



The Miracle that is bringing Nevada's first Standalone Children's Hospital

In September of 2019, Evelyn-Elaine Lackey was a vibrant, energetic 20-month old baby girl. She was hitting all of her milestones like a champ and there were no signs whatsoever that she had any health issues.

One evening after a normal day out, her father, Stephen N. Lackey, noticed her fall over as if she lost her balance unexpectedly. He helped her up and she continued to stumble. He knew something was wrong and they needed to get help immediately. Stephen rushed Evelyn to the St. Rose Dominican Hospital's Emergency Room. By the time he made the 15-minute drive to the

emergency room, her body was lifeless. A CT scan quickly revealed a golf-ball size tumor in her brain.

The pair was taken by life flight to Intermountain Health's Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The prognosis was grim. Stephen was informed they should expect a blood transfusion, as she would lose a lot of blood due to the location of the tumor. She was expected to have limited mobility for a long time, have to re-learn how to walk and be unable to recognize her family. All scans prior to the surgery showed the tumor deeply



▲ Pictured here: Stephen and Evelyn sharing her testimony at Greater Community Church of God in Christ in Marietta, Georgia.

◀ Pictured here: Evelyn signing the gift agreement for the Children's Hospital on her 7th Birthday.

Testifying of His Goodness



"...we achieve this victory through our faith." 1 John 5:4

embedded in Evelyn's brain, but the surgeon's noted that immediately prior to surgery the tumor miraculously moved higher in the tissue, which drastically changed the expected outcomes.

By the grace of God, she lost very little blood, so no transfusion was needed. They were able to completely remove the tumor. Evelyn's motor skills, her ability to walk and her ability to recognize her family were untouched - and she has experienced no residual issues whatsoever.

Stephen credits their faith in God for such a miraculous recovery and he has put his faith

in action to give back. He donated laundry facilities and equipment in Evelyn's name to the Ronald McDonald House and gave a major philanthropic gift to build the first dedicated pediatric emergency room in Las Vegas - at St. Rose Dominican Hospital, the very hospital where this miracle journey began. The hospital honored their generosity by placing Evelyn's name on the emergency room. This year, Nevada will break ground on its first-ever, standalone Children's Hospital empowered by a 10 million dollar gift through the Stephen Lackey Philanthropic Trust.

Stephen and Evelyn are 5th and 6th

generation members of the Church Of God In Christ and are part of the Georgia Metro Jurisdiction where Bishop Michael Paden is his prelate and pastor. Stephen expressed particular thanks for the saints in Utah as the Bishop, Supervisor and other COGIC members sprang into action to support them during their trying experience far from home.

Elder Lackey gives of his time, talent and resources to the National Church. He serves Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard as the Director of Corporate Sponsorships and the Assistant Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs.

Being inspired by the mission and vision of our Presiding Bishop, Elder Lackey donated \$20,000 in 2023 and \$50,000 in 2024 to support the work of the Church.

We are thankful for the life and work of this father-daughter duo, who are a testament to the fact that God is yet working miracles.

