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A Message to Our Friends

In this issue, we feature the stories of two children affected by conditions that threatened their lives and well-being. In both cases, care from Nemours restored them to a healthy childhood and a bright future.

Together also highlights donors who help to make this outstanding care possible through their support of clinical care and biomedical research. Their generosity may have come through an annual contribution, a legacy gift, participation in a gala or golf tournament, or sponsorship of a special event to benefit Nemours.

The bottom line is that friends who contribute to Nemours actually become our partners in delivering the very best patient care, providing the finest facilities, and pursuing life-saving research. If you already give, I thank you for your support. If you have not yet contributed, I hope you will join the thousands of donors who help to fulfill the Nemours promise to children and families.

Sincerely,

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

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

When one enters into a partnership, it is with the expectation that there will be a mutual benefit for both parties. Each partner does his or her share to achieve success—whether it is in a business or personal relationship.

When you make a contribution to Nemours, you enter into a partnership with a truly amazing organization—one that is dedicated solely to restoring and improving the health of children. Your gift makes it possible for Nemours to offer the very best care for sick and injured children—care that is based on the latest research and medical knowledge. It helps Nemours hire the finest doctors and nurses and provide state-of-the-art technology, facilities and equipment to help them deliver care.

In this issue of Together magazine, you’ll read the stories of Alexis and Jack, children whose lives were saved by the care Nemours provided. Your partnership with us made it possible for these two beautiful youngsters to return to their childhoods and to their families.

So, what benefit do you derive from your partnership with Nemours? It is the simple and comforting knowledge that you helped to save the life of a child or improve his or her health. It is the satisfaction of knowing that you have strengthened Nemours as a resource for your community. Every dollar of your contribution goes to help children.

If you have yet to experience the joy of helping children through your gift, there is no better time than this moment.

Sincerely,

John S. Lord
Chairman of the Board
A Shared Commitment

Bernard J. Clark III, MD, and his wife Mary Anne Murray see themselves as equal partners in meeting their goals for the community.

“We want to be part of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children’s journey to become one of the very best in the country,” says Dr. Clark, who was trained as a pediatric cardiologist. “Because of Mr. duPont’s legacy, Nemours has a real commitment to children and their families and does whatever it takes to meet their needs.”

Dr. Clark (known as B.J.) is Vice President for Physician Practices, Delaware Valley, heading the group of employed physicians who staff the Hospital and Nemours Pediatrics sites throughout the Delaware Valley. Mary Anne owns the Delaware office of Griswold Special Care, a non-medical home care company which provides personal care, homemaking and companionship. “Both of us work in fields where the family is intensely involved in care decisions,” says Mary Anne. “We believe that everyone can help make a difference by contributing.”

B.J. and Mary Anne have chosen to make a significant gift to support the renovation of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. “We want to give families a terrific experience and the new single-patient rooms will help accomplish that,” comments Dr. Clark, who has been intensely involved in the planning process. “It’s stressful enough when a child must be hospitalized, so the environment we provide is important.”

He also noted that in a competitive health care market, new facilities will help to attract the best medical and nursing talent.

The Inspiration Award

At the annual gathering of The Nemours Society in Wilmington, Delaware, Dino Carbone was named as the 2010 recipient of The Inspiration Award. The award was established to recognize an individual who personifies philanthropy.

Mr. Carbone, Administrative Director of Materials Management for Nemours, is the first Nemours Associate to receive the honor. Chair of the sponsorship committees for galas presented by the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health in Wilmington and in Jacksonville, Florida, he has raised $2 million in sponsorship revenues over the past five years. Mr. Carbone and his wife Deborah were among the very first members of The Nemours Society.
A Chance for Alexis

“Mommy, I see two!” These words marked the beginning of a very long journey for Alexis Garas and her family.

Not only was the three-year-old girl seeing double, but she complained of headaches and often covered one eye to see clearly. Her mother Nina took Alexis to an ophthalmologist for an eye exam, but the doctor did not see anything to explain the symptoms.

