

GEISINGER
HEALTH
FOUNDATION

Long live miracles

Mason Ostrich, Brodheadsville

Mason Ostrich faced numerous health challenges from birth, including genetic abnormalities affecting his bone growth, as well as a lump on his back. Despite grim prognoses, Mason defied expectations and surpassed the predicted lifespan of five years. His medical journey involved multiple specialties, including neurology, dermatology, ENT and more. The complexity of his diagnoses highlight the intricate nature of his care. Throughout his childhood though, he persevered and flourished.

In March 2022, Mason experienced a critical episode of spinal shock, prompting emergency transport to Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital due to a seizure. His father, Matt, grappled with the fear of losing him but remained steadfast in his prayers for Mason's recovery. And recover he did, thanks to the team of caregivers at Geisinger and the equipment and resources provided through Children's Miracle Network. Today, routine visits to Danville for medical appointments are celebrated occasions, with healthcare professionals warmly welcoming Mason like a cherished guest.

Now 16 years old, Mason exudes humor and fearlessness, thriving in the limelight despite his challenges. His resilience fuels a newfound zest for life with each setback he encounters. His dreams of becoming a singer, rapper, and comedian, as well as his aspirations for wealth and fame, reflect his determination to embrace life to the fullest and share his joy with loved ones.



Geisinger

 Janet Weis
Children's Hospital



**Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals**