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We appreciate your past support and look forward to a continued partnership with you as we strive to improve the lives of children battling illness and injury.

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The Children’s Hospital of Michigan has been the foundation and center of Jack and Dorthie Hertzler’s life for more than 50 years. Jack continues to keep apprised of the hospital’s plans and accomplishments even though he retired as chairman of surgical services in 1985.

Jack and his wife of 66 years, Dorthie, a long-time member of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary, share the same sentiment: The camaraderie of the staff and the fraternity of friends the couple had there remains in their hearts.

Jack, born and raised in Burlington, Iowa, completed medical school at the University of Iowa, where he met Dorthie. His decision to become a physician was greatly influenced by helping care for his father, who suffered through years of pulmonary disease. He also was greatly impressed by a friend’s mother who was a nurse and always seemed to know how to handle neighborhood children who became ill or injured.

While in medical school, his attempt to join the U.S. Navy during World War II was never realized due to a health condition. Soon after, in 1944, he and Dorthie came to Detroit for Jack’s internship at Harper Hospital.

The post required he rotate through Children’s Hospital. During his senior residency, in 1947, he gained even more exposure to Children’s Hospital and surgical services. Many of Harper’s surgeons were overseas in military service so surgeons were scarce at both hospitals providing Jack with many opportunities.

“During this time, I found I liked the people and atmosphere at Children’s, which then was primarily a charitable institution treating the city’s poor,” he says.

Jack was encouraged to pursue thoracic (chest) surgery and joined the Children’s Hospital staff as a thoracic surgeon in 1952.

“Soon I discovered I was doing more pediatric surgery – general and thoracic, elective and emergency – than adult surgery and enjoying it more.”

He opened a solo practice of general and thoracic pediatric surgery in 1955 – a daring move since he was the first to limit his practice exclusively to children in the state of Michigan. “I learned that the people dedicated to the care of children have a selflessness and devotion to their patients and were a pleasure to work with,” he says. “Soon it became apparent that children are true and honest patients. When ill,
there is little question about it, and when well, it becomes quickly, overtly evident. As such, children are ideal patients.”

Given this philosophy, Jack embraced his work finding it challenging and rewarding. During his 30 years with Children’s Hospital, many conditions of childhood, thought to be untreatable, were corrected through surgery. These procedures, which evolved during Jack’s career, form a modern history of pediatric surgery.

Among Jack’s accomplishments was the first successful surgery for children with esophageal atresia, a birth defect in which a newborn has an abnormal opening between the trachea and the esophagus. Today the treatment is routine in pediatric surgery centers. He was a pioneer in performing surgery for the birth defect Hirschsprung’s disease, a chronically obstructed colon. He also did the first partial lung resection, colon transplant and extensive skin graft from relatives to a severely burned child.

John Foren, 49, of Haslett, Mich., says Jack saved his life when he was four. The former editor of the Flint Journal and an instructor in Michigan State University’s journalism school says, “My parents talk about him like he’s a god. In our house, his name was spoken with reverence.”

Jack operated on Foren to correct a chest wall birth defect. He also invented a sort of metal cage for Foren to wear temporarily to protect his ribs. When Foren met Jack a few years back, Jack still had the cage and mailed it to him.

Jack also co-founded the American Pediatric Surgical Association, now based in Deerfield, Ill., and helped start the Ronald McDonald House at Children’s Hospital.

Dorthie made her own considerable contributions to the hospital. Once the Hertzlers’ five children were in school, Dorthie began dedicating dozens of hours a month running blood work to the pathology laboratory and helping in the hospital’s operating waiting room. “With Jack working 70 hours a week, it was the only way to see him,” she says half joking.

Retirement has allowed the couple to travel, focus on their seven grand and 10 great grandchildren, and partake in varied projects at their Franklin home and the hospital. Back in 1972, the couple rescued a red sandstone medallion and some other carvings from the old Children’s Hospital building. The historic medallion embellishes the Carls Ambulatory Building lobby today.

Jack Baker, M.D., chairman of Children’s Hospital, and his wife, Susie, a longtime hospital supporter and member of the hospital’s Auxiliary, say the Hertzlers are role models. “They are our guides in terms of how as a dedicated team they contribute to Children’s Hospital,” Baker says.
Nearly 20 years after starting her research career as an entry level lab assistant, Alana Conti, Ph.D., has returned home— to the Children's Hospital of Michigan and Wayne State University, where she is leading groundbreaking research in the study of pediatric brain injuries.

She is happy to be back, and Children’s Hospital is happy to have her contributing to the neurosurgery team’s efforts to provide Michigan with the highest level of pediatric neurosurgical care.