Within days, Alexis woke up with a terrible headache and vomiting. Her worried parents took her to the hospital for an MRI. The news was not good. Alexis had a benign brain tumor called a juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma pressing on her optic nerve. The tumor was causing increased pressure inside her skull.

In a 10-hour operation at Shands Children’s Hospital at the University of Florida, most of the six-centimeter tumor was removed—the remainder was in a location dangerously close to a critical center of Alexis’ brain. There had also been a serious complication. Her carotid artery had been nicked during surgery, causing a stroke and weakness on Alexis’ left side. Alexis says, “I was a little scared. But my brother Nicolas (age 10) really cheered me up. He was the first person to make me laugh after the surgery.”

“Alexis had no use of her left side,” remembers her father Samer. “After three weeks in the hospital, she had to be admitted to a pediatric rehabilitation center in Gainesville for intensive physical and occupational therapy in order to regain function. It was an incredibly difficult time for all of us.”

Although Nina, an internist, and Samer, an interventional cardiologist, are both physicians, it didn’t make dealing with their daughter’s condition any easier. “This was unknown territory for us,” comments Samer. “We quickly became just parents with a very sick little girl. I made a conscious effort not to get in the way of any medical decisions that were being made by her doctors.”

After giving Alexis a chance to rest and recover after nearly two months in the hospital and the rehabilitation center, Nina and Samer took their daughter to Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville, where she was seen by oncologist Paul Pitel, MD. Alexis underwent 20 months of chemotherapy.

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At age eight, Alexis shows little sign of her long ordeal. She wears glasses because of a visual problem caused by the tumor and is still undergoing therapy to regain full function on her left side, but has resumed swimming, horseback riding and her usual activities. Alexis was also treated by the Clinic’s Department of Endocrinology for a growth hormone deficiency resulting from the tumor.

Recently, Alexis competed in the Beaches Fine Arts Series Triathlon for Kids in Jacksonville. “I trained by biking around the neighborhood, swimming at the YMCA and running on a treadmill at home.”

The entire Garas family, who relied on their strong faith and a supportive family to get through their daughter’s illness, consider themselves blessed to have had great doctors who helped Alexis get back to being the smiling, active girl she had been before her illness.

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**Caring for Children with Cancer**

The Division of Hematology/Oncology at Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville, led by Eric S. Sandler, MD, helps children and their families during the long journey of treatment through an integrated program of clinical care and support services.

The team includes six oncologists, 10 nurses specializing in oncology, blood diseases and bone marrow transplantation, two advanced nurse practitioners, three social workers, a psychologist, three medical assistants and a Child Life specialist. Two clinical research assistants and a research nurse form the research team.

The most common cancers in children are leukemia, neuroblastoma, brain tumors, kidney and liver tumors, bone cancer and lymphoma. Treatments, which can last for two to three years, include chemotherapy, radiation, medication and surgery. In 2009, the Hematology/Oncology team treated 80 children newly diagnosed with cancer, 40 children needing advanced treatments such as proton beam therapy and many more in follow-up and continuing therapy; 100 children with hemophilia; 380 children with sickle cell disease; and performed 20 bone marrow transplants.

Paul Pitel, MD, a pediatric oncologist and Chairman of Pediatrics at Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville, says, “Treating childhood cancer is the ultimate medical team sport. Through both our internal and external collaborations, we are able to offer a rare constellation of therapies and necessary support services for children and their families. The result is that we can do much more for our patients.”

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Jack and his family, who lives in a Maryland suburb of Washington, DC, was visiting his grandmother Carol Perry, at her home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Just that morning, his mother Jill had reminded her son about wearing his bicycle helmet. Despite her warnings, Jack took off without it. A short distance away from the house, his foot somehow missed the bike’s pedal and Jack fell off sideways. His head crashed into the pavement.

