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At Nemours, the word “promise” is filled with meaning. We promise families to do whatever it takes to restore or improve the health of their children. And we promise the communities we serve to provide health education and preventive services in the places children live, learn and play, as well as to pursue life-saving research. Nemours Fund for Children’s Health, the philanthropic arm of Nemours, makes a special pledge to those who support our mission with their gifts. Thanks to the trust established by Alfred I. duPont, we can promise to put 100 percent of every contributed dollar to work in ways that advance our health care mission and honor the intent of donors who wish to support a specific program or initiative. I thank each and every one of our contributors for helping Nemours to keep its sacred promise to children and families—with your gift, we can do more.

Sincerely,

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

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

When I visit Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware or Nemours Children’s Hospital in Orlando, Florida, I cannot help but be moved by what I see: children whose lives have been forever changed by cancer, heart disease or neuromuscular diseases. In many ways, their carefree childhoods have been taken from them. Their parents must spend enormous time and financial resources in helping them cope with their conditions and reach their full potential. Then I see Nemours joining hands with them to provide the very best family-centered medical care, compassionate nursing and rehabilitation services, and supportive programs such as Child Life and creative therapies. It is such a privilege to be involved with an organization that does so much for sick and injured children and their families. When you make decisions about personal giving, remember these children and what Nemours can offer them. Then make the most generous contribution possible—they are counting on you.

Sincerely,

John S. Lord
Chairman of the Board
Million Dollar Commitment to Help Kids with Cancer

Runway To Hope in Orlando has made it possible for Nemours to receive one million dollars to fund childhood cancer research and support pediatric interventional oncology at Nemours Children’s Hospital.

“We had been involved with other cancer charity events,” says Mark, a prominent attorney in Orlando, “but the ones that helped children really touched our hearts.” Three years ago, Mark and Josie founded the charity Runway To Hope, which raises funds for research, supports care for children with cancer and provides assistance to families. Runway To Hope sponsors a number of events during the year, with a portion of proceeds benefiting Nemours.

“We wanted to give kids with cancer a day to feel special—a day to look beautiful and not be in the hospital,” says Josie. In 2013, more than 90 young cancer patients participated in Runway To Hope’s signature event: the Spring Fashion Soiree, hosted by Olympic Gold Medalist Gabby Douglas and The Twilight Saga actress, Ashley Greene.

To Hope. Each child has a celebrity escort and does a little “performance” like a dance, pose or a kiss blown to the crowd. The children, some of whom are bald from chemotherapy, are treated to professional beauty services. “It gives each child a chance to show both their inner and outer beauty,” says Josie.

The 2013 event, held at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, drew 1,600 attendees who cheered wildly for each child. “The kids are so pumped up while they are waiting to get on the runway,” says Josie. “Many have lost their hair and had many physical challenges that are a blow to their self-worth. When they hear the audience reaction, it’s pure joy for them. There’s hardly a dry eye in the house.”

“Giving is where you get your greatest thrill,” comments Mark. “It’s much better than the fleeting high that comes from material things. There’s a very peaceful feeling associated with helping others.”

“We have encouraged our daughters, Valentina (7) and Alessandra (6) to participate,” says Josie. “The girls even had a pink lemonade stand to raise money. They are learning that they can change the world and have a profound impact if they have an attitude of service to others.”

The young models choose their attire (Neiman-Marcus for girls and Gap for boys) for the event at the Girls Beauty Bash and the Boys Bash held by Runway To Hope.
Today, Mason is a happy, active little boy, but his life certainly didn’t start out that way.

When he was only four days old, he suffered several seizures. His parents, Marc and Sarah, noticed that Mason wasn’t reaching milestones like rolling over, arching his back and lifting his head. He often screamed in pain and his left eye turned outward. They took their son to a pediatric ophthalmologist, who diagnosed nearsightedness and a serious diversion in his left eye. Soon Mason was wearing glasses and an eye patch.

During a routine visit, the pediatrician noted that Mason had an enlarged belly. A blood test showed an extremely high white count, raising concerns about leukemia. Marc and Sarah went immediately to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware, where their baby was admitted to the hematology/oncology unit. Throughout that night, oncologists E. Anders Kolb, MD, and Jonathan Powell, MD examined Mason’s blood under the microscope and discussed and researched his condition.

