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Dear Friends,

This issue of About Children's celebrates you and the thousands of donors who make a difference at the Children's Hospital of Michigan. Your donations help make our children healthier, more comfortable and less afraid. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude on behalf of each child, parent and Children's Hospital staff member and physician.

Evidence of your generosity is visible all around our hospital and in our neighboring communities. Patients have the opportunity to drive themselves to surgery on toy Hummer H3s, courtesy of General Motors Corporation's Hummer Division. The Pistons and Red Wings have made our lobby more enjoyable for families. Following a generous gift from Earl Stilson, another devoted donor, construction of the Stilson Specialty Center in Clinton Township continues to progress and is on schedule to open later this year.

Making a difference doesn't always mean donating money. Time and other gifts are valuable resources that are important to the overall quality of life of our patients and families. Former Children's patient and graduate student Pam Barclay travels three hours every other Tuesday to assist with the music therapy program. Professional artist Laurel Pitynski's donated inspiring heart-themed art, which hangs in the cardiology waiting room for others to enjoy. According to Ashley Wilk, a remarkable young lady who created a toy donation program for the waiting room she once frequented, "I know what a difference one person can make and a community can make."

Recently, one of our dear friends, Chuck O'Brien, passed away. Chuck was a long time Children's supporter, DMC board chair, and personal friend. I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for his tireless service, his dedication to improving the lives of children, and his passion for making a positive difference in our community. Please see the tribute below for more about Chuck's life and how he touched each of us. Chuck will be truly missed.

Thank you for making a difference at the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Most Sincerely,

Herman B. Gray, M.D., M.B.A.
President, Children's Hospital of Michigan

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Children's Loses Supporter and Friend

We are deeply saddened by the death of our good friend, Chuck O'Brien in March 2007. For nearly 20 years, he was one of the biggest champions Children's Hospital of Michigan and the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) ever had. Most recently, he was the DMC board chairman and played a key role in the revitalization of the DMC.

"Chuck will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at Children's. Chuck cared very much about the city of Detroit. He used his tremendous business skills to help the Children's Hospital of Michigan and then the DMC. He never demonstrated any ego; it was always about what was right for Children's or whoever or whatever he was trying to help. Our deepest sympathy is with Linda his family at this difficult time," said Jack Baker, M.D., chair, Children's Hospital of Michigan board of trustees.

Prior to serving as DMC board chairman, O'Brien was a Children's trustee and was on the DMC finance committee. One of his most significant accomplishments was organizing with his wife, Linda, the Ring Screw Textron Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research at Children's.
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Children’s Hospital of Michigan will soon offer Macomb County residents pediatric medical care closer to home.

The Children’s Hospital of Michigan Stilson Specialty Center, currently under construction, will open in Clinton Township in late 2007. The 48,000-square-foot, three-level structure will offer a variety of services, including a sleep laboratory, a community education room, physical and occupational therapy, an optical shop and scores of pediatric specialties.

“This is the first specialty facility we are building from the ground up,” says Luanne M. Ewald, vice president of strategic planning and business development at Children’s. The Clinton Township center is on Garfield Road between 18 and 19 Mile roads. Groundbreaking was in October 2006.

In addition to the hospital located on the Detroit Medical Center campus in Detroit, Children’s has a specialty center at 11 Mile and Lahser roads in Southfield and a specialty center in Novi, which opened last year. The Novi location is growing fast and includes after-hours pediatric urgent care services.

Macomb County has experienced exponential growth in recent years, and patient and doctor focus groups revealed there was a need for Children’s to offer services there, Ewald says. “Families wanted to have our specialty pediatric services and physicians nearby.”

About 20,000 Macomb County children currently receive care each year at Children’s Detroit Medical Center locale.

“The Stilson Center will be the only specialty center in the county dedicated exclusively to pediatrics,” Ewald says. “Our doctors are trained in pediatrics. The whole focus is on the child versus going to an adult facility. There’s a different sensibility in treating the child and the whole family,” Ewald says.

Children’s physicians will rotate at the Stilson Specialty Center, which will offer
26 pediatric specialties. The main floor will consist of offices for diagnostic tests such as MRIs, CT scans and X-rays. There is a laboratory for blood draws, 10,000-square-feet for physical and occupational therapy and offices for pediatric cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology and pulmonary care. A café with child-friendly, healthy snacks will also be on this floor.

The second floor will feature a pediatric optical shop and offices for specialties such as ophthalmology, ear, nose and throat, orthopedics, urology and plastic reconstruction along with a general surgery office.

The center’s garden level (below ground) will house sleep and psychology centers and a community education room.

The waiting rooms will be bright and colorful with books, toys and games. Ewald says Children’s Hospital understands waiting rooms need to be customized to accommodate the needs of young patients and their siblings.

The building, designed by Royal Oak-based Stucky Vitale Architects Inc., sits close to Garfield Road with its entrance and parking behind the building. The front center of the building will be glass that is etched with the Children’s Hospital of Michigan logo.

“We want the community to embrace the center as their own because we are building it for them,” Ewald says.

The center was possible due to a significant gift from Earl Stilson, a successful Macomb County businessman. He was a patient at Children’s Hospital as a youngster. Born with his eyes fused shut, he also had orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation at Children’s.

“He always wanted to give something back to the hospital to help future generations of children,” Ewald says. “This was a wonderful way for him to show his gratitude and we are deeply grateful for his gift.

