



Children's World

BILINGUAL MONTESSORI

INFANT • TODDLER • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

December 2022

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is in full swing! Children's World is jumping right into the celebrations. We hope that whoever and however you spend your holidays, it is filled with joy and love.

Fundraising Update

Children's World is proud to say that our community has raised \$1953 in 2 ½ weeks. The generosity everyone has committed to is overwhelming. Thank you so much for everything that has been donated so far, but please don't stop "Feeding that Piggy". Our goal is to hit \$4000 dollars. This money will allow The Children's Hospital and the Child Life Specialists to purchase every item on their Amazon Wish List!

Families can donate online by visiting <https://igfn.us/f/41ga/n> or they can Text **ProvChildren** to **41444** to make an donation.

Please keep the children in your hearts and minds and continue to donate to this amazing cause.

I have attached a story sent to Children's World by The Children's Hospital at Providence Medical Center. It highlights last year's designated "champion" of The Children's Hospital.

"At four months old Sawyer started having seizures, which continued until he was eight months old when he had his largest seizure to date. For two and half hours, Sawyer's small body seized and his heart and breathing stopped during an ambulance ride to the

Closures

Children's World will be **closed** Monday, December 26th to Friday, January 6th, 2023.

Classes will resume on Monday January 9th, 2023.

Reminders

Tuition will be sent out on December 28th, 2022.

Tuition will be due by Friday, January 13th.

Tuition received after the 13th will be charged a late fee.

Extended Hour Invoices, from December, will be sent out by Tuesday, January 10th.

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hospital. This seizure was so severe Sawyer had to be intubated and placed in a medically induced coma.

When he awoke, Sawyer had to relearn how to sit up, stand, and crawl. After this hospitalization Sawyer continued to have seizures. When he was fifteen months old, Sawyer finally received a diagnosis: Dravet Syndrome, an incredibly rare and serious form of epilepsy. There is no cure and treatments are difficult. During Sawyer's young life he has had over forty ambulance trips, more than 75 days in the hospital, and has been intubated five times. He is currently on five different medications and can still suffer from around 100 small seizures per day. His family must be constantly prepared for him to have a large seizure.

Sawyer and his family are still searching for a treatment that will better his quality of life and ease the constant burden of his disease. Receiving a difficult medical diagnosis like Sawyer's is overwhelming and often terrifying, for the child and everyone who loves them, especially their family. **That's where the support of Child Life Specialists – and your gifts - come in.** Child Life Specialists are trained professionals with expertise in helping children and families overcome life's most challenging health related events. Whether providing education about medical procedures in developmentally appropriate ways to patients or their siblings or engaging in age appropriate distractions and play during difficult medical procedures, our child life team **prevents and reduces trauma and stress for children as they move through treatment.** They also provide emotional support for families. They can help siblings cope and understand how to support their brother or sister in treatment, and they help with memory making, grief and loss support in terminal cases. They do these things and so much more, and because they work with all our pediatric patients aged from birth to 18 years, they work across many units both in and outpatient. Your gifts in support of the child life specialists at providence helps support the nearly 17,000 children served by the hospital each year to provide developmentally appropriate toys and tools to assist children and families, ease their way, help them play and reduce the stress and trauma of hospital stays. Your gifts in support of The Children's World Bilingual Montessori fundraiser for The Providence Children's Hospital will fund the Child Life Program, which helps children like Sawyer and his family during his frequent hospital visits. Thank you for your support!

We thank you for your cooperation.

Please reach out if there are any concerns or questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Children's World Bilingual Montessori