



The Fund for Every Child

COVID-19 Can't Stop our Family-Focused Care

The mother and her two sons had COVID-19 symptoms when they arrived at our emergency department (ED) in April. They also were distraught – the boys' father was battling the virus at a nearby intensive care unit.

“The mother was sick, sad and anxious,” recalls Dr. Shireen Atabaki, an ED doctor and mother of three who has worked at Children's National Hospital for more than 20 years. “We felt her pain and cared for the whole family using all the tools at our disposal.”

The family was quarantined in a negative-pressure isolation room. Staff communicated via a virtual

Spanish language interpreter using donated iPads. A social worker and child life specialist also used videoconferencing to provide care. Our family-focused care enabled them to return home with a recovery plan.

Thanks to your support of the Fund for Every Child, we can deliver this level of compassionate care every day. You help us respond to our community's most urgent needs in real time as we pursue the next big breakthroughs in pediatric medicine.

We are pleased to share how your generosity helps us connect care, community and discovery to help every child grow up stronger.



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for newborn care and top-10 overall in U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospitals



240,390 unique patients treated



1,500+ primary and specialty care physicians in our Pediatric Health Network



\$123 million provided in community benefit



1,300 active clinical research projects



\$67 million in uncompensated care



Keeping Pep in Zoe's Step

Zoe, 6, loves to show her original artwork to friends and family. It's an important part of her cancer therapy. She sculpts with clay and makes silk hoop paintings in bright colors. This brings joy and distracts her from her treatment's negative aspects.

"It helps her with stress," says Brigitte, Zoe's mom. "It's not about her cancer – it's about being a kid and having fun."

The pandemic limited Zoe's time at our hospital this spring. Her mom says Zoe was devastated to lose her regular art therapy sessions. But through our telehealth program, she was able to continue from home. "The gift of technology shone through and put that pep back in her step," Brigitte says.

Gifts to the Fund for Every Child support art therapy, telemedicine and other programs that help Zoe and children in our community heal.

Increasing Access to Compassionate Care

Children's National is our region's largest provider of pediatric primary care for families in communities with few resources. Support for the **Fund for Every Child** helps us enhance and expand vital community health programs, including our:



Mobile Medical Program, established 25 years ago, brings immunizations and essential care to families in their neighborhoods



Community Health Workers, Children's National staff members, trained in health promotion and disease prevention, screen for social risk factors and facilitate access to care and social services



BearSCREEN Initiative in our emergency department that identifies kids experiencing depression, hunger and abuse, then connects them to community resources



Standing Together Against the Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the world as we know it. In the midst of this crisis, our community united to support frontline care providers and protect our community. Gifts to our COVID-19 Emergency Action Fund bolstered our critical supply of PPE and helped us launch the first remote, drive-up/walk-up pediatric COVID-19 testing site in the country. More than 2,430 children and young adults from across our region received free, safe testing not readily available elsewhere.

Your generosity also supported the work of our doctors in the research lab and the families we serve:



Dr. Sarah Mulkey, a fetal-neonatal neurologist is following the development of babies whose mothers had COVID-19 while pregnant. "Right now there is no data on the neurological impact of COVID-19 on babies," Dr. Mulkey says. "We have a duty to follow these children. Unless we look for answers, we might miss them."



600+ Children's National clinicians conducted telehealth visits across our specialties during the pandemic. Telehealth visits jumped from 80 in February to 800 per day by the end of May. "It's how our hospital's combination of care, connection and access helps support families, no matter what," says Dr. Hope Rhodes, a community-focused clinician.



“Research is all about excitement, passion and work ethic. When I engage in research, I feel like a kid playing with blocks, experimenting and trying to build different things. Philanthropy gives us the blocks to play with.”

Tony Sandler, M.D.

Director of the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation



“As much as COVID-19 is contagious, so is the spirit of love and giving.”

Joelle Simpson, M.D.

Medical Director of Emergency Preparedness

Transplant Lets Demier Be a Kid

Demier was 3 when his parents opted into an ongoing clinical trial at Children's National. It evaluated cord blood as a curative stem cell transplant option for children with sickle cell disease. A child born with sickle cell disease faces painful medical complications, hospitalizations and a shortened life expectancy.

The transplant worked. Demier, now a healthy 7-year-old, loves to go to school, play football and splash in the pool with his friends.

"Along the way, his family and I have struggled and cried and smiled together," says Dr. Allistair Abraham, a blood and marrow transplantation specialist. "Seeing pictures of Demier having fun – those are the moments to celebrate the impact our research can have on a kid's life."

“Your support for The Fund for Every Child gives us flexibility to meet our patients' greatest needs and ensures that every child can receive exceptional care. ”

– DeAnn Marshall, MHA
President, Children's National
Hospital Foundation



Our Gratitude

In 2020, Children's National marks 150 years of service to our community. Your generosity is helping us shape the future of pediatric care for children in Washington, D.C., and around the world, for the next 150 years. On behalf of the patients and families we serve, we thank you.



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