“Coming back home was extremely important to me,” says Conti, who grew up in Southfield. “I always knew that if I had a chance to come back, I would make every effort to do so. Having the opportunity to be associated with Detroit’s renown Children’s Hospital of Michigan and Wayne State University made my choice easy. I’m excited to be associated with the team at Children’s Hospital.”

The department of neurosurgery at Children’s Hospital specializes in the evaluation and surgical treatment of infants, children and adolescents with neurological disorders and injuries such as spinal cord, trauma and brain injuries. It is home to expert, board-certified, pediatric neurosurgeons, including Michigan’s only pediatric neurosurgeon specializing in epilepsy surgery.

“Dr. Conti is an accomplished researcher who has made significant contributions in the research world, so having her here is a win-win all the way around,” says Steven Ham, D.O., chief of neurosurgery at Children’s Hospital. “We wanted to bring in someone not directly part of our neurosurgery team. Dr. Conti brings a different skill set that she can apply to our specialty. She has a good idea about where we are going in pediatric neurosurgery and is bringing her techniques to our problems.”

Conti and her team, which includes post-doctoral fellow Laura Susick and research technician Jennifer Lowing, are focusing their research on injuries to the brain as a result of trauma or hydrocephalus, a condition in which a lack of absorption, blockage of flow or overproduction of cerebral spinal fluid causes drastic pressure inside the head.

Before returning to Detroit in July 2009, Conti was studying fetal alcohol syndrome. Since starting her new research, she and her team have discovered that there may be links in how the young brains react to all kinds of trauma.

“We are very early in the process, but we are seeing some generalizations in how the brain reacts to different injuries,” she says. “We cannot equate alcohol’s effect on the brain to an injury’s effect on the brain. There are differences, of course, but we are also learning that there are similarities in the way the brain responds.”

Learning how the brain reacts to these conditions will go a long way in improving the way these injuries are treated. Conti’s work is treading new territory because there has been little research done to understand the young brain’s reaction to different injuries.

“We face numerous unknowns every day,” she says.
Yet, at Children’s Hospital, she found a perfect place for her research.
“The things we are doing are not new, we are just trying to look at them in a different way,” she says. “At Children’s Hospital, there’s a long history of trying to understand the cellular response mechanisms in the brain. I was fortunate to find a niche here.
“Children’s Hospital has an incredible patient base and development initiative. The people here are dedicated to seeing improvement, and it’s only getting better.”
Conti’s goal is to eventually help develop a model for treating pediatric brain injuries. She more than anyone knows that sorting out all of the mysteries of the brain will take more than a lifetime. But for now, she is content to be back in Detroit, working productively on research that will find ways to improve the treatment and recovery techniques for children with brain injuries.
“The brain is a black box – we know we may never understand it fully,” she says. “But that is also what keeps us motivated to learn. We are trying to make small contributions along the way.
“Our day has been successful if we know more today than we did yesterday. By continuing to do that we will make a difference.”

To learn more about how to support neurosurgery research at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, please call (313) 745-5373 or visit www.childrensdmc.org.
Before 3-year-old Reece MacDonald began attending the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Autism Center last July, he frequently flapped his hands, made little eye contact, wanted only to play alone and was not hitting many of his developmental milestones.

“Less than a year later, he has changed so much, and I give the Autism Center one hundred percent of the credit,” says his mother Alycia of Wyandotte. “He now loves to play with other kids, he rolls and throws a ball, and he figures things out.” Formerly mute, Reece often makes sounds – the beginning sign of speech.

The Autism Center, which opened last May in Novi, is helping autistic children like Reece make positive strides through behavioral and drug intervention. With diagnosed cases of autism rising rapidly, the need for the center is acute, says director of the center Diane Chugani, Ph.D.

The center offers a multi-disciplinary team approach and early intervention, and is implementing a Parent Empowerment Program to assist parents in developing positive coping strategies that will enable them to effectively manage their child’s treatment program as well as other life stressors associated with raising a child with autism.

The program is a replica of one used successfully for many years in the hospital’s hematology department and to support parents of children with hemophilia and sickle cell anemia. Comprised of ten sessions, the program provides an opportunity for parents to better understand how autism impacts their child and family and to build skills and relationships that promote their well-being.

Meanwhile, Chugani is two years into a five-year clinical trial study to determine if the drug Buspirone improves the symptoms of autism. Buspirone is an anti-anxiety drug that acts like serotonin in the brain. The study is based on Chugani’s earlier studies in which positron emission tomography or PET scans showed that young children with autism had lower rates of serotonin production in the brain. The study is made possible through a $5.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

“Some of the kids are on the drug and some are on a placebo. So we won’t know the results of the study until it is finished,” Chugani says.

Jill Matson, a nurse practitioner at the center, says autism diagnosis statistics are
staggering. In 2007, one in 150 children was diagnosed with autism; one in 94 was a boy. In January 2010, one in 110 kids was diagnosed, and one in 70 was a boy.