“I was up ahead of Jack and heard him fall,” says his sister Lindsay. “He was on the ground with his eyes open, but unconscious. Jack had a huge, discolored bump on his head. I was terrified.” Some boys walking nearby ran for help. Lindsay called her mom and then 9-1-1. Several neighbors, one of whom was a doctor, came to the scene.

“As the ambulance got there, Jack was trying to stand up on his own and was very disoriented and combative,” says Lindsay. The paramedics placed a tube in his throat to help him breathe and rushed him to a nearby community hospital. A CAT scan showed a huge pocket of blood (hematoma) beneath Jack’s skull.

Jack was transferred by helicopter to Nemours/ Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Delaware’s only Pediatric Trauma Center. Wilmington resident David Lyons, whose vacation home is just across the street, immediately offered to drive the family two hours north to the Hospital. “We were so scared,” says Jill. “Everything felt out of control. I was so grateful for David’s help.” Jack’s father, John, who was at home in Maryland, met them there.

A second CAT scan revealed that the bleeding in Jack’s brain had worsened. Immediate surgery was needed. Neurosurgeon Joseph Piatt Jr., MD, opened the boy’s skull and removed the expanding hematoma. Jack spent two days in the Hospital’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. “When he woke up, his first questions were: ‘Why am I naked? And why didn’t I have dinner last night?’” remembers Jill.

Soon Jack was eating and walking without assistance. He was discharged from the Hospital after only four days. Jack decided to explain the big scar along his hairline by telling the kids at school that he had been bitten by a tiger shark. The other thing Jack now tells his friends is to always wear a helmet!
The Trauma Team

Injury is the number one cause of death in children, taking the lives of more than 20,000 each year—more than heart disease, infections and cancer combined. The most common causes of traumatic injury in children are falls and motor vehicle crashes. The number of trauma cases treated by Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children grew from 765 in 2008 to 840 in 2009, a 10 percent increase.

When a child arrives by ambulance, helicopter or car—or is transferred from one of nearly 50 cooperating hospitals in Delaware and surrounding states—the trauma team springs into action. All patients are immediately assessed by checking airway, breathing, circulation, disability and examination for obvious injuries. All the resources of the Hospital must be available for successful treatment of a pediatric trauma patient—24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children was recently recognized as a Pediatric Trauma Center, the only one in the state of Delaware. This designation means that an in-house trauma team is available 24/7, that neurosurgery and orthopedics can respond promptly, there is rapid access to CT and MRI imaging, and that pediatric critical care services and an intensive care unit are available, as well as other surgical and ancillary services. “I love taking care of kids. When we can use our knowledge base to help children recover from serious injury, I find it very gratifying,” says Stephen G. Murphy, MD, Trauma Medical Director.

Remembering Marky

Marky Washington was a fun-loving young boy who was crazy about Spiderman, soccer and singing in the church choir. Before Marky was born, however, his parents learned that the left side of his heart had not developed properly. “Our son had several cardiac surgeries in his first few years,” says his mother Dynita. “At age six, he collapsed and did not recover, despite the best efforts of his doctors.”

For the past three years, students from B. Bernice Young Elementary School in Burlington, New Jersey, where Marky was a first-grader, have sponsored Have a Heart Day to remember him and raise funds to help children with heart disease.

The children sold heart-shaped pretzels and pins, as well as rubber bracelets. Their teachers made donations to participate in “casual day.” Beautifully decorated hearts crafted by the students adorned the halls.

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A Legacy for Children

An unlikely connection between two strangers led to a special legacy for children’s health. The story begins in an unusual way. Carolyn Ruth Ralph lived in downstate Delaware, where she raised chickens. After her husband passed away, she became concerned about living alone on the farm and called a home security company. Milton Brunner met with Mrs. Ralph to discuss her needs.