By morning, Dr. Kolb told Marc and Sarah that Mason did not have leukemia. Instead, he had a uniformly fatal genetic bone marrow disorder called Malignant Infantile Osteopetrosis (MIOP), so rare that it occurs in only one in 250,000 births. Mason’s bones had not formed properly. They were solid and brittle, unable to house healthy bone marrow and to support normal growth. The diagnosis came at a critical time. Within weeks, Mason would lose his vision and hearing. Within two years, he would die. The only known cure for MIOP is a bone marrow transplant.

First, seven-month-old Mason underwent chemotherapy to disable his immune system. Six weeks after his first hospital admission, he received donated cord blood. This replaced his defective bone marrow and saved Mason’s vision, hearing and life. “When you’re in the midst of it, you have no imagination of what the outcome is going to be,” says Sarah. “You’re going through the chemo and watching them take your baby’s counts down to absolutely nothing.

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Without the expertise of doctors in the Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant unit at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Mason Shaffer would not be alive.
The doctors put in the new cells and just hope they work.”

During the next few months after the transplant, all the effects of Mason’s potentially fatal condition began to turn around. With extensive physical and occupational therapy, he regained the physical appearance and mobility he’d lost. Mason doesn’t even have to wear glasses anymore. Today, he is a healthy four-year-old whose family will be eternally grateful for the care he received. “My child is alive. My child is cured,” marvels Sarah. “Everything Nemours has done for us, he’s the product of.”

To help other families whose children are diagnosed with serious illnesses, Marc and Sarah Shaffer have established The Mason Shaffer Public Cord Blood Program, which allows new parents to donate their newborn’s umbilical cord blood at no charge. The Shaffers have paid it forward with interest.

NFL Player Has a Big Heart for Small Kids

At 6 feet, 5 inches in height, Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle Devon Still is a big guy. He has a heart to match, especially when it comes to kids. “When the holidays came around, I knew I wanted to do something special for children,” he says. “I’ve been blessed with the opportunities I’ve had in professional football, but I try not to get too caught up in the NFL lifestyle and material things.”

Devon grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, and was a frequent patient at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. “I got injured twice while playing basketball in the ninth grade,” he remembers. “I had to have surgery and came home in a foot-to-hip cast. So I feel very connected to the Hospital.”

Devon and his mother spent two days shopping for gifts at local toy stores. “I bought things for boys and girls of all ages and interests so that there would be something for everyone,” he says. Then he delivered the toys to the Hospital in person to the Child Life activity room.

“The best part was seeing the expressions on their faces,” says Devon. “There were big smiles all around. I spent some time playing pool with the kids and answering their questions about football. When you see those children and what they are going through, you will never take your own good health for granted.”
PATIENT STORY

Finding the Answer for Grace

Grace was having excruciating pain in her knee during the summer of 2012.

with contrast showed a tumor within Grace’s tibia near her growth plate.

Finally, a doctor at the University of Florida called a tumor specialist at a children’s hospital in Philadelphia. This doctor got in touch with Dr. Robert Stanton, an orthopedic surgeon at Nemours Children’s Hospital. Dr. Stanton consulted with interventional radiologist Craig Johnson, DO. Together, they evaluated Grace’s many MRIs and X-rays and planned a procedure that would destroy the tumor while preserving the bone. After 14 months of searching, Grace’s family had found the answer.

While Grace was under anesthesia, the doctors drilled a hole in her tibia. Precise measurements from a three-dimensional CT scan were used to define a “burn zone” and radiofrequency waves completely destroyed the tumor. When Grace awoke, the pain that had defined her life for a year was completely gone!

“Her doctors communicated with us, never rushed and were always available to answer questions,” says Dean.

Now Grace dances competitively and plays softball, soccer, basketball and kickball. Her parents were thrilled to find the care their daughter needed so close to home.
With a Lot of Help from Our Friends

The business climate may be cloudy these days, but there’s a sunny outlook for kids, thanks to our corporate friends. Twenty-nine businesses, both large and small, with 50 retail locations in the Delaware Valley became partners in our “hang-tag” promotion to help boost the total raised during our Help Our Kids Radiothon to benefit Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.

Restaurants, hair salons, ice cream shops, clothing stores and other retailers got on board and sold $1 tags to their customers during August, raising more than $23,000 to be included in a record-breaking total of $203,000 raised during the Radiothon.