Matson says the center was started to assist families in getting comprehensive diagnosis, evaluation and treatment. Each child gets a core evaluation with a pediatric neurologist, a psychologist and a speech and language therapist. Afterward, the family meets with her for feedback. “I help the family put an individual treatment plan in place,” she says.

Autism affects each child differently, but symptoms such as language and communication impairment, social and behavioral difficulties, gastrointestinal problems, sleep and eating issues and seizure disorders are common.

Matson says Children’s Hospital is on the forefront of the disorder, and Chugani’s study, which is in collaboration with other U.S. hospitals, is important to autism treatment.

Meanwhile, Reece’s 38 hours a week of interaction and learning from a team of Children’s Hospital professionals is helping him progress developmentally. He has grown attached to the therapist and other team members. They and his family, including dad Dennis and Reece’s two siblings, now are working on potty training him. Alycia says their goal for Reece is to get him mainstreamed into a regular school after two years at the Autism Center.

Alycia, who gave up her full-time job to work with her son at the center and at home, says Reece senses the positive attitudes of his therapists at the center and responds to them in a positive way. “The therapists at the center are wonderful. They have become part of our family,” she adds.

To learn more about how to support the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Autism Center please call (313) 745-5373 or visit www.childrensdmc.org.
Hope for those who suffer from epilepsy

Some of history’s most creative thinkers – among them Socrates, Van Gogh, Charles Dickens and Alfred Nobel – suffered from epilepsy, a debilitating brain disorder caused by abnormal electrical activity in the brain. They managed to thrive in eras when the disease left uncountable others damaged or worse. Fortunately, medical advances have made those outcomes rare and a team from the Children’s Hospital of Michigan is not only improving the odds, but drawing patients from around the globe.

Epileptic seizures occur when large numbers of cells in the brain’s cortex produce an electrical storm that spreads and damages neighboring tissue. Cases often have no detectable cause, and the disease is surprisingly prevalent.

The Epilepsy Foundation estimates that epilepsy and seizures affect almost 3 million Americans – nearly 1 percent of the population – at an estimated annual cost, directly and indirectly, of $15.5 billion. It says 45,000 children aged 14 or younger develop epilepsy every year.

Even the most conservative estimates put the number of epilepsy sufferers at more than 2 million. Some of them outgrow the condition, according to Harry Chugani, M.D., and some need medication throughout their lives.

Chugani, chief of neurology at Children’s Hospital, says medication controls epilepsy in 70 percent of patients. He and his team – neurosurgeon Sandeep Sood, M.D., electroneurodiagnostics medical director Eishi Asano, M.D., and staff nurse Sarah Minarik, B.S.N., R.N., C.P.N. – are working to offer viable treatment options for children with intractable epilepsy, seizures that don’t respond to medication.

Among the intractable cases, only half are surgical candidates. Providing that the focus, the area of the brain where the seizures originate, is found in only one hemisphere, surgeons can remove the damaged tissue. At Children’s Hospital, doctors use advanced technologies like a...
state-of-the-art video monitoring EEG system to identify the focus. Their surgical success rate has reached an astonishing 80 to 90 percent and makes the hospital a destination for those in need of the procedure.

“The current focus of research is to develop methods by which we can localize the seizure focus in a larger percentage of patients and offer curative procedures,” says Sood. Key areas include identifying biomarkers and chemicals that can be detected with imaging modalities, like the PET scan; having a better understanding of how the brain re-organizes in patients with intractable seizures; and the effects of surgically removing the focus on distant parts of the brain.

For patients who are not surgical candidates and whose seizures are not controlled by medicine, all is not lost. Most seizures stop after a few minutes because certain areas of the brain generate impulses that inhibit them. Some of these areas can be stimulated by the vagus nerve.

Vagus nerve stimulation (VNS) is designed to prevent seizures by sending the brain regular, mild pulses of electrical energy. Doctors implant a pacemaker-type device in the patient’s chest, running a wire to the neck and attaching electrodes to the vagus nerve. VNS decreases the number of seizures for approximately two-thirds of patients. “Options like VNS rarely control the seizures totally,” explains Chugani, “and in seeking further treatment options, deep brain stimulation (DBS) was considered.”

DBS involves implanting pacemaker electrodes into the brain. A similar process dealing with the surface of the brain, cortical stimulation, can also help certain patients with chronic pain, Sood says.

Chugani recently sat on a panel that reviewed arguments for and against FDA approval of DBS. The panel ultimately suggested approval with certain limitations, but the request covers patients 18 years and older, not the children he sees each week. According to Sood, results among adults have been convincing, and likely would be the same for children, though more research with children is needed. “VNS stimulates peripheral nerves whereas DBS stimulates the thalamus in the central nervous system,” explains Asano. “Epilepsy is a disease of the central nervous system, therefore DBS should have more effect on alleviating epilepsy than VNS.”

