



MARIA'S MIRACLE

MORE KNOWLEDGE, MORE MIRACLES

About

Maria's Miracle was founded in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic when ECMO was being used more frequently than ever before in adults and patients were being kept on the machine for longer periods of time.

Maria Young (age 41) had spent 69 days on ECMO (Nov. '20- Jan. '21) at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD and faced a challenging recovery. She struggled to find answers to questions about ECMO, recovery from an extended ICU stay, and life afterwards. Through social media she was able to connect with a few others like her which helped her understand that much of what she was feeling was common.

As the pandemic continued, she was contacted by families who were facing similar journeys to hers and she provided them with hope, and answers to some of their questions. She also learned a lot about the scarcity of ECMO and access to critical care medicine in the U.S. and across the globe. With the help of family, friends, and members of her medical care team, she decided to work towards helping other miracles and their families through this journey.

Projects

Critical Care Medicine Training:

- Establish a fellowship through Johns Hopkins Medicine for training in heart, lung, blood critical care and ECMO

Resources for Families and Patients:

- Connect families and patients to available resources from trusted sources
- Develop & distribute resources that are easy to understand and fills a gap in what is already available

Community:

- Create a network of survivors and care givers willing to connect and support others

How to Help

- Make a donation
- Help plan a fundraising event or just attend one
- Help us develop new resources
- Share your story
- Join our support network
- Volunteer your skills

More information available at: www.mariasmiracle.org

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