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## *You're making a healthy impact*

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### Children with special needs get their discovery day

Thanks to your support of our local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Program, over 100 children with varying special needs recently experienced a small miracle—they explored the Monterey Bay Aquarium's great tide pool exhibit with the help of volunteer dive instructors during the annual *Days of Discovery* event. Dressed in full dry suits, the kids are guided to explore at their own comfort level. For some, it is peeking under the surface using special goggles, and for others it is a full dive experience learning to use an oxygen tank and regulator. Proud family members watch from above while their kids experience something they may have thought impossible. "When it was over, there was not a dry eye in the house," dive programs manager James Bonovich told KION.



### Bringing care to where it's needed most

The Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System (SVMHS) has begun renovations to the Taylor Farms Family Health & Wellness Center in Gonzales to expand access to primary care in previously underserved communities, improving the health of families and our county's well-being. Your donations will help triple the Center's current footprint to over 19,000 square feet—allowing SVMHS to serve over 10,000 South County residents with expanded primary care and specialty services, as well as provide community engagement resources to help Gonzales build healthier lives. [Consider making a donation today.](#)

## Helping Bryan Romero manage childhood leukemia

Donors to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Program provide care and resources that children like Bryan Romero need during vulnerable times. Bryan Romero was an active and healthy boy until everything changed when he was eight years old—fatigue, stomach aches, constant pain. A trip to the doctors confirmed the worst: Bryan had acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Since that diagnosis four years ago, Bryan has gone through chemotherapy and other treatments that took a physical and mental toll on him and his family. Through a Medical Needs Grant, funded by donations to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Program, Bryan was able to receive the extra help he needed to fight his illness and win. Thanks to your care, Bryan is back in school and his normal, energetic self.

[Read Bryan's full story.](#)

*You make the difference.*

Donors do more than give money. They shape the many ways Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System makes the healthiest impact on the Salinas Valley. Continue this tradition of caring for your community—please make a gift to the Foundation today. [Click here.](#)



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