As the only facility in the country with advanced pediatric PET and MRI scans, Children’s Hospital is uniquely positioned to offer DBS on a trial basis for children who don’t respond to other options. Doctors are hoping to attract the funding that will advance the research.

Collecting sufficient data to present to the FDA will bring clinical trials sooner – and ideally, help clear the way for the Van Goghs and Nobels of the future.

To learn more about how to support epilepsy research at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, please call (313) 745-5373 or visit www.childrensdmc.org.
Alexa Canady, M.D. wasn’t fooling anybody when she “retired” in 2001 after 14 years as chief of neurosurgery at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Adoring colleagues and close friends figured the renowned neurosurgeon would never slow down.

“I said, ‘that’s not going to happen – you’ll be back (to the profession),’ Sandeep Sood, M.D. recalled with a chuckle.

Sood and many others were right.

Canady, 59, is still working to help children at Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., where she moved with husband, George Davis, after leaving Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Canady now operates three days each week.

“It’s what I like to do stripped of all the other administrative stuff,” said the Lansing native who was the nation’s first black female neurosurgeon. “I don’t have a department or residents to manage. It’s a return to what I went into it for – the pure joy of neurosurgery.”

Canady didn’t intend to work at another hospital after leaving Children’s Hospital of Michigan. But her professional reputation preceded her arrival in Pensacola and she was quickly invited to practice at Sacred Heart.

When Canady scrubs out, she does have more time for personal passions such as reading, serving on the local library board, mentoring middle school girls, playing an advanced version of bridge and helping to revive an historic African-American neighborhood in Pensacola.

But she’s still happiest when trying to crack challenging neurological cases and heal young patients.

“I enjoy interacting with children,” Canady said. “Their world is a fun place even when they’re sick. I enjoy making people better. There’s pleasure in it. And I enjoy getting to know people I otherwise wouldn’t come in contact with and appreciate them.”

Canady does not get back to Detroit often, but stays in touch with friends and former colleagues. A member of the Ambassadors Council for Children’s Hospital of Michigan, she brags unapologetically about her former employer.

“I’m very proud to be associated with it,” Canady said. “There’s synergy between the administrative and clinical people because they both have the goal of taking care of patients in the best way possible. That’s something you don’t get everywhere – something they should treasure.”
Pediatric neurosurgeons strive to help kids, honor Canady’s legacy

BY TODD SCHULZ

Pediatric neurosurgery at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan is like a family business.

Alexa Canady, M.D., the pioneering matriarch of the department, retired in 2001. But protégés Steven D. Ham, D.O. and Sandeep Sood, M.D. strive daily to uphold Canady’s lofty surgical care standards and operate in a patient-friendly manner that would make her proud.

“I feel like a little Canady because she brought me up,” said Ham, the hospital’s chief of neurosurgery. “She gave us the opportunity to learn and shared all of her knowledge with us. Now, it’s our job to carry the torch forward.”

At the moment, Ham and Sood – both of whom trained under and worked alongside Canady, the nation’s first black female neurosurgeon – are the only surgeons in a department that performs roughly 1,300 procedures each year. They treat a wide variety of neurological diseases and conditions including epilepsy, brain tumors, facial, cranial and spinal abnormalities and vascular problems such as hemorrhages and aneurysms. Hydrocephalus is also a major part of the practice and requires long term follow up care.

But they don’t do it alone. The department includes 10 physician’s assistants and nurse practitioners who screen patients, provide basic care and work closely with the surgeons.

“They allow us to be in the operating room taking care of patients while they take care of the nuts-and-bolts details,” Ham said. “We work as a team and that allows us to be very efficient.”

Ham and Sood both pride themselves on providing the personal touch for patients. Not surprisingly, it’s a lesson they learned from Canady.

“She was here from 7 a.m. until late at night every day thinking about her patients,” said Sood, who came to Children’s Hospital as a fellow in 1991. “She influenced everything about me, including how I am with patients, how I think about decisions and how I operate. I got the very best training. Everything Dr. Canady did was remarkable.”

Canady also taught Ham and Sood the value of working closely as friends and partners.

“Dr. Sood and I have a great friendship and we work well together,” said Ham, who started at the hospital as a resident in 1983. “If one needs the other’s help, he comes right away. It doesn’t matter what time of day, where we are or if one of us is on vacation. If you don’t have that relationship, it’s like trying to drive a car with a flat tire.”
Doctors will tell you that medicine is an art. At the Children's Hospital of Michigan, sometimes art is medicine. Thanks to the hospital's Healing Arts Program, every floor of the Detroit facility boasts art and artistic expression. And there's more than an aesthetic purpose to the handiwork of everyone from novices to renowned artists that lines the hallways and rooms.

