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A Message to Our Friends

One does not use the word “miracle” lightly, but that is often just what families experience when their child’s life has been saved or significantly improved through the skills and knowledge of our health professionals. The little boy with leukemia, the young girl who got a chance to grow up healthy when she received a lobe of her own mother’s liver, and the toddler who will walk independently one day in spite of a rare form of dwarfism — these are the children you will read about in this issue of Together.

Your gift helps to make all of this possible! Contributions from our donors help to provide a healing environment for young patients and their families, purchase state-of-the-art technology for diagnosis and treatment, and ensure that our health professionals receive ongoing training in order to provide top-notch care.

Each day, Nemours works to keep its promise to children and families: to do whatever it takes to restore and improve health and to treat each child as we would our own. We appreciate your partnership in keeping this important promise.

Sincerely,

Lori J. Counts
Managing Director
Nemours Fund for Children’s Health

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I am inspired each day by the knowledge that Nemours has the ability to change young lives for the better. In our hospitals and pediatric clinics, Nemours doctors, nurses and therapists help children with even the most complex acute and chronic medical conditions. Nemours Health & Prevention Services works at the policy level to improve the health of the whole child. Nemours BrightStart! gives young readers the boost they need to succeed in school. And Nemours KidsHealth.org provides parents, kids and teens with physician-reviewed information.

Our researchers and physicians work together to unravel the mysteries of childhood cancer, asthma, diabetes and rare genetic conditions, bringing the most recent advances from the laboratory to the bedside. Their important work is what will transform children’s health in the decades to come.

The mission of Nemours is such a huge undertaking that we cannot do it alone. Your generous investment is needed to underwrite life-saving research, provide supportive services for children who are being treated for illness or injury, and make resources available to help our hospitals and clinics maintain their excellence.

Every gift is important — and remember, 100 percent of your contribution goes to help children.

Sincerely,

John S. Lord
Chairman of the Board
Honoring Our Past, Envisioning Our Future

The Shands/MacEwen Endowed Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery, the first endowed chair in orthopaedics at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, has been established to honor Alfred R. Shands Jr., MD, and G. Dean MacEwen, MD, two giants in the field. Hundreds of donors contributed funds to attain a one million dollar goal. William G. Mackenzie, MD, current Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery was invested as the first holder of the chair at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children on May 8, 2013.

“Dr. Shands was the first Medical Director of the Alfred I. duPont Institute (now duPont Hospital),” says Dr. MacEwen. “He was a visionary who always planned for the future. From the very beginning, we had a model that included clinical care, research and education, and training.” Dr. MacEwen joined the Institute in 1958, serving in the same position. “Through outreach, we very quickly found many children who could not access pediatric orthopaedic care in their own communities. They could be seen in our program.”

“Groundbreaking work was done by our researchers in blood chemistry, genetics, tissue cultures and a spinal rod for correcting deformities,” says Dr. MacEwen. “In those early days, the average length of stay was 120 days (now only 4 to 5 days). No one ever went home in a cast. The department and demand for its services grew and grew through the years. “We kept adding medical staff, residents and fellows, and were seeing many more special populations such as Amish children and those with dwarfism.”

“Jessie Ball duPont had the most to do with our early success,” says Dr. MacEwen. “Things began to change dramatically as we moved into the 1980s. The concept of a “crippled child” changed from one of physical disability alone to conditions that prevented the child from leading a full life. The Institute began to accept insurance payments and we began to plan for a bigger, full-service hospital. I am most proud of all the young physicians I trained through the years.”

Richard Bowen, MD, served as Chair of the Department in the late 1970s. “I was very fortunate to bring some world-class people to our department, some of whom have become very well known in their area of orthopaedic specialty,” he says. “Dr. Bowen played a very important role in building our department, and did some early important work on limb length discrepancy procedures, as well as hip and spine disease, and growth abnormalities,” remarks Dr. MacEwen. “He continues to have wonderful relationships with his patients.”

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“The establishment of the endowed chair raises the profile of the Hospital, puts our history into the public eye, and recognizes that Dr. Shands, Dr. MacEwen, Dr. Henry Cowell, Dr. Richard Bowen and many others were pioneers. Income from the endowment will help to fund orthopaedic research and education, and fund time for some of our physicians to conduct research,” comments Dr. Mackenzie. “It also honors Dr. MacEwen, a living legend who educated physicians from around the world. Many of them went on to hold leadership positions in the major orthopaedic societies.”

