Six-year-old Jude has been coined by some as the “Mayor of Children’s Specialized Hospital,” he is friendly and outgoing, especially with other children, and pushes through life as if he has no limitations.

When he was just four-years-old, what began as a stomach bug and ear infection turned into meningomyelitis, often compared to transverse myelitis. Jude’s diagnosis quickly turned into him being very weak, decreased muscle tone, and temporary paralysis. Once admitted to Children’s Specialized Hospital’s inpatient facility, Jude began to regain movement thanks to physical, occupational, and recreation therapies. After over two months of being an inpatient, Jude was discharged and became an outpatient where he continues to make progress and work on his left side weakness.

Jude is unstoppable, determined to work hard and get better! With his favorite activities being dancing, coloring/drawing, and enjoying Star Wars and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Jude is truly a champion!
Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals is dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for 170 children’s hospitals. Together, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals creates one of the strongest international children’s causes in the world and provides state-of-the-art care to all children. No other organization directly impacts as many kids through care, research, and outreach programs. Locally, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals fund Children’s Specialized Hospital, with 13 sites across New Jersey serving over 26,000 children. Through generous corporate partners like Costco, Walmart & Sam’s Club, and RE/MAX International, and programs such as Extra Life Gaming Marathon and Dance Marathons, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals raises over $2 million annually for Children’s Specialized Hospital.

Children’s Specialized Hospital, a non-profit organization, is leading the way into a brighter future for children and adolescents facing special health challenges — from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. Working with parents and families, our award-winning doctors, researchers and pediatric specialists depend on the generosity of donors to discover new and innovative ways to help more children overcome their health challenges.

### How the Partnership Works

#### Retail Cause Marketing Campaigns:

- Your business or organization can generate a significant donation for Children’s Specialized Hospital by participating in Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals’ retail cause marketing campaigns.

#### Miracle Balloons:

- Customize our balloon with your logo or a special tear-off coupon to increase donations and garner repeat customers
- Ask customers at point-of-sale to donate to Children’s Specialized Hospital and proudly display their signed balloons

**Donate Proceeds:**

- Select a special item or time frame to have proceeds donated to our kids

### How to Get Involved

#### Host or Attend an Event:

- Many organizations and individuals decide to host their own event such as a casino night, softball tournament, restaurant nights, and more. Contact us for guidelines and we will assist you with promotion of an event!

Or attend fun days and events such as:

- National Pancake Day with IHOP
- Miracle Treat Day with Dairy Queen
- Extra Life Gaming Marathon
- Miracle Challenge

### Sponsor a Program:

- Can’t make it to an event? There are many opportunities to sponsor events such as Miracle Challenge, radiothons, dance marathons, and more. Contact us to find out the many ways you or your group can support an event this year!

### Partners

Join the following list of Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals top partners that raised significant funds for Children’s Specialized Hospital in 2015:

- **$600,000 and above**
  - Costco
- **$300,000 to $599,999**
  - Walmart & Sam’s Club
  - IHOP Restaurants
  - Rite Aid Corp.
- **$100,000 to $149,999**
  - Extra Life
  - RE/MAX International
  - Rutgers Sigma Chi
  - Derby Days
  - Wawa, Inc.
- **$50,000 to $99,999**
  - Chico’s FAS, Inc.
  - Credit Union for Kids
  - IHOP Restaurants
  - Rutgers Phi Mu
- **$25,000 to $49,999**
  - Dairy Queen
  - Kean DM, Kean University
  - Dance Marathon
  - NASH FM Radiothon
  - Rutgers Phi Mu
- **$10,000 to $24,999**
  - CDW Corp.
  - The Compass Group
  - Direct Energy
  - Highlander, NJIT
  - Dance Marathon
  - Montclair Miracles, Montclair State University
  - Dance Marathon
  - Panda Express
  - Restaurant Group
  - Playball for Miracles
  - Sunoco, Inc.
  - The Stand, NYC Dance Marathon
  - Wheel of Fortune
  - WOBM Radiothon

- **$5,000 to $9,999**
  - Alex & Ani
  - American Legion
  - Eisenhower Intermediate School Color Run
  - Miss America Organization
  - Ramathon, Ramapo College Dance Marathon
  - Wall Street Battle of the Bands
- **$1,000 to $4,999**
  - Ace Hardware Corp.
  - Berkeley Specialty Underwriters
  - Brach Eichler LLC
  - FirstGroup America
  - Great Clips
  - Gress Family Decorations for Donations
  - Magic 98.3
  - Miracle Jeans Day
  - New Jersey Festival of Ballooning
  - Phi Delta Epsilon
  - Zeta Beta Tau