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Dear Friends,

As I reviewed the stories in this issue, I was taken by the diverse group of people who believe in our mission and volunteer to support us. Whether it is the CSH Friends who have a 110-year-history of volunteerism with us, a dedicated group of individuals who play video games raising over $200,000 to benefit our Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, a Harley Davidson H.O.G. chapter or a Boy Scout troop, each has found a way to share in our commitment to children like Jackson, whose experience with us is featured here.

In the list of gifts received, each gift is a story. A story of someone who believes in our mission to serve children and knows the best way to insure each child reaches their fullest potential is to have them cared for by our clinical experts.

You too, share in that commitment and we could not be more appreciative. Without your commitment and confidence in our ability to change lives, our expansion of programs and services to places like San Diego would not be possible, nor would it be possible to serve the ever growing number of children that come through our doors each year.

Let me close in saying thank you. Thank you for your support and your continuing belief in all we do to treat children and their families.

We hope to see you at the Walk n’ Roll on September 15th!

All the best,

Philip Salerno III
Foundation President and Chief Development Officer

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Expanding Our Services to the West Coast

In April an exciting new partnership between Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego and Children’s Specialized Hospital was announced. The partnership will expand Children’s Specialized Hospital’s East Coast-based Chronic Pain Management Program to pediatric and adolescent patients in San Diego, Southern California and the southwestern United States through the all-new Children’s Specialized Hospital Chronic Pain Management Program at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. Emphasizing pain management through a whole-person, multidisciplinary approach, this initiative will be the first inpatient children’s chronic pain program in Southern California, and will align and amplify each institution’s expertise while better serving the needs of area children and adolescents.

Since its inception, Children’s Specialized Hospital has been at the forefront of chronic pain management, reporting significant, positive outcomes in pain reduction and quality of life improvement. The Rady Children’s partnership is an important milestone in expanding its services to treat more patients.

“We are thrilled to partner with Rady Children’s Hospital in an effort to expand the reach of our Chronic Pain Management Program. This joint endeavor provides us the great opportunity to treat the unique needs of patients and families in the Southern California region, and for that I could not be more grateful. This expansion is a testament to the outcomes Children’s Specialized Hospital has achieved and a direct result of our approach to providing the highest quality of health care to every patient and their family,” said Warren E. Moore, FACHE, President and CEO, Children’s Specialized Hospital and Senior Vice President, Pediatric Services, RWJBarnabas Health.

Supporting Special Needs Care for Young Adults through Opportunity Project, Inc.

Children’s Specialized Hospital officially announced a partnership with Opportunity Project, Inc., a program empowering individuals over the age of 18 with brain injury. This important new collaboration will increase access to integrated care and vital support services for those who have experienced a brain injury.

This partnership provides a point of entry into the adult service market for people with special healthcare needs. Children’s Specialized Hospital will now have the opportunity to address challenges associated with child-to-adult transitions when it comes to programs, services, care and community integration for these young adults.

“Opportunity Project has a long, rich history of serving the critical needs of adults with brain injury,” said Warren E. Moore, FACHE, President and CEO, Children’s Specialized Hospital and Senior Vice President, Pediatric Services, RWJBarnabas Health. “We are thrilled to partner and learn from one another, ensuring a bright future for the communities we serve.”

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3rd Annual Open was a Sold Out Success!

On June 24, 2019 over 165 golfers attended Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation’s 3rd Annual Open at Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, NJ. Raising $110,000 net, funds will directly benefit Children’s Specialized Hospital’s future Monmouth County outpatient site.

For the speaker program, Golf Committee member Patrick McNamara shared his family’s moving experience of care and rehabilitation at PSE&G Children’s Specialized Hospital. In 2017, McNamara’s son Connor was hit by a car while riding his bicycle, suffering serious traumatic brain injuries and compound fractures to his leg. After nine days in the ICU, Connor was transferred to PSE&G Children’s Specialized Hospital for five months of inpatient rehabilitation. During that time, the McNamaras lived at the hospital, never leaving Connor’s side. Moved by the special care and comfort provided by Children’s Specialized staff, McNamara said, “I was impressed with the hospital staff’s care for our entire family. They treated us as if we were their own.” He continued, “Connor had numerous surgeries in the months following his accident and Children’s Specialized was a critical part of his physical, occupational and speech therapy. Your continued support provides care for children and families like ours who are facing special health challenges.”

Special thanks to our Golf Committee, notably our Co-Chairs, Eric Jensen of Michael Riesz & Co. Inc., and Denise S. Porter of C&R Services for their fundraising commitment and dedication to organizing this event. Funds raised through the 3rd annual 3rd Annual Open will allow Children’s Specialized to expand programs and services to Monmouth County, providing access to the highest quality care for children and families with special health care needs.

