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Golisano Children's Hospital Recognized Among Country's Best



UR Medicine's Golisano Children's Hospital has been recognized as one of the nation's best children's hospitals in three specialty areas — neonatology, nephrology, and neurology and neurosurgery — in the U.S. News & World Report's Best Children's Hospital rankings.

The 2017-2018 rankings, released in June, placed the children's hospital's neonatology program at No. 27 nationally; nephrology at No. 43; and neurology and neurosurgery at No. 44.



The Division of Neonatology, which provides care for premature and critically ill newborns, admits about 1200 infants per year. Approximately 1 in 12 babies born in the Finger Lakes Region spend their first days in the children's hospital's Gosnell Family Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which is the region's only Level IV NICU.

The NICU houses 68 beds and is staffed each day by nearly 20 physicians and nurse practitioners and 70-75 specially trained nurses, along with nutritionists, social workers, child life specialists, and others.



The Division of Pediatric Nephrology, which provides care for those with kidney disease and hypertension, has approximately 2,600 patient visits annually. Treating conditions such as hematuria, proteinuria, glomerulonephritis, fluid and electrolyte disorders, kidney stones, and kidney failure, the division has a team of six physicians,

a pediatric nurse practitioner, and social worker.

The Division of Child Neurology treats conditions including epilepsy, Tourette syndrome and other movement disorders, complications from brain tumors, Autism Spectrum Disorder, various developmental delays, and a variety of more rare conditions, including Batten Disease. Child neurologists often work hand-in-hand with the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, which provides care for children with spina bifida, hydrocephalus, craniosynostosis, congenital malformations, various brain and head injuries, and more.

"As with everything we do and have achieved, this recognition reflects a partnership with contributions from the interdisciplinary workforces of pediatrics, surgery and surgical subspecialties, emergency medicine, neurology, and obstetrics and gynecology," said Nina Schor, M.D., Ph.D., pediatrician-in-chief at Golisano Children's Hospital. "It also wouldn't be possible without our community, and the health care organizations outside the hospital."

Over the past six years, Golisano Children's Hospital has appeared in the top 50 in six of the ten categories.

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Gala to Celebrate 30th Anniversary in the Garden



Hundreds of supporters will step into a mystical world when the Rochester Riverside Convention Center is transformed into an enchanted garden for the Golisano Children's Hospital Gala on Oct. 21. The gala, in its 30th year, is the premier fundraising event in support of the region's sick and injured children.

"We're hoping to incorporate some new and creative ideas into this year's event in honor of the 30th anniversary, including some surprises," said Kim McCluski, who is serving with her husband Stephen as the event's honorary chairs. "It's going to be a fantastic, fun evening for our guests, but it's also a meaningful way for our community to give back and make a difference."

McCluski, a member of the hospital's Board of Directors, has been involved with the children's hospital since the 1970s, when she started her career in the business office. But her connection became more personal over the years after her son, Ryan, was born with a neuromuscular disease and relied on the hospital for various services.

Ryan passed away in 2004.

"The care Ryan received made a huge difference for him throughout his journey, and that's what's inspired us to volunteer and help raise money for the children's hospital," said Kim. "It's time well-spent."

Presented by The Cabot Group, the gala features a cocktail reception, dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment from the band, Sixwire; Mickey Thomas from Starship; John Elefante, the former lead singer of Kansas; and Lou Gramm, the founding member of Foreigner.

This year's live auction items include a "she shed" — a new, trendy alternative to a man cave — designed with the help of Jennifer Johnson, 13WHAM-TV anchor and reporter. The she shed will offer the winning bidder a backyard escape from the daily grind, complete with chic décor, comfortable seating, a fireplace, and kitchenette.

Guests will also have the opportunity to contribute to this year's fund-in-need: the creation of a state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy gym within the hospital.

"We currently don't have a dedicated space to provide these services, so sessions take place in the hospital hallways or in patients' rooms with limited supplies and space," said Kris Lohr, pediatric therapy service coordinator. "Having a therapy gym with key pieces of equipment would allow us to better serve our children and their families in a safe, stimulating environment."

The cause is near and dear to the McCluskis.

