy supplies, community outreach and education materials, and children's services at EMHS hospitals throughout central, eastern, and northern Maine.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated and or volunteered their time. For more information, please call EMHS Healthcare Charities at (207) 973-5055.

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