Ian Poulter: A Champion for Kids

Pro golfer Ian Poulter has once again proven himself to be a champion for kids in Central Florida by hosting the Ian Poulter Charity Classic for the benefit of Nemours Children’s Hospital. The event, held at Isleworth Golf and Country Club in March of 2013, raised more than $160,000 in net proceeds (double that of last year’s tournament) for the Hospital’s pediatric rehabilitation program. Tournament sponsor Time Warner Cable purchased a foursome so that four teenage Nemours patients, three boys and a girl, could play. Exciting live and silent auctions featuring some one-of-a-kind items rounded out a spectacular day for golfers and kids alike.

“We are so grateful to Ian and Katie Poulter for their generosity in hosting this fabulous event, which has raised more than $240,000 to benefit children in just the last two years,” says the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health. “Physical, occupational and speech therapy are absolutely essential to patients with many types of conditions, so this support is most welcome.”
Randy Hartley is Chief Administrative Officer for Nemours Children’s Hospital. “I serve as a resource for the care team, ensuring that they have everything they need to do their jobs, including dollars and people,” he says. He proudly states that Nemours Children’s Hospital was built on time, with proper licensing, accreditation and on budget. “It was a true enterprise-wide effort involving people across Nemours,” says Randy.

“For me, this has been a once-in-a-career opportunity to help build something from the ground up.” With years of experience in hospital administration, both for the United States Air Force and for civilian hospitals, Randy has been involved in several startup operations. “A children’s hospital is not the same as one for adults,” he comments. “The care model is quite different because you are treating the whole family.

“Starting a new hospital is like a series of Shakespeare plays,” he laughs. “First comes Much Ado About Nothing, which is the work that goes on before the building opens, with teams getting formed, then The Tempest, where we become operational, get the customer experience right, drive efficiencies and meet targets. All’s Well That Ends Well is where we hope to be in two or three years, a smooth-running operation with a national and international reputation for service excellence, safety and quality. We have a unique opportunity to build a world-class pediatric academic research center in Medical City,” says Randy. “There will be great synergies among the partners here. I was drawn by the mission of Nemours and inspired by the example of Alfred I. duPont,” says Randy. “He never gave up, in spite of many personal challenges, and showed us what one man can accomplish.

“In a tough, competitive fiscal environment, philanthropy allows us to do things we couldn’t do otherwise. Seeing our care teams in action is very moving,” says Randy. “Our nursing and support teams are amazing, especially in tough situations during a child’s serious illness. On a personal level, it is very satisfying for me to be at Nemours Children’s Hospital.”

New Leadership at Nemours

Nemours is fortunate to have three talented individuals to provide leadership during the many changes and challenges of health care in the 21st century. Each brings a wealth of experience that will help to improve the ways in which Nemours fulfills its promise to children and families: to do whatever it takes to help children grow up healthy.

Robert Bridges, CPA

Robert Bridges has been appointed as Chief Executive for Florida Operations, with the Senior Vice President and CEO of Nemours Children’s Hospital and the Vice President of Nemours Florida Operations reporting to him. Mr. Bridges will continue as Executive Vice President of Nemours and Chief Financial Officer with oversight of Finance and Corporate Services, Nemours Center for Children’s Health Media, Nemours BrightStart!, Nemours Fund for Children’s Health and Nemours Mansion & Gardens. Prior to joining Nemours 13 years ago, Mr. Bridges was a Senior Manager with KPMG, LLP.
Meet Dr. Frick: Putting Families First

Dr. Steven Frick was comfortably settled in an orthopedic practice and running a residency program in North Carolina when he was approached about joining Nemours Children’s Hospital. “I was impressed with everyone I met and especially liked the fact that many of the administrators are physicians. To me, that translates to better decisions for patient care.

“I chose orthopedics because it is such a varied field—you see a wide range of conditions,” says Dr. Frick. “As an orthopedic surgeon, you can be very decisive about what will help patients. The careful planning that takes place before surgery pays off when you see a good result. It’s incredibly gratifying.”

Dr. Frick has the challenge of creating a Department of Orthopedics in a brand-new hospital. “There are many choices for families seeking pediatric orthopedic care in Florida,” he comments.

“We want to be the best option for family-centered, high quality care, especially for children with complex orthopedic conditions.