When the company’s installers arrived a few days later, they found that Mrs. Ralph had suffered a heart attack. “When Miss Carolyn, as I always called her, was ready to be discharged from the hospital, she asked that I take her home,” says Milt Brunner. “It was quite strange, as I barely knew her.” Mr. Brunner soon discovered that Carolyn had no relatives or friends on whom she could depend, so he filled her prescriptions and brought in groceries.

“From that day on, it was as if she had adopted me,” remembers Mr. Brunner, the father of four grown sons. “I helped Miss Carolyn get her finances in order and assisted her in selling some property so that she could live comfortably.” Mr. Brunner also got in the habit of taking his friend coffee in the morning, and little by little, he learned the story of her life.

“Miss Carolyn was born on tiny Tangier Island in Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay. Her mother died when she was young and she and her brother were shipped off to relatives in Virginia,” says Mr. Brunner. “After working in a sewing factory, she married a farmer and worked hard all of her life. Miss Carolyn could be cantankerous and hard-headed, but she loved children, perhaps because she had none of her own.”

Mrs. Ralph befriended a tenant farm family who lived nearby. When their daughter needed medical care, she took the child to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. “When Miss Carolyn died, she made sure that the Hospital would receive a generous bequest from her will,” says Mr. Brunner. “She was so impressed with the care Samantha received.”

Plan Your Legacy for Children’s Health

Did you know that you can make a significant contribution without affecting current income?

Your bequest will help Nemours care for sick and injured children, construct new facilities and advance life-saving research. If you wish to plan a legacy for children’s health, contact Amy Bielicki of the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health at abielick@nemours.org or call (302) 651-4298.

Be sure to request a copy of Giving Wisely, Saving Lives, our guide to planned giving. You may also visit www.nemours.planyourlegacy.org to access a wealth of information.
Raymond Mason

Raymond Mason has a unique and lasting connection to Nemours through his long relationship with Ed Ball, Jessie Ball duPont’s brother and the trusted business manager of Alfred I. duPont. “Each of them played a key role. Mr. duPont had the fortune, Mrs. duPont had the fair-minded vision of doing good for others, and Ed Ball the business sense that increased Mr. duPont’s assets tremendously through the years,” says Mr. Mason.

“I first met Mr. Ball in my early thirties,” remembers Mr. Mason. “After giving me advice on a transaction, he became my personal business coach for the rest of his life. Representing Charter Oil, a division of my firm, I worked with oil interests in the Middle East, calling on King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, King Hussein of Jordan, Anwar Sadat of Egypt and the Shah of Iran,” recalls Mr. Mason. “Mr. Ball came with me regularly on these trips, and to meetings with J. Paul Getty and Armand Hammer in the United States. As a young man, he had traveled across the United States by stagecoach two dozen times, so flying was a thrill to him.”

The Florida home of Mr. and Mrs. duPont, Epping Forest, is another touchpoint. “After Mrs. duPont died in 1970, I told Mr. Ball that he should live there,” says Mr. Mason. “He insisted that I should own Epping Forest—but was probably with us for meals at least eight times a week!” The beautiful home on the St. Johns River in Jacksonville entertained many famous guests, including President Gerald Ford and the Shah of Iran.

At the end of his long life, Mr. Ball called Raymond Mason to his side and said, “I have waited too long to decide what to do with my assets, so I have decided to leave it all to the Nemours Foundation to care for Florida’s children.” In doing so, he remained true to Mr. duPont’s Trust, never having realized any personal gain.

“Ed Ball was a tremendous friend and mentor,” concludes Mr. Mason. “There is no way that I would have been as successful without his help.”

Raymond Mason is the author of Confusion to the Enemy, a biography of Edward Ball.

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of their school in Marky’s memory.
A total of $3,500 has been contributed to Nemours as a result of Have a Heart Day to help children with heart disease.

“All of the kids dress in red, because that was his favorite color,” says Dynita. “Marky was treated by Nemours Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and also at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. The Hospital will always hold a special place in our hearts. Our family will always remember what they did for us, as well as what they do for all children with cardiac problems.”

