

Hi there,

Jamie Cepernich, my aunt, shared your emails with us. Below is a letter of thanks from Madilyn and from our family to all of you. Please feel free to share it with whoever was involved or whoever would like to read it. Thank you again!

Nicole Nunez

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To our heroes,

On behalf of Madilyn Nunez, we want to thank everyone for what they did on the day of December 25th, 2020 in regards to her near drowning incident. It was a Christmas we will never forget in the worst way, but as Madilyn's parents, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. No words can explain the fear, trauma, and pain that we felt that day; but what was the worst day of our lives also had the happiest ending. This was all thanks to the incredible work and care that you all provided. With collective swift action, you all helped to save our baby girl's life. We will never be able to thank the fine men and women of Rodeo-Hercules Fire, the CCRFCC, Hercules Police Department, and Benioff Children's Hospital-Oakland enough for the peace and joy you've given us; we still have our beautiful little girl to hold, kiss, cuddle, play with, teach, watch grow up, and love unconditionally into the future.

Thanks to all of you, Madilyn made a quick and full recovery. In fact, she was discharged from the hospital in less than 24 hours, and she miraculously seems as though nothing traumatic ever happened to her! She gets to do her favorite activities like dancing to nursery rhymes, stacking cups and toys, singing her ABCs, playing with her older brother, cuddling her mother, and bouncing on her daddy's stomach. All with the infectious giggle and smile she had before that Christmas Day. You saved her life and our lives as well because our spirits would have never been the same if we did not have Madilyn here with us. This mere letter cannot convey the amount of appreciation and respect we have for everyone involved with Madi's recovery. We hope to someday thank you all in person with our beautiful daughter by our side.

Thank you all with the deepest sincerity and gratitude,

Aaron and Nicole Nunez