“Nemours has been an important part of my life,” says Dr. Mackenzie. “I am proud of the children I have cared for through the years, the people I have educated and the growth of our specialized clinics which treat children from across the country and around the world.”

“Dr. Shands and Dr. MacEwen set up the environment for physicians to care for children, pursue research, and educate others in their field,” comments Dr. Mackenzie. “As we look toward the future and the expansion of the Hospital, we hope to structurally organize our clinics with a patient-focused flow, create centers for neuro-orthopaedics, sports medicine, spine, hip and skeletal dysplasias; basic and clinical research; sports for the child with disabilities and transition to the adult care environment.”

“It’s been a great ride — almost magical,” he says. “We have accomplished great things and will do many more in the future.”
A Better Life for Joshua

“Joshua was not expected to live beyond age 2 ½,” says Christa Santos of Orlando, Florida.

“He was born with a very rare disorder called atelosteogenesis type 3 (AO3), which affects the development of bones throughout the body, and he had jaundice and respiratory issues.”

Children born with AO3 are born with clubfeet and dislocations of the hips, knees and elbows. Bones in the spine, rib cage, pelvis and limbs may be underdeveloped, resulting in very short arms and legs, and abnormalities of their fingers and toes. “Our doctor in Orlando referred us to Dr. William G. Mackenzie at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Delaware, saying that he wanted us to see the top guy treating this condition,” says Joshua’s father, Fernando.

“Dr. Mackenzie saved Joshua’s life and spared him any neurological damage,” says Christa. “He performed a spinal fusion to decompress an abnormal curve in his spine which could have resulted in Joshua’s spinal cord being severed. Dr. Mackenzie was able to reduce the curve from 150 degrees to 40 degrees.”

Joshua with his parents Fernando and Christa, and his sister Amelia.

Joshua underwent several more surgeries, including those to repair his cleft palate (also common in children with AO3), heel cord procedures and casting of his back to correct the curve and straighten his spine. He also wears hearing aids because of abnormal bone development in his ears. Today at age 3 ½, Joshua zips around with his little walker. He will walk independently one day.

“I want the best possible quality of life for him,” says Christa. She says Joshua is “like a sponge” and always interested in learning new things. He knows how to navigate an iPad, loves music and is very intuitive. “I know that he’ll make a significant contribution one day,” she says.

“Our daughter Amelia, age 9, plays a big part in his life,” says Fernando. “They fight like siblings do, but she protects him and they play, read and pretend together.”

“Nemours is like the Mayo Clinic for kids. There’s a real collaboration among the services. When we were nervous about intubation, Dr. Dorsey put us at ease,” remarks Christa. “Joshua received so many services, like Healing Touch, pain management and physical therapy. Orthotics and a Safety Store are right here, too. I wouldn’t take my son anywhere else.”
PATIENT STORY

A Mother’s Gift

When her daughter Audrie was just five months old, Stacie Stafford noticed that her baby’s skin had a yellow hue.

“She had always been underweight and was now getting very jaundiced,” remembers Stacie, a licensed practical nurse. “I took her to the pediatrician, who showed me how enlarged her liver had become. When he did a blood test, Audrie’s liver enzymes were through the roof.”

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She also had severe cirrhosis. “By this time, Audrie was so sick, I could do nothing to comfort her,” says Stacie. “I began to understand what a severe problem she had.”

Audrie needed a liver transplant to survive. The family was referred to Nemours Children’s Clinic in Orlando, which immediately contacted the solid organ transplantation program at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware. “They determined that I would be able to donate a lobe of my liver to Audrie, a transplant method that has a much lower rate of rejection,” says Stacie.

Audrie shares a laugh with her mom Stacie.

Stacie and her husband Brian flew to Wilmington with Audrie and Stacie’s mother. “A lobe of my liver was removed and transplanted into Audrie,” says Stacie. “It all went very well.

Before the surgery, she had stopped smiling at us. Afterward, she was happy again and was soon gaining weight. In fact, Audrie was so feisty that she was pulling out her IVs and central line. The whole team was so wonderful to us.”

Children born with biliary atresia often have heart problems and Audrie was no exception. Eighteen months after her transplant, she underwent open-heart surgery at duPont Hospital to repair an atrial septal defect. Today, Audrie is followed at Nemours Children’s Clinic in Orlando. She will have to take anti-rejection medication for the rest of her life. At age eight, she is still tiny for her age, but otherwise healthy.