“We are overwhelmed by the support and generosity of our golfers and sponsors,” said Toni Schweizer, Director of Special Events. “It was a beautiful day for a sold-out event!”

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for next year—Monday, June 22, 2020 at Metedeconk National Golf Club.

Members of the Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation’s 3rd Annual Open Committee held at Metedeconk National Golf Club on June 24th.

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When Casey Matthews and Renee Nitti began organizing a charity event for their Ocean Thunder Harley Owners Group Chapter in 2016, there was no question that they wanted the funds from the Poker Run and Gift Auction to support Children’s Specialized Hospital.

Renee’s son Nicholas had been diagnosed with autism when he was five years old. At that point he began receiving outpatient services at Children’s Specialized Hospital in Toms River. Nicholas is a junior in college at Marshall University in West Virginia and Renee is so grateful for the care and support they received at Children’s Specialized. “When Nicholas was young I was told that he would probably never graduate high school,” Renee recounted. “Today, through a lot of hard work and with the help of the services at Children’s Specialized, Nicholas is thriving at college and I couldn’t be more proud of him.”

Four years later and over $40,000 raised, the Annual Ocean Thunder Poker Run and Gift Auction is a huge success! Each year the ride begins in Ocean County and leads riders through surrounding counties, up to a 50-mile radius, collecting cards to build the ultimate poker hand. There is even a special pit stop at Children’s Specialized Hospital’s Stevens Road location in Toms River, where Long Term Care patients get the opportunity to meet the bikers and sit on the motorcycles!

The ride ends at the Ocean County Harley Davidson Dealership, where riders and guests enjoy BBQ, music, local vendors and an enormous gift auction. This year the auction had over $200,000 in prizes, including a once-in-a-lifetime vacation in Argentina and many gifts from local businesses.

Nicholas’ alma mater, New Road School of Ocean County, a private school for students with disabilities, also gets involved. This year the school held a t-shirt design contest for the event. The winning design was sold at the Poker Run with all proceeds benefiting Children’s Specialized Hospital.

“This event has grown tremendously over the last four years,” said Casey Matthews, President of the Ocean Thunder H.O.G. Chapter and event organizer. “Our riders and local community are so supportive. We’re making a difference and having a lot of fun in the process.”

For information about the 2020 Annual Ocean Thunder Poker Run contact Billy Cardone at wcardone@childrens-specialized.org.

New Jersey State Council of Sheet Metal Workers Raises Over $12,000 for Foundation at 5th Annual Golf Outing

In May, members of the New Jersey State Council of Sheet Metal Workers gathered at The Mercer Oaks Country Club in Princeton to play golf and fundraise for Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation. The 5th Annual Outing raised over $12,000 to benefit children with special health care needs.

“Today was a fantastic day of golf, and knowing that we are making an impact on the kids at Children’s Specialized Hospital at the same time makes the day that much greater,” said Joe Demark, President and Business Manager of the New Jersey State Council of Sheet Metal Workers. “I’ve seen first-hand how Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation enables top-notch care to empower children facing special health challenges. The work they do is incredible, and we couldn’t be happier to support their efforts.”

“The Sheet Metal workers are an amazing group of people to work with. Their dedication and hard work to pull off an amazing event for our kids is truly inspiring,” said Alexis D’Anton, Community Engagement Coordinator at Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation. “We are grateful for such a wonderful partner!”

From left: Alexis D’Anton and Deidre Caruso from Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation stand with Joe Demark, President and Business Manager of the New Jersey State Council of Sheet Metal Workers, and Thomas Fischbach, Business Manager of Sheet Metal Workers Local 22 as they present a check to Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation at the 5th Annual Sheet Metal Workers Golf Outing on May 21. The outing raised a total of $12,000 for children with special healthcare needs.
In 2014, when Jackson was two months old, first-time parents Patricia and Michael noticed that he was not tracking objects with his eyes. At first their pediatrician was not concerned, but as the issue continued they decided to bring Jackson to see an ophthalmologist. The ophthalmologist immediately suspected Septo-optic dysplasia and recommended an MRI which confirmed the diagnosis.

Septo-optic dysplasia (SOD) is a disorder of early brain development. Although its signs and symptoms vary, this condition is traditionally defined by three characteristic features: underdevelopment (hypoplasia) of the optic nerves, abnormal formation of structures along the midline of the brain, and pituitary hypoplasia.

While some children with SOD have some sight or can see shadows, Jackson is completely blind in both eyes. He also requires a nightly growth hormone injection due to pituitary hypoplasia causing a low growth hormone count.

