

NHCOH 'plays it forward' for a special pediatric patient

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On Friday, June 15, our leadership team at Novant Health Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital sponsored a ROC Solid Foundation playset build for an 18-month-old boy, Jamir, who is a patient at Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital. The [ROC Solid Foundation](#) builds custom playsets for kids and families facing pediatric cancer.



Jamir was diagnosed with infantile myofibromatosis (a rare disorder characterized by the growth of one or more benign tumors) and received care from our amazing-team at Hemby Children's Hospital.



When a young child is diagnosed with cancer, one of the first things taken away is the opportunity to play. Normal family activities are replaced with doctor appointments and invasive treatments that leave kids with weak immune systems and often the inability to

interact in public. Our team members at NHCOH partnered with the Roc Solid Foundation to build a playset in Jamir's backyard. This not only provides a safe haven for play and an escape from the reality of fighting cancer, but most importantly it provides hope for the future.

The process

The NHCOH leadership team arrived at 8 a.m. ready to work and to put a smile on Jamir's face. In preparation for the day's activities, the team got to know Jamir and the ROC Solid Foundation.

The team started with a discussion of "why?" They asked themselves why they were there, and why it was important to them.

For healthcare team members, it is important to remember the reason we care for our patients and community to ensure we bring our best every day.

Around 8:30 a.m., a limo arrived to take Jamir, his parents, sister, brother and grandmother to breakfast at IHOP, and then to play at Chuck E. Cheese's.



After the family left, the ROC Solid Build Team led our team members and we began to construct the playset just within a few hours.







Prior to the family coming back home, the team took a moment to look at what they had accomplished: a beautiful playset that will last Jamir a lifetime. The ROC Solid Build Team asked each NHCOH team member to sign the playset and write words of encouragement for Jamir that he could look back on for years to come. This way a very special moment for the team. By taking a morning out of their busy schedules, they created a lasting impression on a child and his family that will have an impact for years to come. This exemplifies Novant Health's core values of compassion and teamwork. The feeling is similar to what our teams do every day at Novant Health delivering a remarkable patient experience.

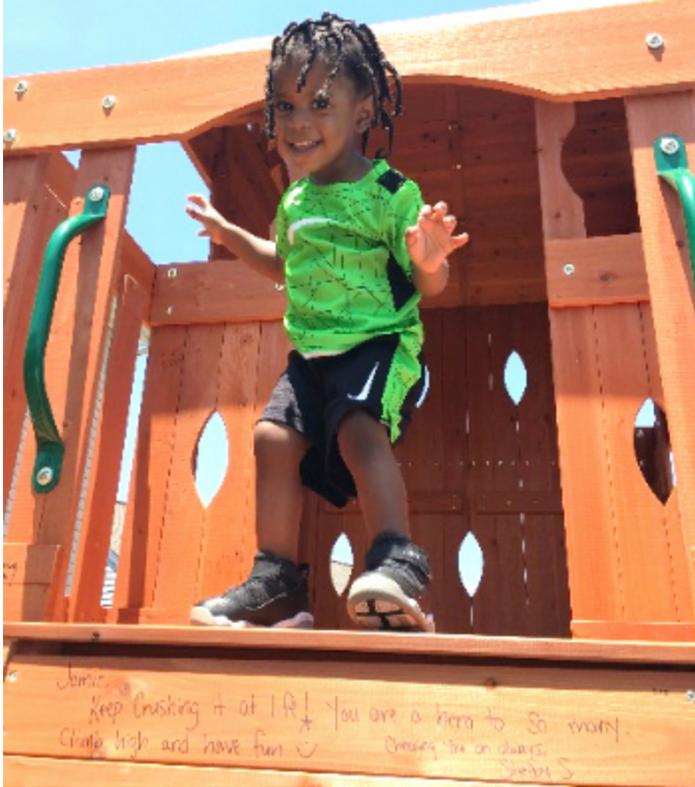






Around noon, many family members, neighbors and community members began to arrive to welcome the family home. They all gathered in the backyard to surprise Jamir and his family when they got home. When Jamir and his family arrived, they were gifted with the roar of the crowd as they cheered and celebrated the new playset. Jamir's face lit up and his older brother wiggled out of his dad's arms and ran around the new playset taking it all in.





Jason Bernd, vice president of Novant Health Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital, and Kara Bonvillian, program Coordinator of North Carolina ROC Solid Foundation, presented the playset to Jamir's mom while Jamir was busy playing with his dad.



[Click here](#) to see a video that the ROC Solid Foundation put together from the build.

The Novant Health service standards delight me says "I will think ahead and go the extra mile for you." The NHCOH team certainly did that and more for Jamir. Thank you for your remarkable work!

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