ALABAMA MIRACLE CHILDREN TO BE FEATURED ON AIR DURING RADIOTHON TODAY AND TOMORROW

BIRMINGHAM (Aug. 15, 2012) - Listeners tuned in to Magic 96.5 on Friday, Aug. 24 and Saturday, Aug. 25 and 103.7 The Q on Saturday, Aug. 25 for the annual Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) Music & Miracles Radiothon will be treated to the heartwarming tales of local children who have overcome serious illness and injury to become some of the miracles seen every day at Children's of Alabama.

Chandler Fullman of Hoover is one of those miracles - a brave 16-year-old who lost the use of his left side because of a rare neurological malformation. On September 14, 2010, Chandler Fullman went to school as a healthy, typical 14-year-old looking forward to trying out for the high school golf team. During a routine weight training session in his physical education class Chandler suddenly fell ill and lost consciousness. He was immediately rushed to Children's of Alabama where he was diagnosed with a brain bleed. It turned out that Chandler had a tangle of malformed blood vessels in his brain called an arteriovenous malformation. The malformation had been undetected since birth until it ruptured on that day causing the bleeding. Chandler was moved from the Emergency Department to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit where he spent two and a half weeks.

After nearly 80 days spent as an inpatient at Children's, Chandler was released but still faced many challenges. He had to relearn to walk, talk, sit, express emotions and take care of his basic needs. Chandler's mother, Lisa Fullman, said, "Children's of Alabama saved Chandler's life. During his 56-day stay, Chandler received excellent care and was touched by every service available at Children's. He was cared for by many wonderful and talented doctors and nurses."

The Music & Miracles Radiothon will be broadcast from the Children's of Alabama lobby, 1600 7th Ave. S., from 5 a.m. until 6 p.m. on both Friday Aug. 24 and Saturday, Aug. 25. This year's CMNH Music & Miracles Radiothon is sponsored by Tricia's Baby Station, Birmingham Bake and Cook, AllSouth Appliance, Treetop Adventure and eCo Credit Union. During the Radiothon, the public is invited to call 205-212-7530 or toll-free 1-866-854-1243 to share their stories and make donations to Children's.

Last year, ill and injured children from the Birmingham metro made more than 550,000 visits to Children's Hospital, with another 37, 341 from Tuscaloosa, Bibb, St. Clair and Walker Counties. The care and treatment these children received is made possible by the generous donations of individuals, civic organizations and businesses from across the state and Southeast. The annual Radiothon helps raise those much-needed funds.

CMNH is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for more than 170 children's hospitals across North America. Each year these non-profit hospitals provide the finest care, research and community outreach to help millions of children with diseases and injuries of every kind.

About Children's of Alabama

Children's of Alabama has provided specialized medical care for ill and injured children across the state and throughout the southeastern U.S. since 1911. For the past three years, Children's has been ranked among the best children's hospital programs in the nation by US News & World Report. Last year, patients made more than 634,000 outpatient and nearly 14,000 inpatient visits to Children's from every county in Alabama and from 47 other states. With more than 2 million square feet, it is the third largest pediatric medical facility in the U.S. Children's offers inpatient and outpatient services across its Russell Campus on Birmingham's historic Southside with additional outpatient surgery and diagnostic imaging services provided at Children's South and Children's on 3rd. Primary care is provided at more than a dozen offices in communities across central and north Alabama. The Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children is the only hospital in Alabama dedicated solely to the care and treatment of children. It is a private, not-for-profit hospital that serves as the primary site of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) pediatric medicine, surgery, research and residency programs. More information is available at www.childrensal.org

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