"Ryan needed physical therapy throughout his life, so the need for the gym is something we are passionate about," Kim said. "Almost every patient who comes into the hospital gets some type of therapy, so this effort will touch the lives of thousands of children."

Tickets for the gala are \$250 per person and sponsorships are available starting at \$1,500. For tickets, sponsorships, or to donate auction items, contact Betsy Findlay at 585-273-5933 or bfindlay@admin.rochester.edu.



Stroll for Strong Kids unites families for a common cause



Around every tree, sitting on every blanket, jumping in every bounce house throughout, there's a story. A story of courage, conviction, heartbreak, or joy.

For the 21st time, the annual Stroll for Strong Kids brought all of these stories together to Genesee Valley Park, where a record 12,000 people walked and ran in support of Golisano Children's Hospital. The event, the region's largest annual fundraiser in terms of participants, raised more than \$400,000 for the children's hospital.

"Every year, we're in awe," said Stephanie Sheets,

assistant director of community affairs for the children's hospital. "We're in awe of how willing our community is to give back to the hospital that has cared for their loved ones. And we're eternally grateful to our participants, volunteers, sponsors, and our committee who make this event possible."

Abbott's Frozen Custard was the event's presenting sponsor for the sixth consecutive year, while Subway and Zweigle's provided lunch for participants.

Next year's Stroll is set for June 3, 2018.





Resident Rock Star

Facing Rare Diagnosis, Jack Scaramuzzino Fights Through Adversity to Thrive

“Can you live without a whole heart?”

That’s the first question that raced through Chelsea Scaramuzzino’s mind when she first learned something was wrong with her baby. She was 20 weeks pregnant, lying on the ultrasound table, holding her husband’s hand. Moments before, the couple was excitedly waiting to hear if their first child was a boy or a girl.

But the ultrasound technician had much more serious news to deliver: She could only see two chambers in what should have been a four-chamber heart.

“My stomach just sunk when I heard that,” said Chelsea. “I assumed the baby wouldn’t make it. I thought: ‘Of all things, why does it have to be his heart?’”

Doctors told Chelsea and her husband, John, that their baby boy had hypoplastic right heart syndrome, one of the rarest cardiac defects seen in newborns. His heart only had one pumping chamber, and once he was born, he would need three open heart surgeries to survive.

A rollercoaster recovery

Five months later, the Scaramuzzinos and their new baby boy, Jack, were calling the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (PCICU) at Golisano Children’s Hospital home. The PCICU, manned by a team of specialized providers, plays an invaluable role in caring for children with weakened hearts, often helping them recover from surgery, or survive until they’re ready for surgery — or in Jack’s case, both.

When Jack was just 5 days old, he underwent his first operation, performed by George Alfieris, M.D. and Francisco Gensini, M.D., designed to reconstruct his aorta and allow blood to get to his lungs.

He rebounded quickly. Nurses and doctors in the PCICU began calling him their resident rock star.

But it wasn’t long before he took a turn for the worse.

“It was flu season, and Jack caught parainfluenza. Usually, babies’ hearts can withstand the added stress that comes with an illness, but Jack’s heart is far from normal,” said Karen Powers, M.D. “Even ordinary baby activities, like crying or straining to poop, can cause problems for his heart.”

The parafllu was the first of many bumps in Jack’s road to recovery. A few days later, his condition deteriorated further. He stopped breathing



effectively, and his skin became cold to the touch, taking on a blueish hue.

“He was suffering from a pulmonary hypertensive crisis, which can lead to heart failure or cardiac arrest,” said Jill Cholette, M.D., who was called emergently to Jack’s bedside. “It was certainly traumatic and scary for Jack’s parents, but we were able to intubate him right away, improve his heart function, and control his breathing.”

Once the PCICU team stabilized him, doctors took Jack to the catheterization lab to get a better look at his heart. There, he was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension, meaning he had high blood pressure between his heart and his lungs — a dangerous complication for any newborn’s heart, much less Jack’s.

It took him five weeks to recover. When Jack was finally able to go home, he was two months old, and he still needed around-the-clock oxygen and his feeding tube.

