

Polo at the Point is Proud to Support Mercy Medical's Guardian Angel Program



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Dashonta who is nine years old, has Dermatomyositis, a juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, muscle disease characterized by inflammation and a skin rash. She was referred to Mercy pediatric home care in 2005 by her rheumatologist from Pensacola. After Dashonta was diagnosed at age 5, she spent many months in the hospital from Vasculitis, had several surgeries, and went 3 months without being able to eat. She spent time in the ICU when acid from her stomach burned a hole through her intestine leading to surgery. Dashonta was again hospitalized in 2006 for calcinosis, a formation of calcium deposits that formed little knots leaving her unable to walk. Dashonta and her family truly appreciate having her infusions of monthly medication provided in her home by Mercy. "It has been a blessing to have Mercy in our home. The nurses have been so good, and we feel they are like family. I love them and think they are the best. I trusted Kim immediately, just by her greeting. She is a Godsend," explained Tywanda, Dashonta's mom.

Guardian Angel makes Mercy's pediatric home care possible.

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