Scared and unsure of the next steps, the Bunces began researching where to go for the best possible care. Their search brought them to Children’s Specialized Hospital. At their first appointment, they knew they were in the right place!

Their new pediatrician explained the diagnosis and developed a therapy plan that included early intervention and outpatient therapies in Mountainside.

Mary Rose Mehorter is an Early Intervention Program Educator with Children’s Specialized and is certified in Blindness and Visual Impairment. She began working with Jackson when he was just a baby. Spending time with Jackson from an early age and learning what motivates him, Mehorter was able to gain his trust and begin the process of helping Jackson learn to travel safely through his environment.

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Early Intervention Program Educator
Children’s Specialized Hospital
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In addition to early intervention, Jackson received outpatient therapies in Mountainside including, physical, speech, occupational and feeding, from the time he was a baby. Now four years old, Jackson is a smart, happy kid with an amazing smile. Walking with a cane and moving comfortably, Jackson just graduated preschool and will be attending kindergarten in the fall. He continues to receive outpatient therapies in Mountainside and has regular appointments with Dr. Aronsky in Special Needs Primary Care.

Patricia and Michael are so grateful that through the years they have been able to plan all of Jackson’s therapies and services through Children’s Specialized. Patricia noted that having his therapists and doctors coordinate his care and communicate about his case was a key factor to his progress. Jackson’s little brother Mason, who does not have special needs, is also able to see Dr. Aronsky, making family logistics much easier. “Children’s has everything we need in one place and I don’t have to worry about Jackson getting the best possible treatment. All the doctors, therapists and nurses are amazing,” said Patricia.

The Bunces recognize that they receive excellent compassionate care, and they saw the opportunity to help give back to the hospital through the Walk n’ Roll they knew they wanted to participate. In 2017, the Bunces organized their team, “Jackson’s Joggers,” and won the Top Individual Fundraiser award. In 2018, Jackson’s Joggers took home the Team Spirit award!

“We love being a part of the Walk n’ Roll and look forward to it every year now,” said Patricia. “It’s a fun event, with lots of music, which Jackson loves, and games and food. I feel like we’re a part of the big Children’s Specialized Hospital family — even some of Jackson’s therapists have joined our team.”

As Jackson gets ready for kindergarten in September, the Bunces are so proud of the progress he has made and they can’t wait to show everyone at the Walk n’ Roll in September!

You can support Jackson and his Walk n’ Roll team, Jackson’s Joggers, at childrens-specialized.org/walk.

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September 15, 2019

Location:
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Walk n’ Roll Begins  10:15 a.m.
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Donor Spotlight

Children’s Specialized Hospital Friends

In 1909, a group of 10 young women joined together to form the Young Ladies Auxiliary. Part of the community who founded the hospital, their mission was to assist and further the work of the Children’s Country Home, which later became known as Children’s Specialized Hospital. With measles, chicken pox and influenza plaguing children in New York and New Jersey, the need for care was great and the Young Ladies Auxiliary took action. In the first year of existence they raised $618.68 running a tag sale and a fair. With those funds they were able to purchase overalls for the kids and install a screen door to the cellar, enabling the children to play there on rainy days without being bothered by flies.

This year, as they celebrate their 110 year anniversary, the Young Ladies Auxiliary is now known as Children’s Specialized Hospital Friends, and their mission remains the same. An annual membership group, they are committed to service and fundraising for the benefit of Children’s Specialized Hospital. Through the years, the Friends have given over $1.4 million to support hospital programs!

“We couldn’t do what we do without the support of our volunteers, they make things so much easier for our children, families and staff. Our Friends group is a great bunch of committed volunteers and the organization has a long history with our hospital. The funds they raise have a real impact.”

VIVIAN CAPPOLLA
Volunteer Services Manager
Children’s Specialized Hospital

Helping to raise awareness and funds, this year the Friends will host a fun day of lunch and golf at Top Golf in Edison. This fundraiser will also include an opportunity to meet a patient family and hear about their journey and the impact that Children’s Specialized has had on their lives.

If you would like to participate, you can register at www.childrens-specialized.org/comeoutswinging. Space is limited so please register early.

To learn more about the Friends membership group, please contact 908-389-5642 or volunteers@childrens-specialized.org.

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PSEG’s Power’s Central Maintenance Shop Partners with Rehabilitation Technology to Upgrade Patient Equipment

PSEG Power’s Central Maintenance Shop (CMS) has been devoted to supporting the kids of Children’s Specialized Hospital and the programs of Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation over the last five years. They support our patients by helping to fund the inpatient prom held annually at PSE&G Children’s Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick, and during a recent tour of the hospital’s New Brunswick site, they were inspired to help fulfill another need that they observed.