“I am co-chair of the Family Advisory Council at Nemours Children’s Hospital,” says Stacie. “We helped to pick out furniture and cribs and made choices for the cafeteria, too. More importantly, Council members participated in the interview process for physicians. That was a great experience.”
Fighting for His Future

Zack Green is in the fight of his young life. At age six, he was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), the most common childhood cancer.

“Zack had just started on a new medication,” remembers his mother Lori. “When he lost weight and was getting headaches, we thought it might be a drug reaction.”

Zack’s parents noticed he was also pale and tired, bruised easily and said that it hurt to walk, further raising their concerns. “The doctor said he just didn’t look right,” says Lori. “She tested a drop of Zack’s blood, which showed that his hemoglobin was very low.” The pediatrician ordered more extensive blood work. When the results came back, the doctor told Shawn to take Zack out of school immediately and bring him to Wolfson Children’s Hospital.

At first, Zack had a very difficult time — including a bad reaction to the steroids. “Zack’s emotions were high and he was angry,” says Lori. Zack had dozens of X-rays, two CAT scans, a full-body ultrasound and was on many medications. “The doctors worked as a team to regulate his meds and gradually, things began to settle down,” remembers Lori. “Zack has a great heart,” says Lori. “He never uses his illness as an excuse for anything. We are especially grateful to our social worker, Helena Richards. I don’t know how we could have gotten through the last year without her.”

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“Dr. Michael Joyce explained the diagnosis of leukemia and a game plan for treatment to us in simple terms. It was just overwhelming,” says Lori. “The whole time, I kept saying to myself, ‘This is bad, this is bad.’” Within 24 hours, Zack was admitted, had a bone marrow aspiration, surgery to place a port and began chemotherapy. He would be in the hospital for two weeks. “Dr. Joyce was wonderful,” says Lori. “After our initial shock, he told us that Zack would need at least three years of treatment. Each Nemours oncologist brings something different to the table. We can lean on them for different reasons.”

Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville and Wolfson Children’s Hospital are collaborating to establish an Endowed Chair in Childhood Cancer Research to help children like Zack. On Friday, August 23, an Evening of Promise will be held at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens to benefit the endowment. For information or to purchase tickets, visit Nemours.org/eveningofpromise.
A Formula for Love

For four long years, Rob and Anne-Marie Wurzel waited and hoped that they would become parents.

Finally, their dreams for a family came true when they adopted a beautiful baby girl named Reagan. The newborn baby looked pink and healthy, although she had to be tested because the doctor heard a possible heart murmur. Thankfully, her tests were negative and it looked like smooth sailing ahead.

But on Reagan’s fourth day of life, Rob and Anne-Marie received a call that the newborn screening required by the state of Florida had shown an abnormality. A few days later, they were at Nemours Children’s Clinic in Orlando seeing Ingrid Cristian, MD, a geneticist and specialist in metabolic disease.

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The doctor also warned that if Reagan got sick, she could have a stroke and suffer brain damage because her protein balance would be thrown off. Rob and Anne-Marie would need to be vigilant to keep her from being exposed to illness. If she were to become ill, they would need to take her to the Emergency Department right away and tell the nurses and doctors about her condition. Reagan would require IV fluids to flush the extra proteins out of her system.

There is no cure for Glutaric Acidemia Type 1. Only a special diet with a very limited amount of protein and frequent testing for amino acid levels can prevent damage from occurring. Rob and Anne-Marie were given a strict “recipe” for proportions and amounts of special and regular infant formula, as well as medicine. Reagan needs enough protein to grow, but not enough to cause a buildup of the acid that could damage her brain.

Reagan’s geneticist and dietician explain her test results to Rob and Anne-Marie after each appointment. Together, they are learning about Reagan’s threshold for protein. As she grows, Reagan will have to avoid certain foods such as meat, dairy and beans — all of which contain too much protein for her to handle.

Dr. Cristian feels that Reagan’s condition can be successfully managed and that she will have a normal life. Rob and Anne-Marie are grateful for the care they have received. “They’ve been more than just doctors. They’re friends and psychologists — listening, encouraging and loving us through the process,” says Anne-Marie.
Meet Dr. Erhard  The Art and Craft of Medicine

Michael Erhard, MD, is a pediatric urologist and Medical Director of Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville. “I was strongly influenced by my physician father,” he says. “He was never satisfied until he knew things were done right. I also liked the way he engaged people.” One of nine children brought up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Dr. Erhard earned his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College — just like his dad.

“ It’s important to engage the family in conversation and find out what is important to them. We discuss treatment options and I try to guide the family to the right decision — what is in the best interests of the child.”

“There were many things that attracted me about urology,” says Dr. Erhard. “I liked the decision-making process and had the manual dexterity needed. I have the opportunity to do a range of surgeries — from minor office procedures to more complex operations. The most important thing to me is to see children and families over the continuum of their lives and keep them healthy.”

Dr. Erhard performs genital reconstructive surgery, circumcisions, and kidney and bladder procedures. “Many of my patients have complex conditions that require a multi-specialty approach, involving neurology, gastroenterology, orthopaedics and general surgery. Our physicians work together to achieve the best outcome for our young patients.

“I have been with Nemours for 16 years and truly value its mission — treating children regardless of their ability to pay and giving them access to the same care,” comments Dr. Erhard. “As physicians, we are able to focus primarily on helping children get well. Nemours really supports the art and craft of medicine.”

Dr. Erhard believes in the philosophy of family-centered care at Nemours. “It’s important to engage the family in conversation and find out what is important to them. We discuss treatment options and I try to guide the family to the right decision — what is in the best interests of the child.”

Dr. Erhard says, “Philanthropy has become increasingly important at Nemours. In fact, it is now an absolute necessity. I am pleased that we are doing a joint fundraising project with Wolfson Children’s Hospital, our partner institution in North Florida, to raise money for an endowed chair in hematology/oncology. No one’s pockets are deep enough to do all that we want to do for kids, so it is important for us to work together.”
Fueling a Healthy Future for Children

When Matt Ritter of Subaru of America, Inc. was approached by dealer-owner Pete Lustgarten of Concordville Nissan-Subaru about doing something for Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, he didn’t hesitate.

“It was the perfect fit. The hallmark of our brand is safety and this is what families are looking for in a vehicle. In fact, we are the only manufacturer to have all of our models achieve Top Safety Pick from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety,” he comments. The company generously donated the use of a new Subaru Outback wagon to Nemours, which shares its commitment to child safety. Branded with Nemours images, the vehicle travels to health fairs, car seat checks, Safe Kids Day and other events.

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Pete says, “My daughter received therapy services at the Hospital when she was very young. I was just blown away by the quality of care she received and the dedication of the therapists. It was very inspiring.” Concordville Nissan-Subaru has made its own contributions to the Hospital in the past several years, giving $100 for every vehicle sold during Labor Day, Memorial Day and other holiday weekends during the year. The dealership’s gifts are now fulfilling a pledge of $100,000 to support the expansion of the Hospital.

“I have had the opportunity to tour the Hospital,” says Ritter, Director, Philadelphia Zone, for Subaru of America. “To be honest, I hope I never need to bring my little daughter here, but how fortunate we are to have such a great children’s hospital close to home. It’s clear that Nemours really listens to families and incorporates their suggestions. Subaru is a very philanthropic company. Our outreach to Nemours is a continuation of that philosophy.”

Lustgarten and Ritter agree that they want to continue supporting the Hospital far into the future. “We want to do what’s right. If it’s a good fit, we want to be part of it,” says Ritter.
Leukemia Research Foundation of Delaware, Inc.
A One Million Dollar Commitment to Research

“We always wanted to help the Hospital’s dreams for childhood cancer research come true,” says Denni Ferrara, President and Founder of Leukemia Research Foundation of Delaware, Inc. (LRFDE) “When our Foundation started in 2007, Nemours had just begun an enterprise-wide cancer research program. Now that their efforts have grown, we wanted to be a part of it.”

LRFDE has made a one million dollar commitment — every dollar raised by their annual gala and Mud Run events — to the Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, directed by E. Anders Kolb, MD.

“This contribution will be incredibly important in helping us find new therapies with fewer side effects, as well as improving survival rates, helping us to learn more about what causes leukemia,” says Dr. Kolb.

Denni and her close friend and board member Christine Meyer are convinced of the importance of this work. “My daughter Natalia, now 18, was treated by Dr. Rita Meek for high-risk leukemia when she was three,” says Denni. “Christine’s son Bradley had neuroblastoma when he was a baby. Both of them have had long-term effects from their treatment and feel very different from their classmates because they have had cancer.”

“A few years ago, LRFDE made an identical commitment to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital,” says Dr. Kolb. “It was actually a gift to Nemours, too, because it produced mounds of genetic data that benefit every patient with cancer. This new grant gives us freedom to respond to this data and to conduct progressive, responsive research.”

Dr. Kolb was recently chosen as Chair of the Children’s Oncology Group Myeloid Disease Committee. “Childhood cancer research is team science,” he says. “These funds help to keep Nemours in the lead, constantly developing new ideas and building consortiums of the right people. The data we produce helps us apply for larger federal grants, as well.”

“St. Jude and the National Cancer Institute have just finished a massive project to obtain genetic profiles of cancer. With our high-throughput screening lab, we can then test compounds and develop them into drug candidates,” says Dr. Kolb. “Our goal is to stitch geneticists, drug developers, preclinical testing labs and clinicians into a seamless system and make sure that what we do in the lab is relevant to clinical care.”

“We always knew that LRFDE would come back home with the gifts it makes,” says Denni. “Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children is our safe haven — right in our backyard. We wanted to hold true to our mission and support what’s happening here.”
Debbie and Joe Schell

The Schell family has strong ties to Wilmington, Delaware.

“I was fortunate to have received a scholarship to The Tatnall School and got a first-class education — something my family would never have been able to afford at that time,” he says.

After completing his education at Amherst College and Harvard Business School, Joe entered the financial world, working on Wall Street for 13 years and then in investment banking and venture-backed companies. “We are blessed to live in a country where there is always capital available for someone with a good idea and the motivation to make it happen,” he comments.

“It is amazing for a community the size of Wilmington to have a hospital of this caliber,” says Joe. “Although I hope that none of my grandchildren ever need to go there in the future, it’s very comforting to know it is available.”

Joe and his wife Debbie, parents of three children and grandparents of eight, divide their time between homes in Lewes, Delaware and Naples, Florida. “The Hospital has an excellent reputation that has grown with time,” he says. “When my grandson was treated there for allergies, my daughter-in-law was impressed that they got an appointment almost instantaneously. They were treated as if they were the doctor’s only patient.” Joe also cites the experience of a co-worker whose son’s juvenile diabetes was diagnosed and managed expertly. “The doctor became a constant consultant to her — always available by phone if needed.”

“When I was growing up, I didn’t know much about the small orthopaedic hospital. It is amazing for a community the size of Wilmington to have a hospital of this caliber,” says Joe. “Although I hope that none of my grandchildren ever need to go there in the future, it’s very comforting to know it is available.” Joe and his wife have made a very generous gift to support the expansion of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. “As a family, we all love Delaware and are happy to contribute to its great causes.”

“There are certain people associated with duPont Hospital for whom I have the highest respect — people like Dick Christopher, David Lyons and Tom Ferry,” says Joe. “They demonstrated a high level of passion about this project. When we were asked to contribute, we were pleased to join these great men in expanding duPont hospital.”
Pete and Tina Hayward

Pierre duPont Hayward, known as Pete, shares the name and heritage of Nemours founder Alfred I. duPont.

“I’ve lived in the Wilmington area all my life and grew up hearing fascinating stories from my mother, who had a great interest in the family history.” His wife Tina says, “When I was little, I thought the Hospital looked like a castle surrounded by a glass-topped wall.”

Parents of two grown sons, the Haywards have had personal experience with Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. “Our son suffered a severe concussion during a game,” says Tina. “We drove him straight there, rather than going to a hospital for adults. It’s the place to be for kids. The doctors took great care of him — it was very impressive.”

Another experience with duPont Hospital also touched their lives. “When I served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, I worked with a Vietnamese translator and got to know his family,” says Pete. “His daughter had polio and needed some special care. We helped them move to the United States and she was successfully treated by orthopaedic specialists at Nemours.”

“Visiting the mock rooms impacted both of us,” says Pete. “It is so important for the family to stay with their child and be comfortable. We also liked that children would have access to technology.”

The mock patient rooms, constructed to provide a preview of what the patient environment would look like in the Hospital’s expansion, were recently toured by the Haywards. “It was so smart to do this,” comments Tina. “Families and clinicians could give their input prior to the actual construction.”

The Haywards have made a significant gift to support the expansion. “Visiting the mock rooms impacted both of us,” says Pete. “It is so important for the family to stay with their child and be comfortable. We also liked that children would have access to technology.”

“There are lots of wonderful charities in our area, but this is a quality place and very necessary for the community,” comments Pete. “You want to give to something that really touches your heart and offers the biggest impact for your investment.”

“We have been very fortunate to have healthy children. This is our Hospital and we are happy to do our part to support it,” says Tina.
The Blue-Vested Babes

Jerrie, Wendy, Kathy, Marilyn, Shirley, Lynda, Joyce and Dorothy are the “Blue-Vested Babes” of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Chris is the group’s sole “Blue-Vested Guy.” They share a common bond—helping kids and families cope with the stressful experience of a hospital stay. The “Babes” meet for lunch every Wednesday and have a few laughs together.

These energetic volunteers work in many departments of the Hospital, from the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department to acute care units and the Child Life Program. “When I retired, I wanted to do something more beneficial than shopping,” says Marilyn. They love what they do for kids, but also look out for each other. “We’re like a little family,” says Kathy. “We share each other’s joys and sorrows.”

For these dedicated volunteers, the rewards are great. “Some of these kids really benefit from one-on-one interaction with us,” says Lynda. Chris recently worked with a 14-year-old boy. “He has been through so much and when I come into the room, I can see the fear leave his face. He breathes a sigh of relief that someone is there just to hold his hand.”

“That blue vest becomes our greatest ally,” says Chris. “When parents and children see us, they relax and know that we are there just to talk and see what they might need. Sometimes at the end of the day, we have heavy hearts because a child has died, but we all come together and support each other.”

The 581 volunteers and Auxiliary members of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children contributed more than 53,000 hours of service in 2012, working in more than 91 departments. “There is such a great atmosphere here,” says Shirley. “You never hear anyone complaining. When you see what kids and families are going through, it makes your own challenges seem very small.”

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If you are age 70½ or older, you may transfer up to $100,000 to qualified charitable organizations from your IRA in 2013 and not be taxed on the distribution. To learn more about the potential advantages, please contact Nemours Fund for Children’s Health at (888) 494-5251.

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- Mail your gift to: Nemours Fund for Children’s Health, Shands House, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, made payable to “Nemours.”
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Gabby’s Legacy of Love

Gabriella was a happy, energetic five-year-old who loved the color pink, and playing princess with her sisters Maddie and Katie.

One day, Gabby became lethargic and unable to keep her balance. The diagnosis was grim: an explosive, malignant tumor was aggressively invading her brain. The rare cancer would take her life just three months later.

Gabby’s parents, John and Carolyn Vogel of Ocean View, Delaware, founded the Get Well Gabby Foundation in honor of their beautiful daughter. Through contributions and special events, they have raised significant funds to support childhood cancer research. “We want to spare other families from having to go through what we did,” says Carolyn.

The Foundation recently made a $125,000 gift to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Seventy-five thousand dollars of the gift will name the Child Life playroom on the hematology/oncology floor of the Hospital’s expansion in honor of Gabby.

The remainder of the contribution will support a special project of the Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. “We are so grateful to the Vogel family,” says E. Anders Kolb, MD, Director of the Center. “Their generous gift will make a huge difference in our ability to use patient data to influence the quality of clinical care and research.”

For additional information, please visit www.getwellgabby.org.

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- Include the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health in your estate plans. The Carillon Society honors individuals who have informed us of their intentions.
- Consider Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) if you are a regular contributor or would like to become one. Call our office at (888) 494-5251 to have a monthly contribution charged to your credit card. This can be discontinued at any time.
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Happiness is a Warm Puppy

When three of the partners of Newton Advisors visited Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children recently, they saw a young patient and a friendly golden retriever working as a pet therapy dog. “This little girl was all smiles as she stroked the dog and said it looked just like hers,” says Brian Carney. “All three of us have dogs and know how wonderful it is to have them greet you at the end of a long day. Translate that to what happens when a sick child gets that feeling.”

Newton Advisors, located in Newark, Delaware, designs, consults and administers all forms of retirement plans and manages significant life insurance transactions for privately held companies and individuals of wealth. “I have lived in the Wilmington area for 41 years and know the Hospital well,” says Tom Hollinger, founder of the firm. “My son was gravely injured in an automobile accident nearly 20 years ago and received expert treatment.”

Bill Denney serves on the Planned Giving Committee established by the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health. “When we learned about the Hospital’s expansion plans, we knew we wanted to donate funds that would have a positive impact on kids. The pet therapy program was the perfect fit,” he says. “The partners felt it worked well with our philosophy of giving.”

Many studies have demonstrated that pet therapy helps children to relax and feel less alone, even lowering blood pressure and reducing pain.

“Don’t always see the direct effect when you donate to charity,” says Tom. “This is something we can see, feel and touch. We are proud to be associated with Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and happy to help kids.”