These Champion Children have faced during what is called a miracle child to represent each state. Hospitals chooses one remarkable child to represent each state. Each year, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals chooses one remarkable little Emma underwent four surgeries at the Heart Center at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Emma was born with multiple congenital heart defects, the first is called Transposition of the Great Vessels, she also had a ventricular septal defect and pulmonary atresia. TGV means that Emma’s pulmonary artery and aorta were switched; Emma’s heart was circulating oxygen-depleted blood throughout her body causing her to look blue. Sweet little Emma underwent four open-heart surgeries at the Heart Center at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Today she is a healthy, happy nine-year-old! Each year, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals chooses one remarkable miracle child to represent each state during what is called Champion Week. These Champion Children have faced severe medical challenges, yet have had the courage and perseverance to continue to fight back, against all odds. In 2012 Emma served as the state’s ambassador for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. As a 2012 Champion Child, Emma went to Walt Disney World for the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals National Celebration. While there, she met other Champion Children from around the U.S. and Canada who have also faced medical challenges. In addition, Emma and her family traveled to Washington D.C. with the Champions where they met President Obama, met with Congressmen, conducted media interviews, and raised awareness for 17 million kids treated every year at Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

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Thank you for coming to 4Rivers 4the Kids

Over 300 people signed in to our partial proceeds at 4Rivers on Monday, October 6th! All day long, people were lining up at the door to get their delicious brisket and pulled pork sandwiches.

What Knight-Thon event would be complete without our Miracle Kids? Everyone got to see some adorable faces running around, and decorating cupcakes!

The fun didn’t stop there! An intense cornhole competition commenced at 6pm. Congratulations to the winners, Phi Delta Theta!

Our Leadership Team and Miracle Kids at 4Rivers!

Knight-Thon is expanding to local schools!

This year, Knight-Thon is expanding our Mini Dance Marathon Program! A Mini Dance Marathon is a DM that is hosted by a high school, and the money raised all goes into our final total. Last year, we had one Mini DM at Melbourne Central Catholic HS, and it raised over $11,500!

We are also looking for elementary, middle, and high schools to host small-scale fundraisers as well. Anything from a partial proceeds, to a Miracle Jeans Day, or even a carnival!

If you have any contacts at local schools, or know a school that may be interested, please contact our Mini DM Director, Julia Hanusa, at KTMiniDM@ucf.edu.

Dancer Spotlight

HAILLE HARDISON

Haille is the team captain for Zeta Tau Alpha. When we asked why she is FTK, she said, “I have an internship at the Heart Center doing research for Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease. Seeing the children and knowing I can make a difference in their lives is truly amazing.” And her favorite part of Knight-Thon is meeting the miracle children and hearing their stories.

Keep up with the amazing work, Haille. It is absolutely inspiring that you get to work with our miracle children every day at your internship.

If you see Haille around campus, give her a high-five for being such a hard worker. Don’t stop motivating your team to be as FTK as possible! You go, girl!

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Our Mission

The mission of Knight-Thon, the University of Central Florida's Dance Marathon, is to educate, inspire, and unite our campus and community to provide ongoing support for Greater Orlando Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Through our efforts, we will forever stand for the families we are privileged to serve.

For The Kids We Are.