Read more about Earl Stilson’s amazing story in the summer 2007 issue of About Children’s.

Jason, 15
Magic on the Screen Helps Ease the Pain of Illness

The movies can be a magical place no matter what your age. But for a child with a serious illness the movies are especially important. A step inside Cinderella’s castle or hanging out with the critters in “Open Season,” can help ease the pain and even turn a hospital stay into a tolerable if not enjoyable experience.

Navot Shoresh, owner of Spire Integrated Systems, a Troy-based business specializing in home theater systems and entertainment design, has helped bring the movies to kids at Children’s in a big way.

With guidance from the Elf Foundation, a nonprofit charity that brings entertainment to sick children around the country, Shoresh donated a projector and 106-inch screen as well as a complete surround sound system to Children’s so that seriously ill kids don’t need to leave the hospital to have an enjoyable day at the movies.

“Spire celebrated its 5th anniversary last year,” says Shoresh. “And we’ve been so successful we were looking for a way to give back. My desire was to create an environment so that kids can forget where they are and this gives them a great way to escape.” Shoresh says the system is easy to operate and completely computerized. “All you have to do is drop in a DVD and push a button.”

“The kids absolutely love it,” says Donna Kramer, child life project specialist at Children’s. “It’s so much fun to watch them immerse themselves in the big screen and not think about their illness for awhile.”

Tiny Hummers Offer Unique Way to Get to Surgery

Anyone who has had surgery knows that the ride to the operating room can be an intimidating journey, especially for a child. So when Dayna Hart, communications manager for Hummer, a division of General Motors, learned that toy versions of the popular Hummer H3 were being driven by children to their own surgeries at a hospital in Louisiana (where the Hummer H3 is manufactured), she knew the idea was perfect for the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

“This answers a need hospitals didn’t know they had,” says Hart who reports that Children’s received three shiny, yellow Hummers donated by the General Motors Corporation Hummer Division in Detroit.

“We rolled them out right before Christmas and all the kids were so excited,” says Annette Hartner, administrative director of patient care services at Children’s. Driving a brightly colored Hummer helps to reduce a child’s anxiety and provides another means of comfort to the patient. “Sometimes kids just like to go sit in them, they don’t need to drive them; they just love the experience and it offers a distraction before surgery,” says Hartner. “Then when it’s time for surgery, they climb in, press the pedal and off they go.”
Mary Jane Phillips lives with Cystic Fibrosis (CF), a life-threatening disease that affects her lungs and digestive tract.

While all CF patients are encouraged to exercise, simply as a way to help increase their airway clearance, no one expected Phillips to take her workouts to the extreme she did last summer by completing a triathlon.

“I've always been pretty active,” says Phillips, 18, of Shelby Township. She played on a home-school volleyball team, she also enjoys bicycling and swam daily when she lived in a house with a pool.

That's despite her CF, which causes mucus to build up and clog some of the organs in the body and keeps digestive enzymes from getting to the intestines. The disease particularly affects lung function, and Phillips’ physician, Debbie Toder, M.D., finds that patients who exercise have a greater sense of how well their lungs are working. “Mary Jane is active and in touch with her body,” Toder says. “She knows when there's a problem and comes to me immediately. It's a very good thing.”

As tuned to fitness as Phillips is, no one thought she would accept when a friend challenged her to participate in Clarkston’s Craig Greenfield Memorial Triathlon.

She didn't really train for the event as much as rely on her love for biking and her ability to swim. Her goal was no different than that of most first-time triathletes: To finish. And she did.

“Mary Jane is one of my heroes,” says Deborah Hachey, R.N., Phillips’ nurse of many years. “Mary Jane owns the disease, it doesn’t own her.”

Phillips returns the compliment. “Dr. Toder and Nurse Hachey take great care of me. They always explain why I need to do something – the pros and cons. They treat me like I’m smart, not like a child that won't understand.”

With their help, she's been able to stay focused and optimistic.

“Children with CF can get depressed easily,” Phillips says. “There are a lot of medicines to take and therapies to do. It's easy to give up, sit and watch TV and feel sorry for yourself.”

It's important to push yourself, she says. With CF, “it will be harder, but you will be able to accomplish what you want.”

What Phillips wants now is to return to Clarkston next summer for a duathlon, a combination of running and bicycling.

She doesn’t expect to finish first – but that doesn’t mean she won’t win.
Step into the newly renovated lobby at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, and one of the first things you'll stumble upon is an ice rink.

Well, alright – not an ice rink per se, but a children's play area crafted to look just like one. The Red Wings Play Zone has a floor that's a dead ringer for a real hockey rink (don't worry – it's not slippery), complete with blue lines and the Red Wings logo at “center ice,” Plexiglas “boards” around the periphery, and seats designed to resemble those in Joe Louis Arena.

There's even a Zamboni – albeit one that's a bit more two-dimensional than the celebrated ones at the Joe – off to one side, with cool touch-screen educational games inside.

Just how large is this play area? Well, large enough to squish 24 Red Wings hockey players plus Coach Mike Babcock and Vice President Steve Yzerman onto it, along with patients and hospital officials for the ribbon-cutting dedication last November.

“We'd been looking for awhile to have some sort of strong presence at Children's Hospital,” says Red Wings community relations manager Anne Marie Krappmann, “and we were trying to key in on a project that would have a lasting impact on the kids and families at the hospital.”

And what could be better than a play area for kids understandably eager to be distracted from the medical realities at hand?