“Research shows that an artistic environment helps lower a patient’s stress level,” says Grace Serra, Art Advisor at Children's Hospital. A finished work might be energizing or inspiring, but the process of creating it can be demonstrably soothing.

Get a parent and child collaborating on a project as they wait for a procedure, she explains, and what they’re really concocting is an antidote for anxiety. “The child is distracted and, consequently, is more relaxed.”

From grassroots beginnings, the Healing Arts Program has come to involve not only patients and families, but staffers, volunteers and professional artists.

Art students work with young patients, developing their creativity while relieving the anxiety hospital stays often bring. Artists transform institutional walls into welcoming mosaic murals. Handprints of patients, donors and dignitaries pressed into Pewabic.
clay acts as both a focal point for the Healing Garden and a way to recognize the hospital’s friends.

Serra has helped craft the Healing Arts Program in a variety of ways, creating patient-focused programs and art camps, bringing in art educators from notable institutions like the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) and Pewabic Pottery for special classes, and establishing art exhibits and contests. She envisions the Children’s Hospital of Michigan being at the forefront of hospital arts programs, and is working to develop a Volunteer Art Advisory Committee to help achieve that goal.

Fittingly, she has asked longtime Children’s Hospital supporter Janis Wetsman to help lead the new committee. Wetsman is not only a former hospital research board member and volunteer, she currently sits on the DIA’s board and previously worked with the Huron Valley Arts Council.

Wetsman and husband Bill, who helped found the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation, have supported the hospital for more than 50 years. Her earliest memories of volunteering for the hospital date to before they were married, when they hand addressed more than 5,000 invitations for one of Children’s Hospital’s first fundraisers.

Healing Arts Program

VARIETY OF EXHIBITIONS
• The National Arts Program sponsors an annual exhibit featuring original paintings, photography, drawings and mixed media by patients, volunteers, staff and their families. Cash prizes and continuing education scholarships are awarded.
• Photographer Tim Thayer produced prints of the original paintings created by artist Kirsten Breiger for her book “Smile” which was donated to the hospital’s permanent collection.

PATIENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF SHAPE THE HOSPITAL’S ARTISTIC EXPRESSION
• Collaborative art projects created by patients, families and staff are displayed throughout the hospital and provide healing energy for everyone to enjoy.
• Photographer James Fassanger works with patients each week to promote health literacy with photography through the Imagine Photo Club. Patients use photography to communicate life experiences, while providing a creative outlet to deal with their illnesses.

COMMUNITY GROUPS, LOCAL ARTISTS AND DONORS CONTRIBUTE
• Christina’s Art Cart, created by the family of a patient, allows children to select the artwork that hangs in their hospital rooms.
• Lynn Galbraith, professor of art at Oakland University has donated seven major, large-scale paintings.
• Historic Pewabic Pottery created tile murals of animals designed by Joel Tanis for each floor of the parking garage.
• Cranbrook Academy of Art Artist-in-Residence and Head of Print Media, Randy Bolton, donated illustrations, drawn from children’s books and science texts.
• “Friends Garden” mosaic was created by students from Friends School in Detroit, artists Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan and Dani Katsir and supported by Detroit’s Recreation Department and the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs.
• “U of M Art & Design Collaborative” grew out of a studio outreach course that explores the role of creative works in a healthcare setting. Art students comfort patients by creating up-beat designs for treatment rooms.
• Each year Detroit Country Day’s “Art from the Heart” program donates artwork created by pre-K-12 students.

ART INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
• Artist, musician, illustrator and author Joel Tanis painted the Healing Garden’s dragons which cover city steam grates. Tanis has also created window murals, creating the illusion that one can see out into the Healing Garden in the newly renovated Ophthalmology Clinic.

Artist Patrick Wise from the Detroit Institute of the Arts helps patients express their creativity.
Wetsman credits exposure to a wide variety of art in her youth for opening doors to cultures and people and giving her a wealth of knowledge she would never otherwise have experienced. Her tastes remain varied. “I have quite a few loves,” she says. “Right now I’m really enjoying Southeast Asian textiles, because they tell you about the civilization’s historical journey.”

As a member of the Volunteer Art Advisory Committee, Wetsman looks forward to introducing Children’s Hospital’s patients, staff and visitors to different cultures through their art. She also agrees that art can help in the healing process. “It can give you a resting place, an oasis,” she says. “People can enjoy art on whatever level they want. Every piece speaks to a person differently.”

Studies show that patients heal faster, experience less pain and respond to care better where art is present. There is evidence that people feel better when surrounded by nature, for instance, and viewing nature scenes helps reduce stress and thus improve clinical outcomes.

A T-shirt once popular in museum shops reads, “Art never hurt anybody.” Sometimes, it even helps.

