



## For children across the heartland and beyond, you fuel best-in-class pediatric care

When Brexley was only 18 days old, she stopped breathing while her family was driving in Kiowa County, Kansas. Her parents, Gracie and Kahl, dialed 911 as they tried to resuscitate their daughter.

Master Trooper Evan Jacks of the Kansas Highway Patrol answered the call and performed infant CPR until Brexley regained consciousness and started crying.

Brexley was taken to an area hospital and then transferred to a medical center in Wichita. There, an echo cardiogram revealed Brexley had heart issues, and she was transferred again to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Mercy Kansas City.

As the only Level IV NICU in a 200-mile radius, at Children's Mercy families have access to a full range of more than 400 newborn medicine specialists, highly trained pediatric nurses and anesthesiologists and specialized equipment for our tiniest patients.

**"Without Children's Mercy, we wouldn't be where we are," said Kahl. "They have some of the biggest minds and hearts you'll ever meet."**

### An Innovative 2-step Treatment

Brexley went on to have two heart surgeries at the Ward Family Heart Center at Children's Mercy. The team of 35 pediatric cardiologists and heart surgeons provide nationally-recognized care for children with all types of heart conditions. The size and scope of the program means we care for some of the most complex kids, and our outcomes continue to surpass the national average.

By altering his approach and technique, Dr. Edo Bedzra, Heart Center congenital cardiac surgeon, and Director of Cardiac Surgical Innovation was able to operate



Brexley is a cuddly baby who loves to smile, "talk" and eat. After a dramatic highway rescue and expert care from Children's Mercy, she's playful and already developing a feisty attitude.

without putting Brexley on a heart and lung machine or cooling her body, which cut down on potential side effects and risks.

Brexley spent a couple weeks in the hospital recovering, gaining weight and lowering her blood pressure. Back home, Brexley is growing fast and sleeping well. She visits her cardiologist every two weeks to monitor her progress.

### In appreciation

Gracie and Kahl said that everyone at Children's Mercy — from the transport team to the NICU and Cardiac Intensive Care Unit staff to the Ronald McDonald volunteers — were compassionate and made a very scary process much easier on them.

Your support makes possible the comprehensive, expert care Brexley received at Children's Mercy and the highest standards of care and nationally-ranked outcomes for countless children and families.

**"Angels work there," said Gracie of Children's Mercy. "Have faith because they'll take care of you and get you through it. They know what they're doing. They are truly amazing."**

# With your help, we are building a network of expert care for kids and a world of wellbeing for all children

Your investment in world-class clinical care at Children's Mercy reaches children from **across the heartland**, all **50 states** and **14 countries** each year. To ensure children have access to care nearby, our outreach locations serve patients across western and southern Missouri and all of Kansas. Together, with Children's Mercy Affiliated Practices (CMAPs) in the Kansas City metro, we are building a robust network to advance our shared commitment to providing world-class care for **all** kids in our communities.



## Extending Care to Children Throughout Our Communities

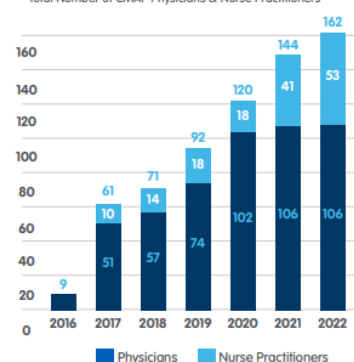
From life-saving support when every second counts to diagnosis and treatment plans, Children's Mercy Affiliated Practices work together by sharing expertise, best practices and collaborative solutions with like-minded pediatricians to improve how care is delivered.

**41**  
SITES OF  
CARE

**900+**  
PEDIATRIC  
SPECIALISTS  
(CM + CMAP)

### CMAP Growth

Total Number of CMAP Physicians & Nurse Practitioners



## Leaders in Pediatric Care

With **YOUR** help, Children's Mercy is recognized as one of the nation's leading independent children's health systems and the place families turn to for holistic pediatric care.



**21,022**  
SURGICAL  
CASES

**14,893**  
ADMISSIONS

**#1** REGIONAL  
TRANSPORT CENTER



**5,500** TRANSPORTS

**8,800+**  
EMPLOYEES  
778  
PEDIATRIC  
SPECIALISTS

**390**  
INPATIENT BEDS



**1,800+**  
RARE DISEASE  
DIAGNOSES

### PATIENT VISITS

<b>6,687</b>	HOME CARE VISITS
<b>53,771</b>	PRIMARY CARE VISITS
<b>53,346</b>	TELEMEDICINE VISITS
<b>196,770</b>	EMERGENCY/ URGENT CARE
<b>344,193</b>	OUTPATIENT VISITS
<b>594,734</b>	TOTAL VISITS



\* Statistics as of fiscal year 2024