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## Be a Miracle Maker for a Child's Sake

At nine years old, Drake was diagnosed with a dangerous, fast growing form of bone cancer called osteosarcoma. His parents, who still get emotional when recalling his diagnosis, prayed for a miracle. Their prayers were answered in part by the power of Miracle Makers – individual community members and businesses – that support Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican's partner, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, with donations beginning at just \$1.



According to Debi Walsh, Director of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in southern Nevada, the non-profit organization's signature fundraising campaigns (see sidebar) provide affordable ways for the community to positively impact the lives of children in need. "When the donations of many giving community members are brought together, miracles happen." Drake's health is evidence of that. After 30 weeks of chemotherapy, he has been cancer free for two years.

Children's Miracle Network raises money for 170 children's hospitals across the United States and Canada, which, in turn, use the money where it's needed the most. Important to the non-profit organization's success in southern Nevada is that 100 percent of the monies raised locally benefit Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican. These donations have supported the hospitals' Baby-Friendly breastfeeding initiative, pediatric and neonatal intensive care equipment, specialty care and the cost of uncompensated care, all to save and improve the lives of as many infants and children as possible.

In addition to providing lifesaving cancer care for Drake, Children's Miracle Network helped find physician specialists who diligently reconstructed the portion of his arm affected by cancer. It took seven surgeries, a portion of his clavicle and his fibula (lower leg bone), skin from his leg and a good deal of metal to form Drake's new upper arm. Drake's dad, Richard, says that while the steps taken to give Drake back the use of his arm may sound like a "MacGyver" type medical solution, the results have been quite amazing. Drake, who is now 12, has become an accomplished piano player and a painter.

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### Become a Miracle Maker!

Support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals campaigns to help raise funds that will save and improve the lives of children cared for by Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican.

#### **JULY 28** Miracle Treat Day

Buy a Dairy Queen Blizzard at participating locations and \$1 of the purchase price will go to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. What a sweet deal!

#### **AUG 31** Miracle Balloon Sales

Buy a Miracle Balloon at any local Walmart or Sam's Club when paying for your purchases.

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 to Sunday, October 9, 2016

#### **SEPT 14** Wear Jeans. Help Kids.

Slip into Miracle Jeans Day, a comfortable campaign that raises funds for kid's health. Organizations like southern Nevada's Credit Unions for Kids find Miracle Jeans Day to be a relaxed, rewarding way to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Employees who purchase and wear Miracle Jeans Day stickers or buttons earn the freedom to don their denim to work. For information on getting your family, friends or organization involved and to customize your participation, visit [MiracleJeansDay.com](http://MiracleJeansDay.com).

## We're Going Green!

### Please Join Us!

St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation is dedicated to raising funds necessary to help Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican deliver quality care with *humankindness*. We are also committed to reducing our impact on the environment. In order to support both of these goals, we will transition to a completely digital *Rose Garden* newsletter beginning with our Fall 2016 edition.

"Our priority is to raise funds that directly support the quality and accessibility of patient care," says Charlie Guida, President of the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation. "We can, quite literally, save and redirect some 'green' by discontinuing our printed version of the *Rose Garden* newsletter and delivering it electronically to our friends and fellow community members."

We would like to continue sharing pertinent news about our fundraising campaigns and how your donations actively help St. Rose Dominican carry out its not-for-profit, faith-based health care ministry. To receive your free, quarterly *Rose Garden* newsletter electronically, please email [SupportStRose@DignityHealth.org](mailto:SupportStRose@DignityHealth.org) or call 702.616.5752. The newsletter will also be posted at [SupportStRose.org](http://SupportStRose.org).

## RE/MAX: Dream Homes and Miracle Dollars!

Since 1992, RE/MAX associates have donated more than \$147 million to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals – mostly by making donations in their clients' names after the sale or purchase of each home they have listed. If you are considering listing your home or purchasing a home, please visit [REMAX.com](http://REMAX.com) and look for the Miracle Balloon logo. Every dollar donated by local RE/MAX associates benefits Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican's pediatric services and programs.