To learn more about how to support the Healing Arts Program at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, please call (313) 745-5373 or visit www.childrensdmc.org.
When you’re a kid with kidney failure, you and your family don’t lead a normal life. You spend most of your time on some type of dialysis; either in the hospital 15 - 20 hours a week or at home every night. You follow strict diets, take a lot of medications, and don’t get to do the kinds of things most other kids take for granted; things like sleepovers or family vacations without a lot of advance planning. A kidney transplant allows a child to live a more “normal” life.

That’s why Christina Bartow, R.N., B.S.N., C.P.N., and Veronica Bastian, R.N., M.S.N., C.P.N.P., kidney transplant coordinators at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, started the Renal Transplant Support Fund and held the first annual Kidneys for Kids Bowling Fundraiser. About 100 bowlers participated and raised more than $5,000 to support pre- and post-transplant patients and their families.

“We believe the best care and outcomes happen as a result of families working together with the transplant team,” said Bartow.

“The Kidneys for Kids fundraiser was a fantastic experience. It allowed staff, patients and families the opportunity to get to know each other in a setting away from the hospital. It was great to see the kids being kids.”

Kidneys for Kids holds first fundraiser

BY SHEILA M. EDWARDS

The Tigers support Children’s Hospital

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Kids are a top priority of the Detroit Tigers organization and so is the Children’s Hospital of Michigan. “Children’s provides critical services and support to kids who are sick,” explains Corey Bell, Detroit Tigers account executive and fundraising program liaison. “That’s why Children’s Health Night at Comerica Park is so important.”

Taking it beyond player visits to a higher level, this year’s 8th Annual Children’s Health Night gives families and friends a chance to enjoy a Tiger game while helping to raise money to support Children’s Hospital. The August 4 event will feature the Tigers vs. the Chicago White Sox. Tickets are $22 each. Kids 14 and under who attend receive a free ride on the Fly Ball Ferris Wheel or Comerica Carousel.

Get your group together and head down to the ballpark for some fun for a good cause. As the song goes, “We’re all behind our baseball team, go get ’em, Tigers,” and the Tigers are behind Children’s Hospital.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Stephanie Gregory at (313) 745-5291 or sgregory@dmc.org.
Firefighters can’t stop giving

There must be something in the DNA of a firefighter that compels them to go beyond their regular life-saving duties to volunteer countless hours in support of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Dearborn Fire Department

Steve Worden of the Dearborn Fire Department explains, “As firefighters, we see first-hand how families are hurt and injured, their homes destroyed, possessions lost; and it just makes you want to help them even more.”

The special relationship between the Dearborn Fire Department and Children’s Hospital spans nearly 45 years, just under $1.5 million in donations, and includes an established endowment fund that provides funding for equipment and other needs. Every December a group of Dearborn firefighters along with their mascot, Sparky, and Santa Claus make a special visit to the Burn Center at Children’s Hospital to distribute toys.

Fund raising events include bake sales, a corn roast, a pumpkin patch, a garage sale and bowling events. “Our biggest fund-raiser of the year is the Burn Drive Car Raffle where we throw a party and raffle off a car and other great prizes,” says Worden. “Every nickel we make goes to help people. We never say no to anyone who needs help.”

For information about the Burn Drive Car Raffle and other events sponsored by the Dearborn Fire Department, contact Steve Worden at (313) 478-6761.

Detroit Fire Department

After seeing kids in the Children’s Hospital Burn Center, firefighters from the Detroit Fire Department decided to hold a weekend softball tournament annually in June – that was 29 years ago. According to Detroit firefighter Tom Suchora, “We get teams from all over the US – New York, Cleveland, Louisville, and Baltimore – as well as local teams from Pontiac, Novi, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. It’s an entire weekend of family fun.”

The tournament starts with an opening ceremony on Friday night and includes a home run derby. As many as 58 teams play softball from 9 in the morning until 11 at night on Saturday and Sunday until the champion team is determined. Teams pay an entry fee and other funds are generated through advertising and sales of merchandise like t-shirts.

All profits benefit Children’s Hospital. But the support of the Detroit Fire Department doesn’t stop there. They
also work with Children’s Hospital in providing fire prevention and safety education. And then there’s the party – the Dave Palm Party – held by his family in memory of Dave Palm, a 31-year Detroit veteran firefighter and Captain at Engine Company 56, who died from complications following surgery.

Palm used to make quiet visits to patients in the Burn Center, talking with them and comforting them. He also personally donated money to the hospital. Since the first event in 2004, the Dave Palm Party has raised over $283,000, funding the purchase of state of the art machines such as hydrotherapy tubs, and one that makes custom facial masks for burn patients. The event also funded the recent renovations to two treatment rooms.

For information about the Detroit Fire Department softball tournament, e-mail Tom Suchora at suchora@aol.com.

