



Making Seasons Bright: Crosby's Story

As a nonprofit organization, CHOC Children's depends on community members like you to help more kids experience the magic of childhood. Together, we can treat more patients like Crosby.

When he was just a toddler, Crosby was diagnosed with a rare disorder called Morquio Syndrome. This metabolic illness came with many medical issues, including paralysis, breathing problems and a shortened life span. Perhaps most alarmingly, the family discovered that the disease has no cure and that an overall lack of awareness hinders funding for research.

Refusing to give up, Crosby and his family continued to search for solutions. Just a few years ago, Crosby began to receive a new type of therapy at CHOC—one that makes the disease much more manageable. Every week, he is treated with six-hour infusions at the Dhont Family Foundation Outpatient Infusion Center (OPI) at CHOC. Though the infusion takes all day, Crosby and his two brothers pass their time together by watching movies and playing video games available for them in the OPI. CHOC's top experts in metabolic disorders work closely with Crosby's family to ensure that he is receiving the most comprehensive care that keeps him healthy both physically and emotionally. Thanks to the kindness of his care team and the fun activities waiting for him at the hospital, Crosby actually looks forward to receiving his weekly infusions.



Life-changing treatments, in addition to play therapy, sibling support groups and other services that comfort and educate families, are often uncompensated by insurance, meaning that they are only available because of our dedicated donors and volunteers. The games, treats and special events that encourage patients as they heal are only possible because of our generous community.

You can be part of the movement bringing the best care to children in need. By supporting CHOC, you make the healing experience better for kids like Crosby.

Today, despite the ups and downs of his journey, Crosby is a happy five-year-old. A self-proclaimed paleontologist, Crosby loves dinosaurs, and during his weekly infusions his nurses make sure he has plenty of dinos to play with. This summer, Crosby led his team through the CHOC Walk in the Park presented by the Disneyland® Resort, raising support while celebrating life with other patients. He also proudly designed his first KidsArt card.

In the KidsArt program, past and present patients work with volunteer creative mentors to create beautiful pieces that we turn into greeting cards and merchandise, making holiday gifts and well-wishes extra meaningful. Proceeds



from the sales of KidsArt merchandise support our KidsCARE fund, which supports the most immediate and essential services our patients need.

With art mentor, Jeff Granito, a Disney® artist, Crosby designed a dinosaur card for all occasions. Crosby has drawn his KidsArt masterpiece in order to raise funding in support of the research and care that is changing the way he and other children receive treatment. By purchasing his art and the art of other patients, you are making the future better for kids like Crosby.

KidsArt is not the only way to get involved this giving season. Join the CHOC family as a volunteer, donor or champion, and help us give every patient the joy and peace they deserve. Visit choc.org/giving or call (714)509-8690 for more information.