“The most desirable environment for patients is one that combines academic medicine, research and clinical care,” says Dr. Frick. “There are many forces in play for health care at the moment and not all of them result in good patient care. At Nemours, we want to forge a different path—one that puts the patient and family first.

“Although the Hospital has been open only a year, we are already seeing children with the full range of orthopedic conditions,” says Dr. Frick. “We hope to build our program by attracting outstanding specialists in sports medicine, hand and upper extremity care, and neuromuscular conditions.

“Nemours Children’s Hospital has the opportunity to be good in the ways that most hospitals are good, and better in the ways that most hospitals are not,” says Dr. Frick. “The words ‘Your child. Our promise,’ really resonate with me. It means that I will provide the same quality of care that I would for my own children.”

Brent R. King, MD

Dr. King has been named as Chief Medical Officer and Physician-in-Chief at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. He also serves as a Vice President on the Nemours Executive Team. Dr. King is a nationally recognized physician with a background in research, emergency medicine, teaching, patient safety and quality improvement.

He comes to Nemours from The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, where he was the Executive Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine and Interim Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics. He holds a Master of Medical Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

Roy Proujansky, MD

Dr. Proujansky has been appointed as Chief Executive for Delaware Valley Operations, including direct responsibility for Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. He will continue to serve as Executive Vice President for Nemours and has oversight for research, education, quality and safety across the Nemours enterprise. Dr. Proujansky has served Nemours for 24 years, joining the organization as Chief of Gastroenterology and Nutrition at duPont Hospital. From 2000 to 2006, he was the Robert L. Brent Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, serving as Associate Dean of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.
PATIENT STORY

A Whole New World for Chloe

During her high-risk pregnancy, Elisa Peoples was told that her unborn baby was not reacting to sounds outside the womb and might have a hearing problem.

After Chloe was born, she failed her newborn hearing screening. At six months of age, she was referred to Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville for follow-up.

Chloe was prescribed hearing aids to wear for six months. “I think Chloe knew they weren’t working,” says Elisa, “because she constantly ripped them off and threw them across the room! Finally, the doctor told us that our beautiful baby was profoundly deaf. I was terrified for Chloe’s future. For the next four hours, I sobbed,” remembers Elisa. “The Nemours speech pathologist sat and cried with me. Then I said, ‘I’m done.’ What do we do next to help Chloe?’”

The answer for Chloe was cochlear implants, surgically inserted devices that help overcome problems in the inner ear. The cochlea is a snail-shaped, curled tube that contains nerves. It gathers electrical signals from sound vibrations and transmits them to the auditory nerve, and then to the brain, where they’re translated into recognizable sounds. When the cochlea does not work, the implant performs this function.

“Chloe had her first implant at 16 months,” says Elisa. “After the processor was activated, her speech pathologist said ‘ah-ah-ah’ and rolled a ball to her. She picked up the ball and said ‘ah-ah-ah’.” It was the most amazing and wonderful experience of my life. My daughter could hear and speak! I wept tears of joy.”

Chloe had her second implant just before she turned two. She had speech therapy at Nemours Children’s Clinic and made amazing progress. Chloe spent a year at a school for hearing and speech in Jacksonville to help her adjust to her implants and was mainstreamed into a private preschool ahead of schedule.

“Today, my amazing daughter is eight years old and has perfect, beautiful speech,” marvels Elisa. “If you met her, you would have no idea that she was profoundly deaf. Chloe attends a regular public school and gets outstanding grades. She takes ballet, plays tennis and swims. Chloe has worked really hard to get where she is today and I’m so proud of her.

“Deciding on cochlear implants for my daughter was the best choice I ever made. Now there are no limits for Chloe. She can do whatever she wants in life,” remarks Elisa.

More than 120 children have received cochlear implants in the last five years and 250 children are followed at Nemours Children’s Clinic, receiving appropriate medical and therapy services as they grow into young adulthood.

* Pictured on cover: Chloe with her mother Elisa and father Cory Stevenson.
Consider an IRA Charitable Rollover

If you are age 70½ or older, the IRA Charitable Rollover may offer you an effective way to support Nemours. You may transfer funds from your IRA account directly to Nemours and not include the amount in your taxable income. An IRA Charitable Rollover distribution helps meet the donor’s Required Minimum Distribution and is excluded from taxable income, offering a number of potential advantages. It does not provide an income tax charitable deduction. IRA Charitable Rollover permits the transfer of up to $100,000 and is effective through December 31, 2013.

