

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



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Ivee at 7 months fell from her mom's shopping cart and was rushed to the local hospital. After an MRI it was discovered that Ivee had a stage 3 cancer Anaplastic Ependymoma, a rare brain tumor. After 5 brain surgeries, 9 other surgeries, 6 months of chemo, 33 doses of radiation, Ivee today at age three has had 98% of her tumor removed, and has received physical therapy and nursing care through Mercy's pediatric home care. Ivee also has a gastric feeding tube, internal port, and vp shunt. "When Ivee first came home after brain surgery, she had a big 5" gash on her head and down her neck. She was undergoing chemotherapy, and she couldn't do anything. She had two external ports including a hickman line and a gastric tube for feeding. We had to learn to keep everything very sterile. Amanda, Mercy's nurse, and Carla, Mercy's physical therapist got us through this. We spent too much time in a hospital; it is a blessing to receive specialized care in our home," said Hope, Ivee's mom. Ivee is still not walking or eating well by mouth, but with continued therapy, doctors are hopeful that one day Ivee will walk and eat on her own.

Guardian Angel makes Mercy's pediatric home care possible.

For more information on Guardian Angel please call **621-4884** or visit online at **mercymedical.com**.