But the truth is the Red Wings have been deeply involved with the hospital for nearly 15 years.

Each holiday season over that period, without fail, every Red Wings player shows up for the team's annual visit with Children's Hospital patients and families.

“It's something the players take very seriously,” Krappmann says. “They support it and make the visits because it's the right thing to do. Our guys are really down to earth,” she adds, “and I know when they go home to their own families, well, there are extra hugs.”

And what's in it for the hockey stars?

“As cliché as it sounds,” she says, “it's so nice to see the smiles on the kids' faces. Some may be huge fans, and some may not – but the chance to interact with a professional athlete, and know that these guys care about them and their families is an experience they'll always remember.”

Anne Marie Krappmann, Red Wings community relations manager
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On an individual basis, Red Wings players make less-visible contributions as well. A number of players, Krappmann acknowledges, make appearances and donations entirely on their own but generally prefer to keep such activities anonymous.

Funds for the play zone came from the Red Wings Foundation as well as the Red Wings-sponsored Children’s Hospital of Michigan Wish Club, headed by team defense man Jiri Fischer, temporarily off the ice due to health issues.

When Fischer got sick in November 2005, the team’s website directed fans to skip the flowers and send donations instead to the Wish Club.

The Wish Club draws its charitable money from the donations fans make so they can see their names on the Joe Louis Arena Jumbotron along with whatever message they want to broadcast.

When head coach Mike Babcock joined the team, he immediately fit right in with his enthusiasm for one of the team’s favorite causes. Says Babcock “Children’s Hospital is a fantastic facility. I am extremely honored to be associated with such a tremendous group of people.”

Babcock himself has a long track record of supporting children’s health. When he was the coach in Cincinnati, a neighbor’s son developed a brain tumor and died. The child’s family founded the Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation, and Babcock became a key player despite having moved to Anaheim to coach another NHL team.

When Babcock arrived in the Motor City, he brought his enthusiasm for the Hayden Foundation with him, and also began contributing to Children’s and helping to raise money for pediatric brain-tumor research.

On a smaller but more affecting scale, Babcock always buys two tickets out of his own pocket for every game, and donates them to a Children’s patient plus the child’s parent or guardian.

Of course, as Krappmann notes, supporting Children’s Hospital is one of the great feel-good opportunities in the Detroit area.

“I hope we help bring visibility to the hospital,” she says.
Joe Schasney remembers the exact moment he and his wife, Marion made the decision to leave a planned gift to the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

“It’s really an amazing story,” says Joe. “I was chatting last summer with a woman, Mary Ellen Klein, who babysits for our neighbor’s children in Dearborn. She told me she volunteered for the Leukemia, Research, Life (LRL) organization that raises money for Children’s Hospital of Michigan and that she lost her son, Danny, to leukemia 20 years ago.”

Call it serendipitous or just an amazing coincidence but Schasney says he and Marion had just been talking about their estate plans.

“We had been looking for someplace to create our legacy. And I was so touched by Mary Ellen’s story and her dedication to helping other children that I told my wife, ‘that’s it, we’ll set up a trust for Children’s!’ I couldn’t believe the wonderful timing,” Joe says.

Marion Schasney was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia 10 years ago so she expressed her wish that their estate plans include both stem cell research and leukemia research at Children’s.

“We made an appointment at Children’s and took a tour of the hematology/oncology division,” says Joe. “We met the doctors and saw the facility; we were so impressed, we decided to arrange a larger gift than we anticipated making. I knew we made the right decision.”

The Schasneys are retired from an independent gasoline company that they operated in Detroit and now live in Florida for six months out of the year. But Joe says they always love coming back home to Michigan.

“My wife has undergone chemotherapy and she has to take a lot of medication but we are in our 80s and are so grateful for our wonderful lives,” says Joe. “I play golf three times a week and we have a great family. One of our daughters lives in Michigan and our other daughter lives in Georgia. We also have two healthy grandsons, so why shouldn’t we give back?”

“Marion and I feel fortunate that we are in a position to help other people. Isn’t that what it’s all about?”
New Bone Marrow Transplant Unit Means Even Better Care for Patients

BY KATE LAWSON

Last spring, when Jennifer and Scott Wiser of Holly brought baby Alex home from Guatemala to meet his big sister, Audra, it was a joyful time. Soon, however, the Wisers were devastated when their 6-month-old son was diagnosed with Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML), a severe and rare form of leukemia found in the bone marrow.

“Alex had two rounds of chemotherapy and then a bone marrow transplant (BMT),” says Jennifer. “Most leukemias don’t require a transplant, but in Alex’s case it was our only hope. And because Alex is Hispanic, it was more difficult to find a compatible donor.”

Alex was hospitalized at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan but at the time there was no bone marrow transplant unit at Children’s. He was treated at Karmanos Cancer Center located inside Harper Hospital where he received his transplant, tests, treatment and therapy.

But today, thanks to the efforts of Yaddanapudi Ravindranath, M.D., co-director division of hematology/oncology at Children’s and Roland Chu, M.D., director of the blood and marrow transplantation division of hematology/oncology at Children’s and medical director, J.P. McCarthy Cord Blood Bank, kids can stay at Children’s for bone marrow transplants and testing.

A newly renovated six room BMT unit, including space for treatment as well as an activity center and lounge for families will ensure a much more pleasant hospitalization experience.