To learn more, please contact Mary Hopkins at 302-651-4401 or Mary.Hopkins@nemours.org.

A Promise to Children

Childhood cancer research got an important boost when An Evening of Promise was held at the beautiful Cummer Art Museum and Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida. Nearly 350 guests enjoyed cocktails, food and dancing while mingling among the museum’s masterpieces.

The event, which raised more than $77,000, kicked off a new endowment fund to support childhood cancer research, a joint project of Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville and Wolfson Children’s Hospital. “We have a shared commitment to doing whatever it takes to provide the very best research-based care for children with leukemia and other cancers,” says Eric Sandler, MD, Chair of Hematology/Oncology at Nemours Children’s Clinic. “It takes the efforts of a large team, including our generous donors, to move us closer to the day when no child will have cancer.” Veronica Scott-Fulton, Vice President of Operations and Patient Care Services at Wolfson Children’s Hospital, remarked, “This endowment is important because the children in our community who are living with cancers don’t have to leave home to receive the care they need.”

Marissa Ierna, an 18-year-old patient, spoke at the event. The athletic young woman was diagnosed with Stage 4 Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare soft tissue cancer the size of a baseball that wrapped around the bones and nerves in her leg. Doctors at Wolfson Children’s Hospital and Nemours Children’s Clinic developed a treatment regimen designed to knock out her cancer and allow her to have full use of her leg. Marissa, who has now completed treatment, underwent proton beam therapy at the University of Florida, outpatient therapy at Nemours Children’s Clinic and weeks of chemotherapy at Wolfson Children’s Hospital. While it was in progress, she went on with her life, graduating from high school and enrolling in college. “I was in the best place I could be,” she says. “No one wants to have cancer but I’m lucky to have such a great medical team in my hometown.”

To contribute to the Childhood Cancer Research Endowment, visit givenow.nemours.org.
The Welfare Foundation

Hundreds of non-profit organizations in Delaware have benefited from gifts from the Welfare Foundation, established in 1930 through the generosity of an individual whose legacy is well known in Delaware and the surrounding area. Pierre Samuel duPont (1870-1954), a cousin of Nemours founder Alfred I. duPont, was an American entrepreneur. He was president of the DuPont chemical company and served on its Board of Directors until 1940, as well as serving as Chief Executive Officer of General Motors. His personal estate, the magnificent Longwood Gardens, is a popular attraction in the Brandywine Valley.

“Pierre was a very modest man who did not want to call attention to himself. He did not seek publicity and didn’t want anything named after him,” says Peter C. Morrow, President of the Welfare Foundation. “Mr. duPont established the Welfare Foundation to facilitate his wide-ranging philanthropy, including health and human services, education and the environment.”

The Welfare Foundation made a recent gift of $150,000 to support the expansion of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. “I was fascinated by the building project itself,” says Morrow, “especially the concept of pre-fabricating the patient bathrooms at a warehouse and bringing them to the construction site.

“But it was really the Hospital itself that convinced our Board to make a gift to the capital campaign,” remarks Morrow. “It is such an important part of the Wilmington community and provides outstanding care for children. We wanted to be part of modernizing the facility and making improvements like providing accommodations for parents to stay in the room with their child during hospitalization.

“When the doors to the expansion building open, I expect it to be a spectacular vision,” he says. “We know that kids will be getting quality medical care and be together with their families. Supporting Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children was the right thing to do.”
It’s a Family Affair

Ron and Susan Masucci, long-time residents of Jacksonville, Florida, instilled certain values in their three children. “I wanted each of them to know what hard work is, to get a college education and to do some good in the community,” says Ron.

“We’ve always been aware of what Nemours brings to the community,” says Susan. “For example, in the last few years, Nemours BrightStart!, which identifies and intervenes with young children having trouble with early reading skills, has been very successful. And the way Nemours cares for children with asthma is remarkable.”

“What my parents taught me translated into my personal philosophy about giving and ultimately into my work life,” says their daughter Susan. “I grew up watching both of them giving their time as volunteers and making contributions to organizations they believed in.” By her late twenties, Susan had established her own public relations and advertising agency in Jacksonville. Her company has been a generous sponsor of Nemours special events, such as A Night at Nemours and the recent Evening of Promise event.

