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The Maricopa Health Foundation announces Kevin's Mile to help the young patient that is healing from a dog attack *Community members donate over \$27,000 to Maricopa Health Foundation in support of Kevin Vicente*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 25, 2014) – The Maricopa Health Foundation is announcing the dedication of its upcoming fun run at the April 5, Lead the Field 5k in honor of Kevin Vicente. The fun run will be recognized as *Kevin's Mile* at the event.

“At the root of this story is a little boy and a dog that, in different ways, need help,” said Tom McKinley, President of the Maricopa Health Foundation. “The Maricopa Health Foundation has always been focused on ensuring that patients have access to the care that they need. So we are glad to help by dedicating the funds from the fun run at the upcoming Lead the Field 5k to Kevin.”

Anyone interested in supporting Kevin is welcome to sign up for the [fun run](#); which will be dedicated as Kevin's Mile, at the upcoming Lead the Field 5k, www.leadthefield5k.com. The cost for the Kevin's Mile fun run is \$10. Day of registration will be available on site at Riverview Park, 2100 W. 8th St.

Thousands of dollars have come from the local community, as well as, from across the country to support Kevin Vicente, the young boy that was mauled by a dog in late February.

“We have seen an overwhelming amount of support for Kevin,” said McKinley. “Bringing together people that want to help by donating is something that the Maricopa Health Foundation is glad to do. We know that the cost of recovery can become a prolonged burden to patients in extraordinary circumstances such as this.”

In support of Maricopa Integrated Health System's patients, the Maricopa Health Foundation proudly assists patients in personal fundraising efforts by hosting fundraising pages. Over 360 donations totaling over \$27,000 have been made to www.MaricopaHealthFoundation.org/Kevin as of March 25. Donations have come in from across the country, including from people in Alaska, Florida and Washington.

About Maricopa Health Foundation

The Maricopa Health Foundation (MHF) is a nonprofit organization that exists solely to generate financial support for the Maricopa Integrated Health System (MIHS). MIHS is comprised of family and specialty health centers throughout the Valley, including the Maricopa Medical Center, which features advanced, world class medical services and specialties in burn care, trauma, pediatric, and adult emergency care. As the health care safety net for all citizens of Maricopa County, MIHS provides healthcare for anyone seeking their services, including the uninsured, underinsured, and underprivileged.

By raising funds, the Maricopa Health Foundation enables MIHS to offer comprehensive health care, innovative research, and high quality training programs to future healthcare leaders. In addition, as the Foundation strengthens MIHS (the only public healthcare system in Arizona), we also help strengthen the entire region, improving accessibility and quality of care for all those who live in Maricopa County and beyond.

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