

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of Dance Marathon at Grand Valley State University, thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As Lakers, we realize that it is up to us to be the agents of change in our community, and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to work together to create miracles for our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, located in Grand Rapids.

Dance Marathon at GVSU was founded in 2016 and have raised over \$49,457.47 since then. Last year, we fundraised \$31,447.35! This year DM at GVSU has made their goal \$61,600 to give back to their community of the 616, and I need your help to reach this goal.

I am honored to be a part of such a large movement, and this year, I pledge myself to stand for 12 consecutive hours in honor of these children and families the weekend of March 30. By standing with DM at GVSU, I will be raising awareness and funds for pediatric illness, awareness, and research.

Please join me in taking a stand against pediatric illness and help me reach my goal of raising \$\_\_\_\_\_ by giving a tax-deductible donation. Each donation, no matter how big or small, helps fund research, programs, and treatments that provide invaluable hope and miracles for our families.

For The Kids,

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## Maddie Pagel's story



Today we are celebrating Maddie Pagel and his remarkable fight against brain cancer. Maddie was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 4 months old, when they found a 1.5 inch (golfball sized) tumor that they deemed cancerous. After multiple surgeries, 11 rounds of chemotherapy, and 9 months of remission, Maddie and her family were told that he cancer was back and had spread down her spine. They tried three more combinations of chemotherapy but the cancer came back again. The doctors suggested an experimental clinical trial: Next Generation Genetic Sequencing. They used her DNA and compared it to her tumor's DNA and created a combination of medications to target her tumor. Within one month they saw drastic decreases in her tumor size.

Thanks to the funds that we help to raise for HDVCH, Maddie received the most innovative and comprehensive care that she needed to be **CANCER FREE!** The donations that you make today can help fund ground-breaking research and provide programs that allowed Maddie to feel like a normal child during her hospitalization!

## How to Donate

Please mail your donation to:  
Attn: GVSU DM  
Helen DeVos Children's Hospital  
Foundation  
100 Michigan Street NE, MC004  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Please put my name and DM@GV  
in the notes field of your check so I  
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