“I see Nemours going well beyond pediatric care,” says Susan. “The breadth of knowledge and expertise they have in children’s health is astounding. After seeing the dedication and commitment of their physicians, researchers and other staff in doing more and more for children, it would be difficult not to give, because I know how meaningful it is.”

Ron and Susan have both been active in many non-profit organizations in the Jacksonville area, including United Way, Ronald McDonald House and several agencies that provide services to developmentally disabled children and adults. “I have seen families whose children have special needs living their day-to-day lives and know that they are receiving expert treatment and support from Nemours Children’s Clinic,” says Susan. Ron and Susan have also sponsored Nemours special events and are members of The Nemours Society.

All three Masuccis believe that Nemours is unique in its approach to caring for the whole family, making it worthy of their continued interest and support. “The fact that 100 percent of each contribution goes to help children makes it an excellent investment,” says daughter Susan.
PLANNED GIVING

A Legacy of Caring

Alice, who passed away at the age of 91, loved being around children. She enjoyed playing with and reading stories to kids in the Outpatient Playroom while their siblings were at medical appointments. It was a natural extension of her sweet, kind nature to have provided for the needs of children through her estate plan.

Across Nemours, nearly 1,100 volunteers like Alice Durbano contribute countless hours each year to help children and families. Visit Nemours.org/give to learn more about becoming a volunteer at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Nemours Children’s Hospital or Nemours Children’s Clinic locations.

*It's easy to include the organizations you care about most in your estate plan, just as this dedicated volunteer did. Visit Nemours.org/give to learn more about leaving a legacy to benefit children's health at Nemours.*

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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.”
- Check with your company for matching gift opportunities.
- **Remember a friend or family member with a memorial gift.** You can also honor someone special or mark an important occasion with a gift. Notification (but not the amount) will be sent to the person you specify. You may make a tribute gift online or call us with your credit card information: (888) 494-5251.

Karlee Hofmann enjoys stringing beads with volunteer Jane Kelleher in the Child Life Activity Center at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

By making a gift in her will to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Alice Durbano made certain that the care and concern she felt for children in her community continued beyond her lifetime. Raised on a farm in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, Alice moved to Delaware with her husband John. After retiring from her work as a legal and executive secretary, she became a volunteer at the Hospital, giving nearly 1,000 hours of time from 1995 to 2003.

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Matthew McCusker is not your typical twelve-year-old. While many kids his age are playing video games and watching television, this young man is busy raising funds for Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. It must run in the family, for Matthew took his example from his older brother, Thomas, who raised money for a hospital near their Rising Sun, Maryland home.

For the past two years, Matthew has organized the Kickball Challenge for Charity to benefit the Hospital, obtaining sponsorships from local businesses, persuading restaurants to donate food to be sold at the event and getting raffle prizes. During two years of the tournament, which last year attracted 40 participants and 150 spectators, more than $2,500 has been raised.

Matthew is no stranger to duPont Hospital. “I was treated for a concussion and a skull fracture and have had one surgery,” he says. “My teacher asked the kids in my class if they had ever used the Hospital and every hand went up.”

The Pilot School, where Matthew is a seventh-grader, hosts the tournament each year. “The teams play on the soccer field. We’ve played the team from WSTW radio, which has been fun,” says Matthew. “Bobby D. of the Delaware Sports League has helped to recruit players for us.” The Nemours Fund for Children’s Health congratulates Matthew for getting an early start on helping others.
The Joy of Giving

A wise person said, “The value of the gift is in the love of the giver.” All of us have experienced that warm feeling that comes when we give just the right gift to a person we care about — there’s a glow in both their eyes and yours.

Here’s the amazing thing. Last year, more than 4,600 donors made gifts to Nemours to help children they don’t even know. Their contributions purchased equipment that helps little lungs breathe or tiny hearts beat. Their donated dollars purchased laboratory supplies to help our scientists find better drugs to treat leukemia. Their gifts made waiting rooms more comfortable for worried parents, and brought art and music therapy to children right in their hospital beds.

You may give online with your credit card, send a check, donate stock or even deliver your contribution to us in person. And don’t forget that your company might match your gift — increasing its value and significance. However you choose to give to Nemours, you’ll also be making a gift to yourself — the warm glow of knowing that you’ve made a sick child’s life just a little better.

Give yourself the joy of giving. Visit givenow.nemours.org to make a contribution today.