“The BMT unit grew out of a real need for improving services available for all patients at Children’s,” says Chu. “Alex was a unique patient. He was very sick. There were complications with infections and he had to be hospitalized at Karmanos. Now with the BMT unit right here, we can provide all the care BMT patients need onsite.”

Chu also emphasizes the need for blood cord donors, which uses the blood from umbilical cords, without causing harm to infant or mother.

“With cord blood transplants we can expand the collection and save many more lives,” says Chu. These transplants can be used to treat sickle cell disease, metabolic disorders, congenital diseases and even severe autoimmune diseases.”

Today Alex’s cancer is in remission and he’s set to celebrate his second birthday in June. “Alex is a miracle. He’s healthy now and we are so grateful to Dr. Chu and the entire staff for saving his life,” says his mother. “He got wonderful care but I know having the new unit under Children’s roof will be a benefit for all.”

If you would like to learn more about blood cord donorship, visit www.marrow.org.
The annual Festival of Trees is a tradition which for 22 years has produced spectacular Christmas trees to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

This year, rather than hold the event in an exhibition space, the Festival took place in the elegant Compuware atrium in downtown Detroit.

“It was more intimate,” says Festival board president Joe Nuyen, “like you want a holiday event to feel.”

For their part, says Compuware’s Doug Kuiper, the company was delighted at the chance to help out. “I personally brought my family,” he says. “They were thrilled.”

Unlike past years, all money raised came from the opening gala and the gift shop – there was no charge to wander the atrium and look at the lavishly decorated trees throughout the week. The 2006 event raised $220,000 to support pediatric research at Children’s.

For volunteer Susan K. Muldowney, who’s been pitching in for 14 years, the event felt smaller and more personal. “You get to know the other volunteers over the years,” she says, “and look forward to that first meeting in March.”

Muldowney laughs. “It’s like a class reunion.”

The annual Rich Smith golf outing is a tradition which for 27 years has honored a lost loved one and supported the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Since 1981, four “charter members” have organized the annual Rich Smith golf outing to honor their friend Rich Smith who tragically died in an accident in Florida in 1981.

Smith’s father was looking for a way to honor his son and asked Michael Storch, who attended high school with Smith, if he would get some of the old buddies from northwest Detroit together as a tribute. Storch agreed and thought it would be great if their tribute to Smith could also benefit the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Each year, four of the original golfers fly in from Virginia, Illinois, Florida and Arizona to play in the one-day golf event. “It’s a day to reminisce with old friends and help Children’s Hospital,” says Storch. “We continue the tradition out of our affection for Rich and for his father, who passed away in 1998. It’s also a way to maintain our friendships over long distances.”

To date, the golfers have raised $80,000 for Children’s and have supported areas such as the neonatal intensive care unit and, most recently, have underwritten an annual cancer survivor’s reunion party for kids who have kicked cancer. Proceeds from this year’s outing – the 27th annual – will support the same worthy cause.
Pam Barclay was 13 when she was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. For much of the next three years, she was a patient at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Perhaps the lowest point in her treatment was losing her hair. But sympathetic nurses did everything they could to make her feel pretty, stopping in with cosmetics and attempting to do something with what few tufts she had left. “They were wonderful,” says Barclay, 25, of Oxford. “They couldn’t have been more attentive.”

Equally caring physicians kept an eye on her academics, stopping by after their shifts to help with her homework. They even enlisted a Hispanic cook to help with her Spanish. “When I left the hospital, I was good-to-go right back to school,” Barclay says.

Understandably displeased about spending her formative years either hospitalized or sick, Barclay left her disease and her memories behind after high school. She graduated and went on to Central Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science and has nearly completed a master’s degree in administration.

Immersed in college life and still blessedly healthy, Barclay gave little thought to Children’s – until the end of her academic career became visible on the horizon. Suddenly, she felt a need to give back to those who enabled her to flourish.

Contacting the volunteer department, she learned that most volunteers spend time there every week. Given her three-hour commute and former relationship with the hospital, the department made allowances.

Now Barclay spends every other Tuesday volunteering with the all-ages music therapy program and providing other play opportunities in the Toys R Us Playroom. Children beat a drum or shake maracas – whatever makes them feel good. She also spends time playing make-believe or board games.

“It’s so great that no matter how they feel, the kids can escape and make up whatever they want,” says Barclay. “It’s always something happy.”

Barclay is happy as well with her decision to pitch in. “I’m doing something worthwhile with my time,” she says, and while she’s helping the children forget their troubles, they are filling her heart.

Barclay is happy that kids have a place like Children’s – “a place to come and get better, not a place to go because you’re sick,” she says.

As graduation approaches and a career looms, she doesn’t know if she’ll be able to continue volunteering at Children’s. She’s open to moving out of state. History suggests, though, that if she’s even remotely close to Children’s, she’ll find a way to bridge the distance.
A Royal Visit at CHM

Sarah Ferguson, The Duchess of York, visited the Children’s Hospital of Michigan in November 2006 as McDonald’s official global ambassador for World Children’s Day.

She began the morning as the guest of honor at a children’s tea party in the auditorium where she read from a book she authored entitled, “Little Red.” She interacted with patients and made hand clay and plaster molds for CHM’s healing garden and the Ronald McDonald House, respectively. After leaving the tea party, she visited patients and families throughout the hospital and paid a special visit to a heart transplant patient.

