

She's famous. Thousands of people have viewed her videos on YouTube. A fan favorite is the video where Pam Reynolds runs down the hall of the prosthetics and orthotics department at Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Greenville. When she gets right in front of the camera, Pam turns a huge cartwheel. After landing it perfectly, Pam squats down and a huge smile comes across her face as she pulls up her pants legs to reveal that she is standing on two prosthetic legs.

Pam's story starts early. When she was just 10 months old she contracted a form of meningitis called Meningococccemia. Meningococccemia is a potentially life-threatening infection where the blood clots, backs up, and eventually cuts off circulation. Pam's dad says when the doctors first saw his daughter, "they told me they didn't think she was going to make it. Pam's face, cheeks, nose, her whole body was turning different shades of blue." In order for her to make a full recovery, all of Pam's fingers and both of her legs had to be amputated.

Pam began coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville when she was two years old. Since that time, Pam has come to the hospital every 8 to 10 months for a new pair of legs. So far, the hospital has custom made her 13 new pairs of legs. Each time, Pam walks into the hospital, the prosthetists are amazed at how beat up her old legs look. Pam says she loves the legs they make her. "I've never had a problem with any of them. They are really good legs. I never have to have them fixed no matter how much I use them. I love Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville." She says having amputated legs "doesn't make much of a difference at all." Pam absolutely lives by her own advice: "Don't think you can't do something until you've tried it. Never say 'I can't do it.'"

To watch a video of Pam doing a cartwheel, just log on to [www.GreenvilleShrinersHospital.org](http://www.GreenvilleShrinersHospital.org) and click on her picture