“I was so afraid to take him away from the doctors and nurses in the PCICU who knew him and knew his heart,” said Chelsea. “But we were leaving the hospital, and for a while, we weren’t sure if that was ever going to happen.”

‘We had our boy back’

At home, Jack faced another slew of complications. He was having trouble feeding, and testing indicated that his body wasn’t getting enough oxygen. After he suffered another hypertensive crisis when he was three months old, doctors determined that



Alfieris would need to perform Jack's second surgery two months earlier than scheduled.

His recovery was almost as difficult the second time around.

"There were many steps backward, even when there were some steps forward," said Chelsea, recounting how Jack struggled to come off his ventilator after the surgery. "But finally one day, Jack started to do one of his favorite things: suck on his fingers. I knew then that we had our boy back."

Jack will still need a third operation sometime in the future, but today, he's doing well. He skipped crawling, Chelsea jokes, and went straight to walking. He only has to come back to the hospital for visits every six months, and when he does, the nurses and the doctors in the PCICU who cared for him barely recognize him.

"We care for the sickest of the sick, and we see babies like Jack when they're most vulnerable," said Erin Ward, R.N., a nurse on the cardiac team who cared for Jack during both of his hospitalizations. "To be able to see him big and healthy, it's just so refreshing. This is why we do what we do."

Research spotlight: When it comes to blood transfusions, less is more



Approximately 36,000 pints of blood are used in transfusions every single day in the United States, saving the lives of countless patients who have endured trauma, surgery, or illness.

But in recent years, evidence has emerged that these transfusions all come with more risk than doctors originally thought. Studies have shown patients who receive more

blood are subject to a variety of negative outcomes — longer hospital stays, more trouble breathing, more time in intensive care, and higher infection rates — relative to similar patients who did not receive as many transfusions. Some doctors have even begun calling them "liquid-organ transplants" to underscore the care that should be taken when administering them.

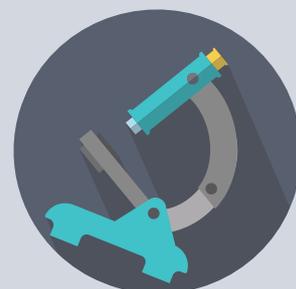
Golisano Children's Hospital physicians are doing their part to contribute to this growing field of research by studying outcomes of children who have undergone cardiac surgery. Led by Jill Cholette, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, the group has conducted four clinical trials and published the bulk of the research done on the subject.

Most recently, a paper in the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery* — the official journal of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons — described how infants recovering from cardiac surgery are best managed with a conservative approach to blood transfusions. It's an approach employed at Golisano Children's Hospital as well, which subscribes to quality-not-quantity when considering a transfusion.

"It's a joint effort between the surgeons, anesthesiologists, and the ICU, and others to reduce the volume and number of blood transfusions we give," said Cholette. "The other portion is improving the quality of blood we give to patients. There are ways to modify blood — to wash it, clean it, store it — that make for safer and more effective transfusions."

Cholette is also working with a group of PICU physicians nationally that is putting together formal guidelines for blood transfusions in PICU patients, an initiative supported by the National Institutes of Health.

"It's an important topic," said Cholette. "I'm glad it's getting more attention."





Care and Compassion

PICU Nurses Build Relationships in Families' Toughest Times

Kneeling down and leaning in close, Amanda Devine brings herself eye level with the object of her affection.

"Come on, Desi!" she coos. "Just one smile?"

The 7-month-old returns a sour look.

"I told you," says Dawana Bridges, the boy's mother, seated nearby. "He's angry today."

But not for long. Devine reaches down and starts playing with Desmond's toes. She pauses to adjust the wires that are monitoring his oxygen and heart rates, then tiptoes her fingers up to his belly for a tickle.

Finally, a crack emerges in his stoic façade. And, just for a second, Desmond's eyes brighten and his lips curl.

It's a smile. Indisputably.

"Aww, I knew you were going to win," says Jill Pol, who is looking on after trying — and failing — to coax a grin out of the youngster.

It's not the first time the nurses have competed for Desmond's attention. Since he was just two weeks old — when his mother noticed he was having trouble breathing — he's spent almost every hour of every day in Golisano Children's Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

With his tenure at the hospital nearing seven months, the nurses in the PICU have grown fond of him. Devine and Pol, in particular, enjoy doting on the curly-haired youngster.

