



Meet

2014 CMN Miracle Child

**MOLLY  
HALL**



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Molly Hall's smile lights up a room. It's usually the first thing people notice when they meet the vivacious eight-year-old. The second thing that often catches their attention is that Molly has cerebral palsy. Since her diagnosis at age three, her parents have never let Molly's condition define her. "She's a larger than life character," says her dad Don Hall. "She just brightens your heart."

During her first five years, Molly had more than her share of serious health issues and was a frequent visitor to Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System's emergency room and pediatrics unit. "Even when she was sick and in the hospital, she had this amazing spirit and lots of energy," Don says. "She loved the playroom and enjoyed music therapy provided by hospital volunteers."

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*Left: A crowd gathered at the Monterey Marriott and rolled out the red carpet for Molly Hall, our CMN Miracle Child and California Champion. Right: from left, Pete Delgado, SVMHS president/CEO, Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala and Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter joined Molly in the celebration.*

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Molly is not only the region’s 2014 Miracle Child, but she was also selected by a national committee to serve as California’s 2014 Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals Champion! She’ll be the face and story for California’s nine Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. Molly was chosen for the spirited way she faces her unique medical challenges and for her ability to help educate others about the positive impact of CMN Hospitals like Salinas Valley Memorial.

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In addition to getting excellent care over the years at Salinas Valley Memorial, Molly has benefited from other CMN funded projects. For Christmas 2012, CMN played elf by helping Santa bring her a custom mobility tricycle. It assists with Molly’s muscle development and allows her to go on bike rides with her family, including older brother Garrett and younger sister Leah.

Today, Molly is a healthy third-grade honor student. She loves camping, inner tubing and searching the lawn for snails with her sister. How does Molly feel about being the 2014 California Champion? Her smile says it all. ☺

## Thank you Plutas— 2013 Children’s Miracle Network Family

Our 2013 Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) Miracle “child” was a family affair. Jeff, Nina, Luke, Faith and Grant Pluta have our sincere appreciation for dedicating so much of their time sharing their heart-warming story. It all started May 19, 2012, when the Pluta family welcomed three-pound-eight-ounce Faith and two-pound-three-ounce Grant—nearly nine weeks early. The Level III Neonatal Intensive care Unit (NICU) at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System and NICU ambulance funded by CMN became a big part of their successful outcome. “CMN helps us, the hospital and the community so much,” says Jeff, SVMH Foundation board member.

In the nearly two years since their arrival, Grant and Faith have come a long way. “They really are little miracles,” says proud mom Nina. “They were born so early and have faced a lot of challenges, especially Grant. Now, they’re pretty much on track with other kids their age.”

“Every day is different,” says Jeff. “Their personalities are starting to show. Faith is a little bigger than Grant, but he’s a fighter and doesn’t give up on anything. When he started crawling, he was so excited. We could see the light of independence shine in him.” ☺



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