

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS
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Once upon a time there was a superhero named Jalen whose mission was to protect a princess named Mireya. A fairytale? No, it's the true story of a beautiful little girl who was saved by her valiant brother Jalen.

Mireya was only 4 years old when she was diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia, a rare illness that acts similarly to cancer. Her only hope for a cure was a bone marrow transplant from her older brother Jalen, then 6 years old, who was a perfect match.

Both siblings endured painful procedures and long hospitalizations not once, but twice, after Mireya's body rejected the transplant. It was especially difficult the second time around, but Mireya stayed strong and Jalen set aside his fear to help save his sister's life again.

Today, Jalen is enjoying school and remains protective of Mireya who was crowned the 2012 Miss Chesterfield Princess and is now starting her new journey—the survivorship program.

Funds in Action

The hematology and oncology clinic where Mireya and Jalen received their care is funded in part by CMN Hospitals' donations.



Mireya and Jalen

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