"We love Desi," says Pol. "We're going to be sad to see him go."

'I could never do that'

Away from work, when social introductions lead to

the inevitable discussion of one's profession, Devine always gets the same reaction when she reveals what she does.

"Everyone says 'How do you do that? I could never do that,'" said Devine, who has worked at Golisano Children's Hospital since 2012.

She understands why it seems daunting. Devine and her colleagues are specialists within a field that's already pretty self-selecting. It takes a certain type of person to want to be a nurse and it takes a special kind of nurse to want to spend their days in a PICU.

"You definitely take it home with you," said Devine. "It changes you. Part of nursing is bonding, and giving a part of yourself to your patients and your families. So when you see these kids, and some of them get taken so early..."

She pauses, searching for the right words.

"It just makes you appreciate everything more."

As a PICU nurse, it's impossible to shield yourself entirely from the pain that comes from seeing a child pass away, said Devine. But there are two sides to that coin, as those occasional sorrows are matched by the joy they get to share in when a family is able to take a child home.

Those relationships are part of what drew Devine to the PICU. With many patients having medical challenges that require weeks or months of care, there's plenty of time to establish a rapport with a family and to spend down time playing games with a child. From a professional perspective, it keeps her challenged, as well.

"You really get to see the whole spectrum in the PICU. You're thinking critically about medical issues and needs, but you also get to have fun and

color with a kid,” said Devine. “That’s why I liked it when I was training — you get to help kids be kids.”

In virtually every part of the children’s hospital, nurses are the engines that keep clinical operations running. And in a care setting as sensitive as the PICU, their importance cannot be overstated.

“The nurses are the minute-to-minute point of contact for the patients and the families. It’s really the most crucial role that there can be in a PICU,” said Jeff Rubenstein, M.D., chief of the PICU. “They have to be compassionate enough to care for both the kids and for the families, and they also have to be medically sophisticated enough to recognize problems before they escalate.”

Going home

Though the job can be demanding, patients like Desmond are what make it all worthwhile.

A short time after he was born, he began struggling to breathe. The blood vessels in his lungs were too small and weren’t allowing enough blood to reach his heart.

As a last resort, he was placed on a lung- and heart-bypass machine called ECMO (extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation). The outlook was bleak.

“I didn’t leave here for a couple months,” said Bridges. “I slept here, got up at 5:00 to go home and get my four-year-old ready for school, then came back to be with Desi.”

The infant stayed on ECMO for two months until finally he had stabilized to the point where he could be removed from the device. He was then transferred to St. Louis in the hopes of getting lung transplants, and though an organ never became available, he was able to undergo a surgery that improved his heart function.

“After we came back, I really got comfortable with the nurses here,” said Bridges. “Heather, Melissa, Sarah, Dan, Catherine, Amanda, Dave, Dani, Jill... there are too many to name. We love them all. They’re really good with him.”

After seven months, Desmond was ready to leave the friendly confines of the PICU. He’ll be taking some equipment with him, but he was finally able to go home.

“He’s beginning to thrive,” said Rubenstein. “He’s going to need some support, but we’re getting ready to send him home, which is pretty great given what he was facing when he arrived.”



Three Physicians Join Pediatric Intensive Care Team

Three new physicians have joined Golisano Children’s Hospital, where they will provide patient care in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit.



Steven A. Bondi, J.D., M.D., received his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and graduated cum laude from Harvard University School of Law before completing the post-baccalaureate pre-medical program at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He

received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, then completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. Dr. Bondi completed a fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., where he was Chief Fellow in his final year of training.

Jack J. Deines, M.D., received his undergraduate degree from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and earned his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. He completed his internship in Pediatrics at the University of Florida Pediatric Residency Program at Orlando Health in Orlando, Fla., where he served as Chief Resident in his final year of training. Dr. Deines received his fellowship training in Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Duke Children’s Hospital in Durham, N.C. His areas of research interest include pediatric traumatic brain injury, transcranial Doppler ultrasonography, bedside ultrasound, and education.