Later in the afternoon, an adult charity tea party was hosted on the Brush Mall behind Children’s Hospital in her honor to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Detroit and Ann Arbor. The Duchess mingled with guests, including Herman Gray, M.D. and members of the Children’s and Ronald McDonald House Charities boards. She also had an opportunity to meet the city of Detroit’s first lady, Carlita Kilpatrick.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of administration, child life, conference support, environmental services, facilities, food services, marketing and PR, nursing, security and parking, The Duchess of York had a memorable experience.

Before leaving the hospital she commented to Gray that, “This is the best children’s hospital that I’ve ever been to! The people are so real.”

New Children’s Online Store Launched

The Children’s Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary recently launched an online store. The Something Special Gift Shop now offers a selection of Children’s logo items, teddy bears, balloons, Pewabic tiles and more – all online. Gifts may even be delivered directly to a special patient’s room. All major credit cards are accepted. To shop the Something Special Gift Shop online, visit www.childrensdmc.org.
The hard work and innovative research conducted daily by J.P. (Pat) McAllister, Ph.D., director of neurosurgical research at Children’s Hospital of Michigan has paid off in more ways than one.

In 2006, McAllister was awarded the Robert H. Pudenz Award for Excellence in Cerebrospinal Fluid Physiology and Hydrocephalus Research, a coveted prize for his efforts in understanding the mechanisms of hydrocephalus as well as his excellence as a teacher and lecturer.

“This is the only award of its kind given for hydrocephalus research,” he says. “In fact, I am only the second basic scientist, as opposed to pediatric neurosurgeon, to receive this honor.”

Since 1988 this award has honored those who have excelled in CSF research. “It’s the Nobel Prize of hydrocephalus research,” says McAllister.

Hydrocephalus is an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) inside the brain, which occurs at birth or after an injury or serious illness. As the CSF builds up, it causes the ventricles to enlarge and pressure inside the head to increase. The only way to relieve pressure is by inserting a shunt.

McAllister’s research involves developing a so-called “smart shunt” equipped with tiny sensors to prevent blockage and infection and to develop drug treatments to protect the brain. “It’s highly unlikely that there will ever be a complete substitute for the shunt,” says McAllister. “What I want to do is help prevent brain damage in children and promote recovery. Much of this research would not be possible without support from donors such as S.T.A.R.S. (Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts) group. Needless to say, I am thrilled about the award.”

Lewis J. Nedelcoff Receives Distinguished Volunteer Award

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), an international organization with more than 28,000 members, marks one day each year to celebrate the spirit of giving and to honor philanthropic leaders throughout the world. In 2006, the AFP Greater Detroit Chapter was honored to recognize Lewis J. Nedelcoff, senior vice president and branch manager of Smith Barney in Bloomfield Hills as a “Distinguished Volunteer” for his exceptional efforts on behalf of the patients at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Nedelcoff is a devoted member of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan donor family. He has generously established two endowments: the first in tribute to his mother, Donna Nedelcoff, and the second to create his own legacy to improve the lives of children battling life-threatening illness and disease. Both endowments provide resources to support the efforts of child life specialists who work to reduce anxiety and improve the hospitalization experience for children. Nedelcoff has also served as a hospital volunteer and is always eager to share his enthusiasm for Children’s with his friends and colleagues and in doing so, inspires others to become philanthropically involved. “Being recognized by the AFP for Children’s is the greatest honor of my life,” says Nedelcoff. “The opportunity to give back and make a difference has special meaning and has enriched my life. Helping sick children who face so many challenges every day is important to me. I just hope to help make their hospital stay as comfortable as possible.”
The colorful, heart-themed art installation hanging in the cardiology waiting room at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan symbolizes healing for the Pitynski family. Now they hope it will lift the spirits of others who wait there.

Northville artist Laurel Pitynski and her husband, Ted, know firsthand how stressful it can be sitting in a waiting room when a child is undergoing a heart procedure. Their daughter, Sydney, 8, was treated at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan twice last year after being diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome.

The syndrome is a congenital electrical abnormality in the heart that usually impacts babies, children and young adults. “Three out of every thousand people have some sort of electrical short circuit in their heart,” says Peter Karpawich, M.D., Children’s cardiologist and Sydney’s doctor. Not all of them need medical attention, but in rare instances, the syndrome can lead to abnormally rapid heart rates and sudden death.

People in the news who die suddenly when they are young or fit, such as young athletes or marathon runners, often have the syndrome. Most people’s extra electrical heart fibers are absorbed while they are in the womb, but that does not happen with Wolff-Parkinson-White patients.

Laurel explains that Sydney had extra fibers in her heart before she was born, but she did not have symptoms until she was six. Her heart would start racing, sometimes up to 250 beats per minute, and she would vomit and feel alright again. The occurrences were unpredictable, but even while taking medication (beta blockers) she’d have a racing-heart episode once every two weeks.

Karpawich, who had been treating Sydney, last February mapped out the electrical system in Sydney’s heart and found multiple abnormal fibers that were modified by heating and cooling the heart tissue with a special wire placed through a vein into her heart. “She hasn’t had a single problem since,” Laurel says.
About 20 years ago, correcting this syndrome required open heart surgery. Karpawich is one of three pediatric cardiology electrical specialists in Michigan who can perform the procedure, called catheter ablation, without surgery. “We find the short circuits and knock them out,” he says. The procedure has a 90 percent or better success rate.

