

Mariah's Miracle 2021 Annual Summary

Mariah's Miracle was created in 2020 by AZOPT / Kids Place to honor the legacy of Mariah DeVries and support Arizona pediatric therapy patients.

On March 23, 2020, Kids Place lost our beloved pediatric physical therapist Mariah DeVries to cancer. Mariah joined Kids Place West in January 2018 after graduating from Northern Arizona University with her Doctor of Physical Therapy. She quickly became a favorite among her many pediatric patients and co-workers. Mariah married the love of her life, Brian, in 2017 and the two found out they were pregnant with their first child in 2019.



Towards the end of her pregnancy, Mariah learned she had an aggressive form of cancer called epithelioid angiosarcoma that had already spread to her liver, ovaries, rib cage, spine, and brain.

At 26 years old, Mariah became a new mother, giving birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl, Clara, on January 19, 2020. At a time when new mothers should be bonding, nursing, and taking care of their infant, Mariah fought for her life and more time. We still struggle every day to learn how to live on Earth without her but take comfort knowing Mariah's legacy will live on forever through her family, her beautiful daughter Clara, and the countless friends, coworkers, people, and children she touched in her short time.



A message from our Founding Director:

It is an honor to be a founding member of Mariah's Miracle. She had such an impactful presence during her time as a pediatric physical therapist and it was important to honor her and continue to help care for kids in her name. Starting a foundation is not an easy process but seeing how many children we have helped during the last year has made every moment worth it. Our first three events were hugely successful, and I know Mariah is proud that so many people from our small community have contributed to our foundation. So, thank you to everyone that has prayed, donated, volunteered for our first year and I look forward to gifting children needed equipment/services for many years to come.

Teri Roberts, DPT, PCS
Owner
AZOPT & Kids Place

A message from the President of the Board of Directors:

Going into my second year as the President of Mariah's Miracle I would like to share how proud I am of our members, sponsors, volunteers, and families that have contributed to making this foundation a success. Through fundraising and generosity from the community as well as those who give from a far, we have been able to provide therapy and equipment to many children in need. Mariah touched the lives of the children and families she worked with and through her legacy she will continue to do so.

"The Meaning Of Life Is To Find Your Gift. The Purpose of Life Is To Give It Away. " Pablo Picasso

Jennifer Gile M.S., OTR/L
AZOPT-Kids Place Clinic Manager

A message from Mariah's Parents:

Mariah's Miracle serves as a legacy for our daughter, Mariah McGarvey DeVries, in two important ways.

First, its mission is to better the life of children, a goal which was always very important to Mariah. Mariah's faith has always been very important to her, and she has lived her life serving other people, especially children. Even as a child, she requested "Toys for Tots" themes for her birthday parties so that she could donate to the West Valley Child Crisis Center, and she frequently donated any money she had to charities - including buying a goat for a family through World Vision. She volunteered at Foster Camps, CCV Child Ministries, GCU Canyon Kids, mission trips to Kenya and Honduras, Big Brothers Big Sisters, etc. Most recently, she worked as a pediatric Physical Therapist in Goodyear, AZ.

Secondly, the name (Miracle) is a reference to her daughter, Clara who was conceived and carried to nearly full term under incredible odds and she is perfect. Clara will always hear stories about the kind of person her Momma Mariah was and how much she loved children. Through Mariah's Miracle, Clara will also be able to witness the on-going impact of Mariah's life and understand how special she was.

Just as Mariah was blessed to work at AZOPT, we are now blessed to work with the same people, to continue Mariah's legacy. The initial year has been a year of learning and planning. We can't wait to see how we can bless children next year.

Thanks to everyone for their support! Mike & Sharon McGarvey



Mission / Vision

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to live a full life! Some children need specialized equipment and/or therapy to ensure this happens. Unfortunately, needed services and resources are costly, and too often insurance denies coverage. Therefore, Mariah's Miracle was founded!

Our mission is to provide grants that cover the cost of pediatric patients' needed therapy and equipment when insurance will not. Our vision is that every Arizona child receives the services and resources critical to living a full life!

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Accomplishments

The AZOPT owners, employees, and even patients were instrumental in the creation of the foundation. A contest among the pediatric patients was run to create the Mariah's Miracle logo. A 14-year-old patient submitted the design that was selected and slightly modified. Thank you, Roya!

Roya's original design:



Final design:



Pancake Breakfast 2021

The foundation was kicked off with a Pancake Breakfast in October 2021 to raise awareness and money for grants and subsequent fundraisers. The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success with over 100 attendees! We served pancakes, orange juice, coffee, and water. Provided activities for the kids including face painting, coloring, sensory bins, a pancake eating contest, and even a fire engine! Everyone had a great time.





In 2021, we also laid the groundwork for the 1st Annual 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run, planned for January 29, 2022.

2021 Highlights

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Pancake Breakfast



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