Susan Duddy Martin, M.D. received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Kentucky at Lexington and a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. She earned her medical degree from the University of Louisville and

completed her residency in Pediatrics at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., where she was Resident of the Year in Pediatric Critical Care. Dr. Duddy Martin earned her fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care from the University of Louisville. She is a certified instructor for Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).



Phase II Photo Tour!

Hospital still seeks additional community support for the transformative project

For the first time ever, children in upstate New York will be able to have their surgeries and treatments performed in dedicated pediatric operating rooms. With the opening of our new suites, Golisano Children's Hospital will set the standard for pediatric ORs for years to come.

"If you're a health system anywhere in North America, and you're building a pediatric OR, you're going to want to come here to see how we did it in Rochester," said Walter Pegoli, M.D., chief of Pediatric Surgery.

The new ORs, built adjacent to a brand new pediatric cardiac catheterization lab and a special suite for gastrointestinal procedures, will open alongside our brand new Pediatric Intensive Care and Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Units (PICU/PCICU).

But even though construction of the physical space is almost complete, the children's hospital still needs your support to fund the project. Visit givetokids.urmc.edu/phaseii to learn more.



Artist Rendering



June 2017 photo by John Schlia



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Floor 6 The Garden — PICU/PCICU

To accommodate rising need, the new space accommodates 28 patient beds — up from 22 beds in the previous units. The new units will also be separate from one another, allowing for increased specialization. (The layout of the previous PICU/PCICU was such that care providers would staff both units simultaneously.)

The units are also positioned perfectly for patient and provider convenience. Located just above the new operating rooms, and just below the inpatient floors, the units allow for easy patient movement after treatment.

Floor 4 The Glen — Pediatric Surgical Services



Six new operating rooms, including a dedicated pediatric cardiac OR, will be located in the new space. The Clay E. and Rita M. Buzzard Pediatric Cardiology Catheterization Lab will also be located on this floor, which will serve as a dedicated room for pediatric catheterization and electrophysiology treatments.

Additionally, the floor houses a gastroenterology suite for less invasive GI procedures, 23 private pre-operative and post-operative recovery rooms, and a pediatric-friendly waiting area for patients and families.



Pediatric Grand Rounds



Artist Rendering



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Each week, the Department of Pediatrics hosts Grand Rounds, a one-hour presentation on an area of pediatric medicine. These presentations are in Whipple Hall — Room #2-6424 at the University of Rochester Medical Center, 601 Elmwood Ave. — and are free and open to community pediatricians, parents, and the general public.

Below are a few featured Grand Rounds for this fall. View the full schedule at <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/pediatrics/grand-rounds/grand-rounds-schedule.aspx>.

Sept. 20 — “Clotting and Conundrums in Adolescents”

Presented by Peter Kouides, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology at URMC

Oct. 4 — The Elizabeth McAnarney Lectureship: “Updates on the Hepatitis Virus”

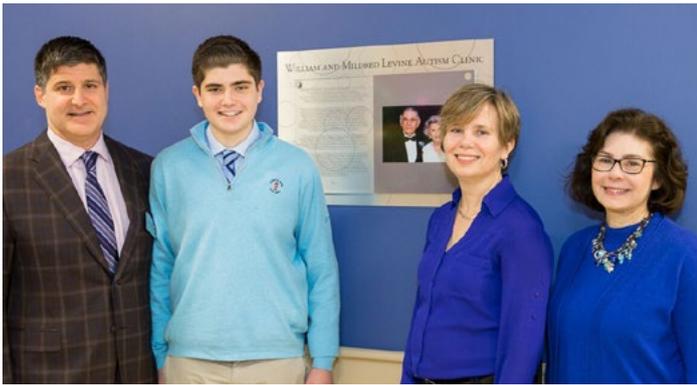
Presented by William Ballistereri, M.D., of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

Oct. 18 — The Burton Lectureship

Presented by George Thompson, M.D., of Rainbow and Babies Children’s Hospital

Neuromedicine and Behavioral Health Center now open

New facility on East River Road includes brand new Levine Autism Clinic



You wait years for something to happen, then the big day comes and it's even better than you anticipated. March 29, 2017 was just such a day for the more than 200 people at the grand opening of UR Medicine's Neuromedicine and Behavioral Health Clinic — and doubtless for the many patients and families who have walked through its doors for the first time since then.