Theresa Defosse of Rehabilitation Technology explained during the tour that the footrests on wheelchairs and other pieces on patient equipment get worn out rather quickly due to normal wear and tear. The Rehab Technology team needs to find creative ways to fix the parts, or to adapt the parts to the needs of the patients. That’s when Lynn Warner, Tom Vandermark and Gill Furtado of PSEG came up with the idea to build the parts themselves.

As the maintenance facility for PSEG Power sites across multiple states, PSEG’s CMS has access to durable materials that when combined with our patient’s needs, allows for highly-specialized alterations to patient equipment. Adaptations are not always possible otherwise, because companies simply do not sell parts in sizes most favorable for our patients. “It’s amazing what PSEG is doing for us. Their help significantly improves the day-to-day lives of our kids because they are creating pieces that aren’t typically manufactured in the way patients need them,” expressed Theresa Defosse, Rehabilitation Technology Coordinator at Children’s Specialized Hospital.

PSEG has not only built small pieces to repair equipment throughout this partnership but has also crafted metal templates that are much more durable than the original wood structures. These templates allow for efficient, consistent construction and are much more suited for patients’ needs. One of the most common issues, for instance, is the size of patient arm braces, which are typically manufactured only for full-size adults. PSEG was able to scale-down the size of the brace, therefore making it better suited for a child’s use. “All I have to do is mention Children’s Specialized and it’s ‘what can we do for you?’” expressed Tom Vandermark, a Machinist at PSEG Central Maintenance Shop about his colleagues.

We are so grateful for our corporate partners like PSEG, who take the time to truly understand the needs of our patients and families and help us to find ways to continue to deliver the best care possible. This new partnership with PSEG’s CMS is one example of a dedicated group of individuals who work with us to find creative solutions that utilize their staff’s expertise in an area where we desperately needed help.

SARA MAPES
Director of Sponsorships and Engagement
Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation
What is Extra Life?

Extra Life, a Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals® fundraising program, leverages the passion of the gaming community to rally support for 170 member hospitals. Participants fundraise year-round and pledge to dedicate a day of gaming with one goal: to save and improve the lives of sick and injured kids. Since 2008, Extra Life has raised more than $50 million for 170 member hospitals.

Here at Children’s Specialized Hospital, Extra Life is expected to cross the $1 million mark in 2019! Since 2010, the program has raised over $800,000, funding important projects such as Vocera, the hands-free communication device for our clinicians in Mountainside, and pediatric heart monitors. This year, we have a goal to raise $215,000 for 30 new cribs in our Long Term Care Unit.

Extra Life is the highest fundraising Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals’ peer-to-peer fundraising program at Children’s Specialized Hospital, with over 660 gamers playing for our hospital last year.

Think you know gamers? You may be surprised! Our players represent quite a diverse population. From professional groups, boy scout troops, college students to podcasters, they gather to play their favorite games. You can play for Extra Life too on November 2nd! Register today at www.extra-life.org and make sure to select NJ - Children’s Specialized Hospital as your charity of choice!
Extra Life Hero Profiles

PROFILE: Asif Khan
Extra Lifer Since: 2014
Funds Raised in 2018: $100,100
Favorite Games to Play on Game Day:
Shacklemania, F-Zero X or NCAA 2013
Meet Asif Khan, our top gamer for Children’s Specialized Hospital. Asif and his team from Shacknews were the 4th highest fundraising Extra Life team in the entire country! Asif first heard about Extra Life from his peers on Twitch. Once he purchased Shacknews, an online gaming and technology community, he knew he wanted to get the company involved with Extra Life. After visiting Children’s Specialized Hospital in 2016, Asif became very inspired and pledged to always play for our kids. He explains, “What I love about Children’s Specialized Hospital is that you don’t just provide care, you provide the BEST care. There is a focus on the whole family, which I think is awesome to see. That’s what keeps exciting us and keeps us coming back every year.”

Shacknews streams their Game Day on Twitch and Asif keeps it interesting for their fans. Whether playing “Shacklemania,” a wrestling game created by Shacknews staffer, Chris Jarrard, that features the likeness of fellow staffers, or donating $100 in the name of every follower who correctly guesses how many points he will score as the Bizarro Wolverines in NCAA 2013, the audience remains very engaged!

