



Children's Miracle Network 101

Hospitalized infants and children need special pharmaceuticals and equipment engineered to work with their small stature. From the tiniest tube or milliliter of medication to ECMO, a formidable device that acts as an artificial lung outside the body, medicines and machines that help sick kids get well are specialized - and high priced. Skilled pediatric professionals armed with evolving treatments and expensive tools work to save more than 14 million children annually from life-threatening injuries, birth defects, cancer, and numerous other ailments.

Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is a nonprofit organization that raises money to benefit hospitalized kids while increasing awareness of its member hospitals. All CMN contributions directly benefit hospitals, helping to purchase up-to-date equipment, train staff, conduct life-saving research, implement outreach programs and provide health care for children whose parents can't afford to pay.

More than 170 children's hospitals are affiliated with Children's Miracle Network. [Find a Children's Miracle Network hospital near you](#) and learn about the work they are doing in your community.

How Key Club helps

In 2009-10 Key Club and the Kiwanis family raised almost \$1.8 million for Children's Miracle Network and their affiliated hospitals. For more than a decade, Key Club International has been supporting CMN by sponsoring fundraisers and participating in service projects involving CMN children's hospitals. Key Club members can participate in service projects at their local children's hospital in the following ways:

- Provide toys and dolls for kids going through trauma.
- Contribute to or create video, toy, or book lending libraries or playrooms.
- Help staff information booths or surgery waiting rooms.
- Assist families with children who require long-term care or who live great distances from hospitals.
- Support safety campaigns or parent education programs.
- Purchase specific pieces of equipment.

Volunteer at your local community broadcast. The annual broadcast will air nation-wide in early June, inspiring millions of people with the heartwarming stories of children who have triumphed over diseases and injuries of all kinds.