The facility at 200 East River Road is home to pediatric neuromedicine, behavioral health services, and the William and Mildred Levine Autism Clinic. It's the region's first stand-alone clinic to integrate care of autism with pediatric neuromedicine and child and adolescent psychiatry services.

For the first time in our area, specialists in autism, child and adolescent psychiatry, and neuromedicine services work in the same space, offering multidisciplinary care to children and teens. Patients who need to see one or more provider now find them in the same clinic, and those providers collaborate and consult more easily on the patients they share.

The grand opening ceremony lifted the curtain on a space that is beautifully designed with its patients' needs in mind. It's a child-friendly environment that meets the unique physical, sensory and environmental needs of children who come here for care. For example, many patients with autism spectrum disorders become anxious and uncomfortable in loud, busy places. Clinical teams, patients and families provided input on the design of this quiet, soothing place for appointments. Families recommended attention to lighting and noise reduction, and creation of a family support and sibling care area known as the Kids Club.

Advances like these take years of planning, fundraising, design, and construction. All those efforts came to fruition in March 2017 — and turned the corner toward a new and better approach to care for patients and families throughout the Western New York region.

There were many highlights of the opening ceremonies, but none more impressive than the remarks of 15-year-old Noah Levine. Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at a young age, Noah explained to the audience how the Levine Autism Clinic, named for his paternal grandparents, would benefit thousands of children like him.

Noah also took the time to speak to every local TV station that came to cover the opening, extending the message to thousands of people in our area. "I didn't even know that I had autism; I knew I had social struggles and life seemed so much harder than for other kids," Noah told WHEC. "But as I got older and my parents told me more, and taught me all the great values that I have today, and as I've kept working on a daily basis, it's become something I'm proud of rather than being a disability; it defines my character."

"It's the region's first stand-alone clinic to integrate care of autism with pediatric neuromedicine and child and adolescent psychiatry services."

Noah explained how in the years ahead, the new clinic will benefit children just starting on the path that he has walked. "It will give kids an opportunity to come in and get their help without being overwhelmed by noises and colors and things that are contradictory to autism spectrum disorder... it will give kids the opportunity to actually look forward to coming in to the clinic for care. They will get the best treatment possible in the best environment, and parents will have an easier time bringing them here. Overall it's just going to be a great program."

The clinic could not have come at a better time. In the past year, more than 500 children were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, leading to more than 3,500 visits. The new clinic will accommodate the growing need for diagnosis and treatment.

The project was supported by a \$1 million gift from the William and Mildred Levine Foundation. Todd Levine, president of his family's foundation and Alleson Athletic, and his wife, Julie, recognize the importance of easy access to high-quality autism care at Golisano Children's Hospital.

"Helping create a stand-alone clinic where children with developmental disabilities can receive comprehensive care will allow us to reach for new heights, ensuring everyone receives the best services and care possible," he said.

Child's Memory Lives on Through Foundation's Work

Anthony Poselovich was a bright-eyed baby with a huge personality when he was diagnosed with liver cancer at just 11 months old. He fought the disease bravely for three years, enduring chemotherapy, radiation, and a liver transplant before passing away at the young age of 4.

“He was a happy boy who shared his joy with everyone — us, his doctors, his nurses. He just didn't let cancer define him,” said Anthony's mom, Cathi. “We were inspired by the way Anthony lived during his short life.”

After Anthony's passing, Cathi and her husband, Jason, chose to honor their son's memory by founding the Anthony Poselovich Memorial Foundation to raise funds for Golisano Children's Hospital and help others who were facing similar hardships.

“The children's hospital gave Anthony so much and allowed us to enjoy the time that we had with him, so it was natural for us to want to give back,” said Cathi. “Throughout Anthony's journey, we met so many families who were struggling and we were hoping we'd be able to take some of the stress away, even for just a day.”

The Poselovichs have raised thousands of dollars through their annual silent auction and other fundraising events over the past seven years. Among many other initiatives, the money has supported the construction of the new children's hospital, and in 2015, the foundation made a \$150,000 gift commitment to help fund the project.

