Photos: ‘Wall of Hope’ at Banner Children’s NICU helps families stay strong

Visual reminder that things can get better

MESA, Ariz. (Oct. 26, 2020) – Parents whose babies are being treated in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Banner Children's at Desert now have another reminder to stay hopeful for better days ahead.

A new "Wall of Hope" features several photos that highlight former NICU patients in a stark and inspiring contrast – showing the now-healthy and happy kids holding pictures of themselves when they were tiny babies hooked to monitors and weighing only a few pounds. In every portrait, it's clear the children are proud to have overcome major setbacks as infants through the help of their medical team and families.

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The NICU Parent Advisory Board created the Wall of Hope for patients and staff to help keep their spirits up, especially during difficult times. The NICU at Banner Children's is dedicated to nurturing the most critically ill babies and their families.

Banner Children's at Desert provides pediatric care for children, from newborns to teens. Services include immediate access to Level I trauma services and emergency care, a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, general pediatrics, surgical and rehabilitation services, hematology/oncology, urology, gastroenterology, neurology and outpatient services. For more information, visit bannerhealth.com/bannerchildrensatdesert.

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Lincoln Mack, now age 13.
Photo by Maddy Ogura of Madison Leigh Photography (305 KB)

Bentley Fate (left), now age 8, and Breckin Fate, now age 4.
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Isabella Ramirez, age 1.
Photo by Alex Brackley of Simply Baby AZ (3.1 MB)

Asher Vogt, now age 4.
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Henry Olmstead, now age 4.
Photo by Maddy Ogura of Madison Leigh Photography (6.7 MB)

Avery Bobier, now age 5.
Photo by Maddy Ogura of Madison Leigh Photography (7.2 MB)

Zooey (back) and Lily Scott, both now age 6.
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From left to right, Eleanor, Henry and Abigail Lewis, now age 3.
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Kane Van Nortwick, now age 3.
Photo by Maddy Ogura of Madison Leigh Photography (8.8 MB)

Mark (left) and Colt Mitchell, now age 1.
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