Meet Olivia

At just 6 months old, doctors discovered that Olivia had an enlarged heart. She was transferred via helicopter to Children’s National and diagnosed with cardiomyopathy. In danger of heart failure, she waited more than 100 days in the intensive care unit for a heart transplant.

A donor heart became available and was found to be a perfect match for Olivia. Her transplant was successful, and she is now healthy and thriving.

Olivia and her family are grateful for the care they received at Children’s National and for the gift of her new heart.

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Meet Xochitl

When Xochitl was a toddler, her parents feared she may never walk. Xochitl has cerebral palsy, and at age 3, Children’s National doctors performed a complicated spinal surgery that had previously only been done on older patients.

Step by step, Xochitl, now 10, has beaten the odds, and for the past two years, she has walked the 3-mile course in the Children’s National Race for Every Child.

The 2015 event was the farthest she had ever walked, and after the race, Xochitl said, “I really felt like I could do anything!”

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Meet Fionn

In a matter of hours, Fionn’s family went from thinking the 4-year-old had a relentless cold and severe dehydration to learning that he had Leukemia.

“It was all a blur—we went from the pediatrician’s office, to the ER at Children’s, to the ICU in one day,” said mom, Casey. “But along the way, we met the most amazing doctors and nurses.”

Fionn’s initial round of chemotherapy was successful, and he entered remission after eight days. Still, his care at Children’s National would continue on a regular basis for three more years.

“Every time we left the hospital, Fionn cried,” Casey said. “He loves being at Children’s because everyone is so nice to him.”

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Seacrest Studios

Seacrest Studios is a multimedia studio in the Children’s National main atrium that broadcasts age-appropriate radio and television programming throughout the hospital. But the concept of Seacrest Studios is more than what meets the eye: it has the ability to distract kids away from the pain, stress, and boredom that often come with a hospital stay.

“[Seacrest Studios] has given our sweet girl smiles on really hard days,” said Maryrose, the mother of a 6-year-old patient. “It has given her the ability to express herself, dance, and feel beautiful even when she is connected to wires, tubes, and IV poles.”

Children’s National is fortunate to have this dynamic and engaging space in its hospital because of the power of philanthropy—Seacrest Studios is funded entirely by donations from the Ryan Seacrest Foundation and other community donors.

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The Washington Nationals Diabetes Care Complex at Children’s National houses state-of-the-art outpatient treatment rooms and an education center, where families learn about proper nutrition and physical exercise, which are key to diabetes management.

The Children’s National Childhood and Adolescent Diabetes Program is the largest pediatric diabetes program in the region. The goal is for children with diabetes to live long, happy lives without complications. This is possible when patients of any age are able to successfully manage their condition.

The complex was made possible through a partnership with the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation and hundreds of community donors. Continued donations help provide resources for patients and families visiting the clinic.

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Anticipating issues before a child is born can make all the difference – now and for the rest of their life. To increase early diagnoses and help children thrive sooner, Children’s National opened the Fetal Medicine Institute through the power of philanthropy.

The fetal team at Children’s National consists of more than 50 specialists from 16 medical disciplines. This breadth of medical expertise at Children’s National ensures that comprehensive prenatal and postnatal care is provided for a range of conditions and tailored to each patient.

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