To recognize the Poselovichs' efforts, the sibling room on the hospital's seventh floor was dedicated in memory of Anthony. The room allows children from the same families to be cared for in one space, easing the burden on parents and fitting perfectly in line with the mission of the foundation.

“We're incredibly grateful that Cathi and Jason chose to honor their son by thinking of others and giving back to patients and their families,” said Stephanie Sheets, assistant director of community affairs at Golisano Children's Hospital. “Our new hospital is a reality today because of foundations like this one.”

The foundation also touches the lives of children and their families throughout the year by providing monetary support to parents who are struggling with the many costs associated with cancer treatment — from gas money to medical bills — and sending patients and their families to the zoo, amusement parks, and sporting games.

“For me, that's one of my favorite things about what we do,” said Cathi. “We're able to give the kids a chance to just be kids, and allow families to forget about cancer for a while.”

The foundation's annual silent auction is set for 7-10 p.m. on Nov. 3 at Artisan Works. The event will feature more than 200 prizes, ranging from restaurant and spa gift certificates to suite tickets to Rochester Red Wings and Amerks games. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat event will be available at www.anthonyposelovichfoundation.org for \$45 or \$50 at the door.





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Special thanks to our Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) Sponsors for their support throughout the year! Below are some of the highlights from the past few months.



Costco

The local Costco raised nearly \$35,000 through their second annual fundraising campaign — almost double what the store raised in 2016. Two graduates of the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), Jacob Noyes and Jamie White, who spent the first months of their lives in the hospital, visited the store to kick off the campaign and share their stories. In addition to collecting in-store donations, employees were also given the opportunity to purchase and wear a children's hospital shirt.

Kiwanis

The Finger Lake and Genesee Division Kiwanis — which have been raising funds for three decades — held their annual Miracle Mile of Donations at Eastview and Marketplace Malls on April 1. Hundreds of Kiwanis members and many of the K-Kids Clubs from local schools helped put on the event. The funds raised by the Finger Lakes Division will be used to support the social work program, which helps reduce the stress and emotional trauma that families experience when a child is injured or becomes ill.



Rite Aid

Rite Aid associates have raised funds for Golisano Children's Hospital for more than 23 years. In addition to the stores' miracle balloon sales, many associates hold additional fundraisers, such as basket raffles. This year's campaign raised more than \$34,000.

Tops Friendly Markets

Tops associates held their 11th annual Monte Carlo Night in March, raising \$10,100 for the Pediatric Treatment Center. Since its inception, the event has raised a total of \$126,400. Cheryl Colbert and Eric Czekanski, two Tops employees, put on the event in honor of Eric's son, Bryce, who has an enzyme deficiency disease, and has been treated at Golisano Children's Hospital for more than 15 years.



Eddie Meath All-Star Game

The 35th annual football game fundraiser, which brings together some of the best Section V players, raised \$10,000. The event draws thousands of attendees every year, and the players tour the children's hospital and meet with kids and their families before the big game.

Anne Francis to retire from Elmwood Pediatrics



Over the past four decades, countless children have come under the watchful eyes of Dr. Anne Francis. Many of the ones who stayed in Rochester and had kids of their own came straight back to Elmwood Pediatrics, so that their sons and daughters could benefit from the same care they received as children.

Her patients would tell you that she was born to be a pediatrician. But if not for a young Richard Chamberlain, she may not have gotten into medicine at all.

“I really liked Dr. Kildare. It was a teenage girl infatuation,” said Francis. “But that’s what started me down the road to medicine. I was given a summer job at the children’s hospital in Pittsburgh, and after that summer, there was no question: I was going to be a pediatrician.”

This August, Francis will see her last patient at the place she’s practiced medicine for the last 41 years. But while she’ll be forever linked with Elmwood Pediatrics — where she served as the practice’s managing partner for 20 years — her influence spreads well beyond its doors.

A community leader throughout Rochester, she serves as Medical Director for the Mary Cariola Children’s Center, and is leading the Advancement committee for the University of Rochester Medical Center’s Board of Directors. Throughout her career, she always made time to teach medical students and young pediatricians, formally or otherwise.