To join the Dave Palm Party, contact www.DavePalmParty.org.

Shelby Township Fire Department
For Shelby Township firefighter Ron Courneya and his fellow firefighters, it’s about how Children’s Hospital treated a little girl born with a hole in her heart, a birth defect found in 5 to 10 percent of all children. The little girl was Ron’s daughter and following her successful open heart surgery at the hospital, Ron and the Shelby Township Fire Department started a golf tournament to benefit cardiovascular research, training and equipment at Children’s Hospital.

Starting in 2007, they’ve held the tournament on the last Friday in September with well over 100 golfers participating. The tournament features door prizes and offers a 2-year lease on a car for a hole-in-one. When asked if his daughter is involved in the tournament, Courneya says, “Well, she’s in school on that day, but she knows what we’re doing… and it teaches her that it’s important to give back.”

To get involved with the Shelby Township Fire Department Golf Tournament e-mail rcourney@shelbytwpsfd.com or www.iaff1338.com.

Shelby Township Firefighter Ron Courneya’s inspiration for fundraising is his daughter, Katherine, who was treated at Children’s Hospital.
New VP of medical affairs looks to boost hospital’s overall quality

As the new vice president of medical affairs at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Charles J. Barone II, M.D., is focusing on improving the quality of admitting and discharging patients, keeping pediatric intensive care unit mortality rates low and smoothing out processes for doctors who are referring patients to Children’s Hospital.

“I also am working on improving quality in areas such as minimizing infections,” he says.

With more than 30 years in health care, Barone was previously head of the hospital’s pediatric hospitalist team. In addition to his new role, he will continue to serve as chair of the department of pediatrics for the Henry Ford Medical Group. He also serves as clinical associate professor of pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

A Michigan native, Barone received his medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and completed pediatric training at Children’s Hospital.

Srinivasan Suresh’s extensive knowledge of both the medical and information technology sides of the hospital business resulted in him being named the Children’s Hospital of Michigan’s new chief medical information officer and medical director of the emergency department.

“One of my goals is to explore untapped opportunities such as telemedicine that will elevate and broaden the excellent care we provide,” Suresh says. “Educating our physicians and other care providers is a key aspect of any electronic health system. My team and I look forward to informing and educating our clinicians on the cutting edge healthcare technologies that Children’s Hospital and the Detroit Medical Center are planning to roll out.”

New chief medical information officer uses technology to benefit hospital

Srinivasan Suresh, M.D., M.B.A., will be involved in the planning and execution of an IT framework that will support the hospital’s long term objectives and mission.

“I want to tap the hospital’s expertise in both clinical and technical fields to improve patient care. Such an idea also has the potential to maximize reimbursement. I see myself as a bridge between the clinical community and the IT experts, able to speak both their languages, and help each group understand the other.”

Suresh has been on staff at Children’s Hospital since 1996, and was associate director of the pediatric residency program until recently. He will continue his clinical responsibilities in the hospital’s emergency department.
Robert C. Larson’s leadership helped improve Children’s Hospital

Robert C. Larson was a long-time Children’s Hospital of Michigan board member, donor and supporter. He served on the hospital’s board of trustees since 1984 and most recently was a member of the honorary board. In 1987, he led the five-year Caring for Kids Capital Campaign as chairman surpassing the campaign’s fundraising goal, the second capital initiative in the hospital’s history.

“Bob’s guidance and leadership have helped Children’s expand and improve patient care services, provide new facilities and strengthen the hospital’s financial foundation,” said Children’s Hospital Board Chairman Jack Baker, M.D.

A successful real estate executive, Mr. Larson was chairman of both the Larson Realty Group, a privately-owned Detroit-based company engaged in real estate investment, and Lazard Real Estate Partners, LLC, a New York based merchant banking business. Prior to joining Lazard, he spent 26 years with The Taubman Company in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Mr. Larson was active in many civic, educational and arts organizations throughout his lifetime and together with his wife Bonnie, gave generously of his time, talents and treasure.

Mr. Larson passed away March 11 at the age of 75.

Pediatric Pain Management Clinic opens at Children’s Hospital

Children and adolescents who suffer from chronic pain now have a place to seek treatment.

Leadership at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan proudly opened the Pediatric Pain Management Clinic last spring. The clinic is the first and only one of its kind in Michigan.

Led by Suresh Thomas, M.D., director, pediatric pain medicine, the Pediatric Pain Management Clinic offers support to children who experience persistent headaches, recurrent abdominal pain, fibromyalgia, ongoing muscle, bone or joint pain, pain after nerve or other injury, and pain from an unknown origin. Personalized treatment programs address a variety of chronic pain concerns with medications, psychotherapy, physical therapy and alternative techniques such as self-hypnosis and biofeedback.