During ablation, a catheter is guided to the places where the problem exists. The abnormal tissue is destroyed with high-frequency electrical energy or freezing temperatures to disconnect the extra electrical pathways.

“It's basically part of the cardiac electrophysiology program I established here, so we can take care of heart rhythm abnormalities,” Karpawich says. “Sydney had multiple fibers so her case was a little more complex.”

Meanwhile, Laurel remembered the times she sat in the waiting room worrying about Sydney. “After the second procedure, it was an overwhelming relief, and I wanted to do something to show my appreciation. I decided I wanted to donate my artwork,” she says.

She went to work on an installation that was eight, 15-inch-by-30-inch panels depicting four large hearts. She used joint compound with acrylic paint topped with two-part resin to give it a high-gloss sheen. The vibrant pieces are three dimensional and include gold and copper leafing. Six pieces hang on one wall and two pieces are on another wall in the waiting room. Laurel calls the pieces “vibrant and happy.”

Laurel is a professional artist who regularly does corporate and commissioned work through the TRA Art Group, LLC in the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

“This was truly a gift from the heart, about the heart and for heart patients,” says Richard Humes, M.D., Children's chief of pediatric cardiology. “The pieces are very striking. The hospital has been working to increase its art collection and this is a wonderful addition.”

“What Laurel has done is create pleasantness in an often stressful situation,” Humes adds.

For more information or to make a contribution to Children’s art collection, please call Grace Serra at 313-745-2865.
The numbers are unsettling if not frightening. Last year, according to a United Nations report, more than 1,000 kids around the world were infected every single day with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS. Even more disturbing is that without proper treatment, half of them will die.

That’s why the work being done at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan by a talented and dedicated team of doctors and researchers is so important.

Xiaomong Li, Ph.D. and Sylvie Naar-King, Ph.D of the Pediatric Prevention Research Center, Bonita Stanton, M.D., Children’s Pediatrician-in-Chief and the Schotanus Family Endowed Chair, Carman and Ann Adams Department of Pediatrics and Chokechai Rongkavilit, M.D. of Children’s pediatric infectious diseases department, are conducting studies and intervention across the globe to rid the world of this deadly disease.

“Our international research endeavors not only help developing nations but provide Children’s with world-wide exposure,” says William Lyman, Ph.D. director of the Children’s Research Center of Michigan, and the Carman and Ann Adams Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research.

For instance, in the rural Henan Province of China, Li’s research team is focusing on migrant workers and the psychosocial needs of children orphaned by AIDS. These are the children of the poor rural farmers who, in the 1990s when they began selling blood at unsterile collection stations, contracted the virus and began falling ill and dying in record numbers, leaving behind children who have often been forced to leave school and go hungry.

Li says his team is collecting data from 1,600 children who have lost either one or both parents to AIDS or who are living with an adult with AIDS as compared to children who are in homes where the disease is not present.

“Our primary goal is to gain first-hand knowledge on how AIDS impacts these children’s lives so that we can assess how to help,” Li explains.

Meanwhile, in Bangkok, Thailand, Rongkavilit is hard at work collaborating with Naar-King and the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Center on how to keep HIV from spreading. Naar-King, who has worked with HIV high-risk inner-city kids in Detroit, is lending her expertise to help with intervention in Rongkavilit’s homeland.

“We are the only children’s hospital doing this kind of work for HIV-positive adolescents in Thailand,” says Naar-King.

“We’re talking behavioral intervention,” explains Rongkavilit who recently received a grant from the US National Institutes of Health to
conduct the second study in 100 HIV-positive Thai patients ages 16 to 24. His study was published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

“There has been a lot of research in Thailand but not in risk behaviors in HIV-positive adolescents,” he says. “We work with the HIV-positive Thai adolescents on the risks of unsafe sex and the importance of safer sex, condoms and informing sexual partners, reducing alcohol and drug use and we stress the importance of taking their medications. You know it’s very difficult to make teens take their medicine and if they don’t take it, they don’t get better. I think our work with the adolescents will make a huge difference in preventing the spread of HIV,” says Rongkavilit. “I’m from Bangkok so fortunately I have a network of people and collaborators there to help us.”

Stanton is doing similar work in the Bahamas, where she has introduced a program, Caribbean Informed Parents and Children Together (ImPACT), based on the work she has done in Baltimore, Maryland. Now, Stanton is focusing on middle-school-aged children in the Bahamas and working there with the Ministry of Health to help prevent young people from becoming infected with HIV and dying from AIDS.

“All of these research efforts abroad and at home build upon each other and add to our understanding and knowledge of adolescent risk prevention,” she explains.

“Our globe is becoming smaller and the extent to which our research in Detroit gives benefit to those living across the world is very important,” says Stanton. “We need to establish a rigorous global standard and align our resources to achieve it.”

“One thing we have learned from our research is that today’s disease in Asia and Africa is tomorrow’s disease in the United States. That’s why our work is so important, no matter where we are,” says Stanton. “With this research, hopefully in three generations these wide differences in disease rates between countries won’t exist.”

*Pictured (l to r): Bonita Stanton, M.D., Sylvie Naar-King, Ph.D and Chokechai Rongkavilit, M.D*
As a baby, Ashley Wilk was diagnosed with a Wilms’ tumor and had to have her kidney removed. Since then, the 16-year-old from Sterling Heights has had annual checkups by her oncologist at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan to ensure that her system is cancer free.