Though Asif has been a top Extra Life fundraiser nationwide for the past few years, he maintains he is inspired by other gamers. He embeds their twitch streams on the Shacknews forum and sees it as an opportunity to spread positivity. “I’ve been really lucky in my life and when you have that kind of luck it is an opportunity to help other people,” Asif explains. “I am super passionate about healthcare for all in this country. Until that happens, Children’s Specialized Hospital is my favorite charity. And when that does happen, I can’t wait to see how you guys will pivot and move the needle for pediatric healthcare.”

PROFILE: Lysa Chen
Extra Lifer Since: 2018
Funds Raised in 2018: $10,075
Favorite Game to Play on Game Day:
Dungeons and Dragons
Meet Lysa Chen, our second highest fundraising gamer who first heard about Extra Life at a local game store. Every year, Wildpig Comics hosted a 24-hour tabletop roleplaying night to raise funds. Lysa, who recently moved to Seattle, grew up around the corner from Children’s Specialized Hospital and knew several childhood friends who were patients at the hospital. Therefore, she vows to continue to play for our kids!

Lysa has used her role as administrator for D&D Adventurers League to create fun “certificates” for unique pets and trinkets that gamers can obtain by donating to Extra Life. She credits the Adventurers League community for being incredibly generous.

Lysa commented, “It is really wonderful to hear the tangible effect these donations have had for the hospital. We gamers are all out here just doing what we love, and it’s beautiful that that can change lives for others too.”

SAVE THE DATE

September 7, 2019
RE/MAX 100 Gala

September 11, 2019
Miracle Jeans Day

September 27, 2019
Torch Relay Walk, Liberty State Park

October 4 - November 4, 2019
GameStop Register Campaign

October 19, 2019
RE/MAX Our Town
Raising the Stakes for a Miracle Casino Night

October 25-27, 2019
Speedway’s Fundraising Push Weekend

November 2, 2019
Extra Life Gaming Marathon

November 14, 2019
Phi Mu Rutgers University Casino Night

For more information on any of these events, please contact nhudson@childrens-specialized.org
Photo Gallery

This May, patients had the opportunity to attend the “Sugar Rush Prom” for an evening of dinner, dancing, and fun! Guests of all ages had the opportunity to dress up for an unforgettable experience. Special thanks to event donors Mike and Dottie Miller and PSE&G employees.

Winners of the 2019 Swiss Society of New York Fellowship, Nico Hischier and Mirco Müller of the New Jersey Devils, visited with kids on the inpatient unit at PSE&G Children’s Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick. Hischier and Müller chose Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation to receive the Fellowship funds from the Swiss Society of New York. The grant will go to the hospital’s Benefit Fund, helping to make up the financial difference between the rehabilitation a child needs, and what his or her family’s insurance will cover. Pictured: Kelly Keefe-Marcoux, MSN, APN, AVP & Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Children’s Specialized Hospital and Children’s Specialized Hospital patients, Poppy Hagood, Dannya Davila, Elijah Baez, Zoey VanPelt, and Tyler Johnstone with Nico Hischier and Mirco Müller of the New Jersey Devils; also pictured from the Swiss Society of New York, Maya Peyer, Tobias Plankl and Samira Ghanadyan.

Patients were thrilled to have Sesame Street Live stop by for song, dance, and hugs from Elmo and Grover! Everyone enjoyed the show!

The NJ Half Marathon Children’s Specialized Hospital Team went running for a great cause! Thank you for helping to raise funds and awareness.

The Summit Area Public Foundation presents Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation a grant for $48,000 to support the Care Coordination program at the hospital’s Mountainside location. Care Coordination addresses interrelated medical, social, developmental, behavioral, educational and financial needs to achieve optimal outcomes. Pictured (from left) are Ana Chaguadeca, Patient Care Coordinator, Children’s Specialized Hospital; Nicole Assante, Director of Outpatient Services, Children’s Specialized Hospital; Lauren Whitmore, Patient Care Coordinator, Children’s Specialized Hospital; Frank Macioce, Trustee, SAPF; John W. Cooper, Trustee and President Emeritus, SAPF; and Charles Gelber, MD, Trustee, SAPF.
That transformational gift you want to make doesn’t have to wait – you can create a better future for our children today with a gift that costs nothing during your lifetime. A planned gift to Children’s Specialized Hospital through your will or trust (a “bequest”) makes it possible.

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Mission

Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation’s mission is to inspire and secure philanthropic support for Children’s Specialized Hospital, the preeminent provider of specialized healthcare for children and adolescents facing special health challenges—from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. Working with parents and families, award-winning doctors, researchers and pediatric specialists, Children’s Specialized Hospital depends on the generosity of donors to discover new innovative ways to help more children overcome their health challenges. All donations go directly to help pioneer new specialized children’s care and serve more children in need.