The clinic’s multidisciplinary team consists of physicians who are board certified in both pediatric pain management and anesthesiology, pain psychologists, pharmacists, physical therapists, complimentary and alternative medicine specialists, physician assistants and nurses.

To learn more about the Pediatric Pain Management Clinic, call Johnene Koganti, P.A.-C. at (313) 745-4049 or visit www.childrensdmc.org.
Like all fathers, Curley Fletcher had big hopes and dreams for his two young daughters, Shirletta and Chantel.

But not so long ago, it was difficult – if not impossible – for Fletcher to see those aspirations coming true. He was a single father trying to raise three children and his two daughters were constantly fighting health problems related to their chronic asthma.

Fletcher was supporting his family by laying carpet and tile. But his work was interrupted almost every day by a call from the elementary school, where one of his daughters was experiencing breathing problems.

The nights were usually worse. Fletcher routinely awoke to find one of his daughters having an asthma attack that their nebulizer could not control. He'd rush them to the local emergency room, where they were treated and then often admitted to the hospital for several days.

But the fix was always temporary. The seemingly never-ending cycle of health problems prevented the girls from performing well academically.

“We missed so much school,” Chantel Fletcher said. “We were always behind, always trying to catch up. It was just overwhelming.”

Meanwhile, Curley Fletcher was weary and frustrated.

“It was a scary, rough learning experience,” said Fletcher who also is asthmatic.

“It took me a while to get answers on these attacks and why they were so severe.”

Eventually, however, Fletcher found help at the Allergy & Immunology Clinic at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, where doctors successfully diagnosed his daughters’ allergies and created a therapy plan.

Just over a decade later, Shirletta, 18, and Chantel Fletcher, 17, are healthy teenagers who’ve turned their lives around in astonishing fashion. Both girls graduated from Detroit’s Cass Technical High School this spring with 4.0 grade-point averages and were preparing to start their college careers at Wayne State and Johns Hopkins universities, respectively.

Shirletta – who was held back as a first grader because of her health problems – earned a Presidential Scholarship while Chantel won a Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship.

The Fletchers credit a large part of the girls’ success to the treatment that finally brought their extreme, allergy-related asthma problems under control.

“The Allergy Clinic staff at Children’s Hospital turned their lives around,” Curley Fletcher said. “With their physical condition as young girls, I was just hoping to get them to graduate high school – period,” Fletcher said. “They struggled so much. I just wanted them to get a diploma. I never thought they’d excel like they did.

“You’re talking to a proud father and words can’t express how grateful I am to Children’s Hospital.”
The first step to helping the Fletcher girls was determining what was triggering their asthma attacks. The search for answers was long and difficult, but Curley Fletcher offered one clue: whenever the family returned to their eastside Detroit home after visiting Belle Isle, a favorite spot for picnics and day outings, his daughters would develop severe breathing problems.

Turns out, dad was on to something. A series of skin tests revealed that both Shirletta and Chantel were allergic to grass and weeds, both of which could trigger their terrible attacks.

The clinic at Children’s Hospital then started allergen immunotherapy. That meant a series of shots to help the girls modify their immune systems’ response to the allergen and build a tolerance that would help control the asthma.

“It’s really helped,” Chantel Fletcher said. “I wasn’t in the emergency room that much. I could roll with my friends. I got to focus more on my education. I’m very grateful to Children’s Hospital. If it wasn’t for (the doctors) I’d probably be taking a nebulizer treatment right now!”

Both girls excelled academically after their breathing problems were in check. “The better I felt, the better I did in school,” Shirletta said. “It motivated me to do my work and to do better. I realized I was just as smart as everyone else.”

Since 2004, Dr. Milind Pansare, a pediatric allergist, has treated both Shirletta and Chantel. The Fletcher family deserves the credit for a successful outcome because they followed through faithfully on the treatment plan doctors designed, he said.

“They are an exceptional family,” Pansare said. “These girls are smart and motivated and their father is very supportive. In spite of all the adversity they faced, they were determined to meet their goals. It makes you feel proud of them.”

The Fletcher girls initially received allergy shots every one to two weeks. But for roughly the past five years, they’ve only needed treatments every four to six weeks. Their condition has improved so much, Pansare said, both girls may be able to stop allergen immunotherapy when they start college.

Next fall, Curley Fletcher’s dreams will come true as Shirletta and Chantel head off to college to study psychology and public health, respectively.

“It was huge turnaround,” said Fletcher, who also has a 16-year-old son, Dujuan, attending Frederick Douglas Academy in Detroit. “They’re doing a great job at Children’s Hospital. The people we deal with there are so dedicated – and it makes a difference.”
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 children each year. Philanthropy allows us to perform cutting-edge research aimed at improving child health while educating medical professionals in the art of caring for young people. Your gifts are deeply appreciated and directly impact the lives of children who benefit from pediatric focused health programs.

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