# Mariah's Miracle 2023 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. In 2023, Mariah's Miracle held 3 different fundraising events and continued to award equipment and therapy to Arizona children in need!



Mariah loved caring for children in need, friends, and family. She would be so grateful to the people supporting this foundation, as well as excited to see the support given to children in need!

We miss Mariah every day, but even her 3-year-old daughter Clara is starting to understand the impact that Mariah continues to have on Arizona children. Clara can look at the pictures and she knows that we are "helping babies."



# 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 assistance to 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!

### **Board of Directors 2023**



#### **Business Affiliations:**

- Teri Roberts AZOPT / Kids Place (owner)
- Jennifer Gile AZOPT / Kids Place
- Brittany Ricciardi AZOPT / Kids Place
- Jeanette Mangano AZOPT / Kids Place
- Sharon McGarvey Retired Honeywell Engineer

## Accomplishments

### 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run 2023

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run was held on January 28th, 2023 and was a huge success!



### Cornhole Tournament 2023

The 2nd annual Cornhole Tournament was held on April 1st, 2023. Everyone had a great time.



#### 2023 Assistance

In 2023, Mariah's Miracle approved aid to 20 Arizona children totaling nearly \$54,000. These grants include therapy for 2 kids, 10 DOC Bands, an adaptive bike, a medical bed, 4 Speech Therapy software tools, and a van modification for a swivel seat as well as for a wheelchair conversion. The therapists serving on the Mariah's Miracle Board of Directors have used their expertise to validate the grant requests and support applicants to investigate other options.



#### Twin Allison & Anali's Story



From Mom: Having twins has been a little hard financially once it comes to these things since they both have required PT and will be needing cranial bands. We have to pause PT while we save a little to get their bands...

## Twins Allison & Anali



### Twin DOC Bands!

#### Mackenzie's Story



Swivel seat modification to a van!

Helping Kenzie with independence.

### Mackenzie



### Update on Little Ruthie!

Little Ruthie was granted an adaptive handcycle which allows riders without function in their legs to experience the enjoyment of riding a trike. This trike will grow with her for many years and enable her to maintain & increase her cardio muscular endurance. In addition, she will be able to participate with her family! An updated picture is shown below.





### **Challenges**

Mariah's Miracle needs to improve our out-reach to communities that support children in need to increase the number of grant applications.

### Pancake Breakfast 2023



# Highlights (2023)



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