It struck her on a recent visit that the hematology/oncology waiting room had no toys for children to play with. Yet she was almost certain that, years ago, the toys there had helped keep her mind off her impending blood tests. Could her recollection be that faulty?

No. The waiting room used to have a supply of toys for children to share, but the hospital had since decided that the risk of infection from germs spread by toys was too great to risk keeping them around. Instead, the hematology/oncology waiting area requires toys that children can take home. And at that point, inspiration struck.

“I decided to help the hospital supply hematology/oncology patients with toys that they could keep,” Wilk says.

Wilk made posters and put out a big box at Utica Center for Mathematics, Science & Technology, a small school for academically gifted students where she is a junior. The donations poured in. “It’s a small school, really close-knit,” she says. “My fellow students were great.” She put another box at the Sterling Heights Police Station, where her father serves as captain, and the residents of the city astonished her with their generosity.

In addition to word of mouth, Wilk received publicity from a local paper and a television station, which, Wilk says, really helped.

Coloring books, crayons, electronic hand-held games and puzzles – hundreds of games filled Wilk’s boxes and then filled them again. During Christmas break, she filled the family’s car and brought the load down to Children’s Hospital.

The gifted student from Utica Center has learned a great deal from her hard work. “I know what a difference one person can make and a community can make,” she says. And she knows first-hand what a difference a simple toy can make for a nervous child.
Your commitment to supporting the mission of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan and the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation is a true gesture of community leadership that enables the hospital to provide the highest quality care to thousands of kids in need. Philanthropy allows us to perform cutting-edge research that will improve children’s health and educate medical professionals in the art of caring for young people. Gifts from the community also support a range of advocacy and outreach programs that benefit children everywhere.

Several endowments have been established for the benefit of Children’s by caring members of our community who share a commitment to improved child health and progressive pediatric medicine. The generosity of these advocates is greatly appreciated and helps to ensure the hospital’s financial future. A portion of the earned income provides annual support for programs and services vital to the patients in our care; the remaining income is reinvested to build the fund, creating a lasting legacy for the benefit of generations to come.

On behalf of the young patients, families, and medical staff, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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Association (CFHA) to care for
Detroit’s poor children with
a group of highly influential
women. These women helped
to furnish the beds at a
cost of $35 each
Mrs. Henry Ledyard is
appointed first President
of Children’s Free Hospital
Association
CFHA rents space at Harper
Hospital. Admits first patient
December 8

Service expands to 27 beds in
the Nancy Martin Ward at
Harper Hospital
CFHA leases three-story
Caskey House at 7th and Fort Streets as
main hospital
Leases adjoining Pope House
for quarantined patients. 
Infant’s Ward Association
organizes to raise funds for
food and equipment

1887-1891

1894
Children’s Free Hospital
Association pioneers use of
pasteurized milk

1895
Ends affiliation with Harper
Hospital; sets up the first
outpatient department in
Caskey House barn

1896
June 16, CFHA moves into new
building at 5224 St. Antoine,
Hiram Walker, a successful
Detroit/Windsor businessman,
contributed $125,000 to erect
the new structure as a memo-
rial to his 13-year-old daughter,
Jennie, who died of an
unknown disease
CFHA starts school for
nurserymaids with a nine-
month program on caring
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Dr. Charles A. Devendorf, Detroit Tribune, December 14, 1886
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1907
First two full-time physicians join staff

1909
Hospital treats 966 children that year

1910
CFHA establishes its first laboratory and an Ophthalmic Ward

1913
CFHA founder Dr. Devendorf dies
Nurse training school opens, providing 2.5 year program of study

1914
Adds Social Service Department to investigate home conditions of children
Per patient cost of one day's care, $1.35
Hospital adds Dental Clinic and Department of Physical Therapy

1915-1916
Summer children's convalescent home in Bloomfield Hills, Woodward and Long Lake, opens year round
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1918  
Hospital installs electric elevator  
For three months, CFHA treats only influenza cases due to the epidemic

1920  
Icie Macy Hoobler, PhD, a pioneer in nutrition research and one of the first women in her field, determines safe amount of vitamin D in milk, establishing guidelines still followed today

1922  
CFHA becomes Children’s Hospital of Michigan with a vision to serve all children  
As a birthday gift to his wife, James Couzens (former Detroit mayor, U.S. senator and honorary president of CFHA) contributes $1 to the expansion of the Hospital and establishes Children’s Endowment Fund of Michigan. The Couzens’ lifetime gifts for buildings and endowments for the Hospital and Convalescent Home exceed $2.5M

1923  
Two hundred bed Children’s Convalescent Home in Farmington opens  
CHM adds anesthetist to the surgical staff

1925-26  
Dr. Thomas Cooley describes Mediterranean anemia  
Diabetic Clinic opens  
New wing opens with expansion of 110 beds  
Drs. Grover C. Penberthy and Edward Davidson develop tannic acid treatment for burn victims

“A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on.”  
- Carl Sandburg
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2028

Special tickets study begins in Nutrition Lab - blood transfusions are used

Children's Fund of Michigan provides Dental Clinic

CHM Social Service Department handles increasing numbers of abandoned children, victims of the economic depression

Mrs. Margaret Couzens
Slattery takes seat on the CHM board

The American Academy of Pediatrics was founded through the leadership of the hospital's first career pediatrician,
Dr. Thomas Cooley

