

Meet Our 2007 Children's Hospital Ambassadors

These special children have been treated at The Children's Hospital. They have been selected to serve as Ambassadors in our community so that they may share their personal stories with you.

They are living proof that miracles happen daily at The Children's Hospital.

Jacob Cohen – age 6
Westminster, Colorado

Jacob Cohen was diagnosed with Stage IV Neuroblastoma when he was only one. Jacob has endured intense chemotherapy, surgeries, radiation and a bone marrow transplant. During his battle, he became ill with the Rotovirus causing him to go into respiratory arrest and suffer a stroke. Throughout his recovery, he has fought hard and beat the odds. Jake loves school and enjoys playing Nintendo, and riding his tractor, golf cart and dump truck.

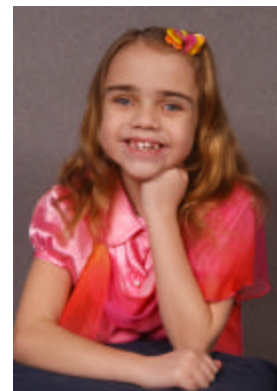


Owen Huss – age 14
Longmont, Colorado

Owen Huss was six-years-old and living in Alaska when he suffered cardiac arrest and went into a coma due to a condition called midgut volvulus, a twisting of his intestines. He was airlifted to Children's where he began treatment for his acute illness. Unbeknownst to his family, he was born with his intestines not properly positioned. Owen has undergone several surgeries to remove portions of his intestine and has worked with nutritionists and other therapists to recover and care for himself. Today, Owen is involved with Special Olympics, loves Play Station II and hunting for snakes.

Cassie Keeton – age 9
Lakewood, Colorado

At birth, **Cassie Keeton** spent several months at Children's, being treated with nitric oxide for pulmonary hypoplasia, and inherited disorders characterized by extremely large polycystic kidneys and liver fibrosis. Cassie's kidneys failed in September, 2006 and since then, she has received dialysis treatments three times a week. She is currently on the transplant waiting list. Cassie's favorite activities include swimming, and participating in her school musicals.





Natalie Murrow– age 12
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Natalie Murrow was born with a genetic heart defect that caused her to suffer congestive heart failure at 7 weeks of age. Her condition, called cardiomyopathy, was closely followed with no incident until she was ten. While on vacation in Hawaii, Natalie went into acute heart failure. She was transported to Children’s where she received a heart transplant after three weeks of waiting. Natalie is now in the gifted program at school and enjoys dancing, acting, swimming and skiing.

Isaac Sargent - age 13
Thornton, Colorado

When **Isaac Sargent** was 13-months-old, he was diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis, a neurological disorder caused by inflammation of the spinal cord. He was initially paralyzed from the neck down, but through his hard work in the Rehabilitation, Orthopedics and Urology department clinics, he has regained functional use of his upper extremities and leads a very independent life. Isaac thrives at school, playing the French Horn in band and participating in the Junior National Honor Society. He stays active with The Children’s Hospital Sports Program and Wheelchair Sports Camp.



Alex Schuster – age 9
Littleton, Colorado

When **Alex Schuster** was eight-days-old, he had surgery at Children’s for a complex congenital heart defect—Alex was born with only one ventricle. Alex went through a series of surgeries, called the 3-stage Fontan operation, for his condition. Three years ago, he was taken off of all of his medication and is now an active, bright third grader. He skies, practices karate, loves to swim and fish and is a Cub Scout.



Jacob Sensenbaugh – age 9
Thornton, Colorado

Jacob Sensenbaugh was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis at 4- months-old. Jake had two major surgeries at Children’s and continues to be seen in a multitude of clinics. Jake stays active in sports, including hockey and baseball as well as performing in his school’s choir. Jake participates in The Children’s Hospital Sports Program and Wheelchair Sports Camp. He loves to have fun and has a competitive edge when playing sports.



Breanne Wardell – age 12

Del Norte, Colorado

Breanne Wardell suffered a serious burn while riding dirt bikes. During a fall, Breanne's leg was jammed between a tire and the muffler, causing a full thickness injury. Breanne required skin graft surgery at Children's and post-surgical care for the graft and donor sites. Today, Breanne has a large scar but no other effects from the accident. She is very active, participating in gymnastics and riding horses at her family ranch.