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Beat the Summer Heat and Support Shodair Children's Hospital with a Dairy Queen Blizzard on August 13

HELENA—On Thursday, August 13th, Montanans will have the opportunity to change lives and make miracles happen—just by enjoying a cool, tasty treat on a hot day.

On August 13th, Dairy Queen Restaurants around the state and across the nation are sponsoring a fund-raising event to benefit children's hospitals. All day, proceeds from sales of Blizzard treats will go to Children's Miracle Network hospitals like Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena. Shodair is Montana's only Children's Miracle Network hospital, and funds raised on Thursday will go toward the important services it provides for children and families here in Montana.

Shodair Administrator Jack Casey hopes families and individuals will visit their local Dairy Queen restaurants and treat themselves to Blizzards on the 13th. "It's a tasty way to support kids and Montana's only Children's Miracle Network hospital, and have a little fun, too," he said. **Participating locations include: Bigfork, Billings, Ennis, Forsyth, Great Falls, Hamilton, Havre, Helena, Lakeside, Lolo, Malta, Missoula, and Ronan.**

More information about Miracle Treat Day and locations of participating restaurants can be found online at <http://www.miracletreatday.com>.

Shodair is one of 170 premier children's hospitals nationwide affiliated with the Children's Miracle Network. The non-profit, non-denominational hospital in Helena helps children of all races, ages, religions, and financial backgrounds, providing both acute and residential psychiatric care. Shodair is also renowned for the comprehensive medical genetics services it provides to people of all ages at its Helena facility and at outreach clinics across the state.

As with other Children's Miracle Network events, funds raised from Miracle Treat Day will stay in Montana to help Montana youth get services they need. Shodair provided nearly \$4 million in uncompensated care last year to patients in need, and relies heavily on donations and funds raised through the Children's miracle Network to help offset the costs of these critically needed services.

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