2029

1930-1932

1934

Children's Hospital joins the American Hospital Association

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1937
Hospital adds Director of Volunteers to the permanent staff. CHM today maintains an outstanding volunteer program
Dr. Penberthy’s studies on children’s burns become nationally known
Discovery of antibiotics such as sulfa and penicillin significantly impact care of CHM patients
CHM staff called to serve in World War II; board trustees fill in, preparing meals, helping with housecleaning and air raid preparation
Children’s begins accepting non-resident indigent cases, children of war workers

1939-1943
- Dr. Lyle G. Waggoner, et al., begin using general anesthesia for removal of foreign bodies from bronchial tree and lungs
- Medical staff reorganizes to accommodate increased admission of private patients
- First professional social worker joins staff
- Recommendation is made to establish blood bank

1945

1946

“There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.”
- Walt Streightiff
1948

Executive Committee Minutes:

- Dr. Paul Woolley discusses the need to admit black military residents.
- Dr. Wolf Zuelzer discovers the neurogenic nature of intestinal obstruction in Hirschsprung's disease.
- The Children's Hospital Women's Auxiliary forms.

1949-1950

- Detroit's United Foundation, with Children's as a major recipient.

1953

- Dedication and opening of the James Couzens Memorial Clinic, housing all outpatient services and clinics in over 30 branches of pediatrics.

1954

- Under the direction of Dr. Wolf Zuelzer, the research laboratories of the Children's Fund reorganizes as the Children's Research Center.

1955-1956

- Significant research in genetics of sickle cell and other blood related disorders such as hemoglobin C, M, and thalassemia anemias; chromosome analysis as it relates to genetics and susceptibility to childhood leukemia, and development of cell culture laboratory.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Alttermatt

Dr. Paul Woolley and William Evans are the first to report that certain bone fractures were the result of child abuse, leading to legislation making child abuse a reportable offense.

Mrs. Margaret Couzens Slattery becomes President of GIM (1956)
1967

Ground breaking for new hospital

1968

CHM selects official hospital logo

1971

New building dedication - Mrs. Slattery unveils plaque, Cardinal Dearden blesses building

1972

A two-year-old becomes the youngest child in Michigan to receive a kidney transplant.

Oncologists discover that the most common type of childhood leukemia is in fact two separate forms of the disease

1973

CHM establishes Infectious Disease service

Dr. Charles Whitten establishes the comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, and the ambulatory service

CHM opens center for abused and neglected children

1975-1976

CHM starts Pharmacology and Toxicology services

Dr. Rossie Cohen cures an infant girl's severe combined immune deficiency by transplanting her brother's bone marrow into her

CHM opens Crying Room for post-operative patients

1975-1976 cont'd

The medalion, which was rescued from the old hospital before its demolition, by Dr. and Mrs. Jack Hertzler, is displayed in the new hospital's front lobby

Short Stay Surgical Unit opens

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“Why We Give To Children’s…

“Though we have deep Texas roots, Children’s Hospital of Michigan is the reason our family has, for the last 15 years, been proud and enthusiastic to call the Detroit metro area and the State of Michigan our home. The hospital and all of the staff provide us with a sense of purpose, mission, stability and acceptance. Every year we look forward to contributing because it gives us the opportunity to express our appreciation to CHM for giving us a place to thrive, to serve, to grow and to make a difference in the lives of so many families. It is a privilege to belong to and to give back to a place that we have truly come to love and respect.”

Henry Walters, III, M.D., chief of cardiovascular surgery at Children’s, his wife Katherine and daughters, Grace and Hannah

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Children’s opens 104,000 square foot Ambulatory Care Center adjacent to the main hospital named in honor of lifelong supporter and major donor William Carlis. The Center consolidates outpatient care for children in one centralized location and becomes a focal point of Children’s Caring for Kids capital improvement campaign, which raised more than $20M in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Johnny and Marion Ginoplos, lifetime supporters of Children’s and advocates for pediatric cancer research work to secure community support of SSM as a memorial to their son Georgie, who died of a rare blood disorder when he was four.

Hospital dedicates world’s first pediatric Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Center; PET scanning allows neurologists and neurosurgeons to identify and remove areas in a child’s brain that cause uncontrollable seizures.

“There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.”

- Graham Greene
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1998
CHM cardiovascular surgeons perform their first pediatric heart transplant at the hospital
Richard and Leslie Helpin establish the Helfpin Institute for Urban Pediatric Health Research

The Children’s Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary celebrates its 50th anniversary

Creation of 13 endowed chairs/professorships for CHM and Wayne State University School of Medicine
Child magazine names CHM one of top 10 children’s hospitals nationwide

2001

Dr. Alexa Canady retires from Children’s Hospital of Michigan after 14 years as Chief of Neurosurgery. She was the first African American female neurosurgeon in the United States

2002

Doctors at CHM perform the first successful advanced computer-assisted robot-enhanced surgical procedure at a pediatric hospital in the U.S.

2004

CHM researchers help develop the Genesis Stent, a life-saving device that opens blood vessels that grow with the child, eliminating the need for open heart surgery

2005

Becomes first children’s hospital to introduce a pediatric orthosis “sung-CP suit,” which provides sensory feedback that improves control and reduces muscular spasticity in children with cerebral palsy

Infant Cooling study proves that reducing an infant’s body temperature within six hours of birth can significantly reduce or eliminate risk of death and developmental disorders for babies deprived of oxygen during birth

More than 450 volunteers devote 86,000 hours to Children’s Hospital of Michigan

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