“I see her as a woman for all seasons,” said Elizabeth McAnarney, M.D., Chair Emeritus of the Department of Pediatrics. “She’s knowledgeable and cares deeply about children. And she’s someone who, when she walks into the room, you can’t help but be invigorated by her presence. She just has that effect on people.”

Nationally, she’s been active with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), where she helped lead efforts to shape practice management. She also served on committees that were instrumental in advocating for the financing of children’s vaccines, among other health services.

Golisano Children’s Hospital wishes her the best in her retirement!



Get Ready to Rock at the Fairport Music Festival



Break out your dancing shoes and enjoy non-stop entertainment from more than 30 bands at the 13th annual Fairport Music Festival benefiting Golisano Children’s Hospital.

Known as Fairport’s signature send-off to the summer, the festival features music on four different stages, food from dozens of local restaurants and food trucks, and free children’s activities, including bounce houses, face painting, and more.

“Every year, we incorporate a new ‘wow’ factor and add in new local and national acts, so you’ll never see the same show twice,” said Andy McDermott, who organizes the event with Rob Burch. “Our goal is to put on an event that’s fun for our whole community — and what better cause to support than the children’s hospital?”

The festival kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25 and continues on Saturday, Aug. 26 from noon until 10 p.m. along Liftbridge Lane. Pre-sale tickets are available online until Aug. 24 for \$15, and tickets will be sold at the gate for \$20. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.fairportmusicfestival.com.

Thank you!

Golisano Children's Hospital is extremely grateful to our community fundraisers!!!!

Zoey's Lovely Heart Club

GCH Ski Day

University IT Bake Off

The John P. Clary Tribute Run & Brunch

Karaoke at the Corner

St. Kateri Parish School

Rochester Gran Fondo

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More Than a Game Foundation

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Smokin' Eagle BBQ & Brew Battle of the Band

Pic's Place

Brockport High School National Honor Society

Martha Brown Middle School Kid 2 Kid



Upcoming Community Events

Aug. 25 & 26, Fairport Music Fest Liftbridge Lane, Fairport

This fun-filled event, located along Fairport's Liftbridge Lane, is great for the whole family! Enjoy two days of good music and food for a great cause. Fairport Music Fest has impacted Golisano Children's Hospital in a number of ways and is committed to supporting a Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Room. Visit: <http://www.fairportmusicfestival.com>.

Aug. 28, Golisano Children's Hospital Golf Classic Monroe Country Club; Country Club of Rochester; Oak Hill's West Course

Golfers from across the Finger Lakes region will come together to play for kids at the 21st annual Golf Classic, one of the children's hospital's largest fundraising events. For more information or to register, call 585-273-5948 or contact bfindlay@admin.rochester.edu

Oct. 14, Genesee Valley Hunt Races 3320 Nations Road, Geneseo, NY

The 88th running of the Genesee Valley Hunt Cup will begin at 10 a.m. and go until 4 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from the event, which features a steeplechase race and fun for the entire family, benefit Golisano Children's Hospital. For more information, please visit www.geneseevalleyhunt.org.

Oct. 21, Golisano Children's Hospital Gala Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center

Join honorary chairs Kim and Stephen McCluski for the 30th anniversary gala. With a theme of "An Enchanted Garden," the event features a live and silent auction, dinner, and entertainment. Sponsorships are available starting at \$1,500 and tickets cost \$250 per person. For tickets, sponsorships, or to donate auction items, contact Betsy Findlay at 585-273-5933 or bfindlay@admin.rochester.edu.

Nov. 3, Anthony Poselovich Silent Auction Artisan Works, 565 Blossom Road, Rochester, NY

The 7th annual Anthony Poselovich Silent Auction will feature more than 200 prizes, with items ranging from an Amerks suite box to spa gift certificates. This event supports the Anthony Poselovich Foundations commitment to our area kids through their named space of a sibling room in the new Golisano Children's Hospital. Tickets for this all-you-can-eat event are \$50 and available through their website: www.anthonyposelovichfoundation.org.

Save the Date

June 2, 2018 - Stroll for Strong Kids & 5K Genesee Valley Park

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