Nemours Fund for Children’s Health is grateful to the young students at B. Bernice Young Elementary School for their generous hearts and all they are doing to help others.
As surgical, medical and radiation treatments have achieved improved outcome, late effects have become a major problem for young cancer survivors. These may include learning issues and impaired school performance, organ damage, fertility issues, infections such as hepatitis, psychiatric problems, and most devastating, the development of secondary cancers.

Hyundai and its dealers have been committed to supporting the fight against childhood cancer since 1998. What was first a local initiative has evolved into an independent nonprofit organization which is supported nationwide by Hyundai’s 780 dealers and Hyundai Motor America. More than $14 million has been donated to help kids fight cancer. Every time a new Hyundai vehicle is sold in the United States, $5 is donated to Hope on Wheels.

Nemours is grateful to Hyundai Hope on Wheels for their generosity in supporting a program that improves the long-term outlook and quality of life for young cancer patients.

To learn more, visit hyundaihopeonwheels.org.

Your gift helps children:

- Make a secure, online contribution by credit card at www.nemours.org/give.
- Mail your gift to: Nemours Fund for Children’s Health, 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.
All for a Good Cause

Two national retailers are promoting Nemours as they open new stores in the Wilmington area. They join a number of other corporate friends who support children’s health through partnerships with Nemours. The Nemours Fund for Children’s Health is grateful to these friends for including Nemours in their grand opening celebrations.

With 260 restaurants, California Pizza Kitchen serves a wide variety of hearth-baked pizzas in a casual dining atmosphere. When their new restaurant opened at Christiana Mall in Newark, Delaware, the proceeds from all dine-in pizza sales during their grand opening festivities were donated to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, resulting in a contribution of nearly $5,000. An assortment of delicious pizzas and salads were also delivered to the Hospital for our young patients to enjoy.

Nordstrom has chosen Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children as one of three beneficiaries of their grand opening gala on April 6, 2011. Guests of the gala will enjoy shopping, fashion presentations, cocktails, and dinner and dessert buffets throughout the evening. Nordstrom is one of the nation’s leading fashion specialty retailers, with 204 stores. The new Nordstrom Christiana Mall will open on April 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

To purchase tickets ($75) or for more information, call Ellen Songle at 302-651-4383 or e-mail esongle@nemours.org.

HOW TO DONATE

- 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.
- Donate stock or property. Give us a call at (888) 494-5251 and our staff will assist you in making arrangements.
- Remember, 100% of your gift goes to help children because of the support from the Trust created by Alfred I. duPont.

If you wish to have your name removed from the list to receive this communication or future fundraising requests supporting the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health, please e-mail giving@nemours.org or write to us at: Nemours Fund for Children’s Health, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

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A Night at Nemours

Our annual black-tie gala, held on the grounds of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children on June 18, 2010, attracted 670 guests for dinner and dancing. More than 110 corporate sponsors supported the event, which raised a total of $211,000 in net revenue to support care for children with traumatic injury. The Hospital is Delaware’s only Pediatric Trauma Center.

A Round for the Kids

A gorgeous fall day at Bidermann Golf Course drew 130 enthusiastic golfers out to enjoy a day of friendly competition on September 20, 2010. A total of $60,000 was raised to support the Nemours Center for Childhood Cancer Research and the Great Guys Group, which provides financial assistance for families coping with cancer. Many thanks to the 48 corporate sponsors who participated for their generosity.

A Night with Nemours

Our annual Jacksonville gala, held in the Terrace Suites at Everbank Field on October 8, 2010 hosted 364 friends of Nemours Children’s Clinic for dinner, dancing and a silent auction. The event, which benefited children being treated for cancer and blood diseases, raised a total of $157,000 in net proceeds. Our thanks go to the 48 corporate sponsors who supported this event.

Swing for the Future

On September 13, 2010, the inaugural Skanska Invitational Golf Tournament was held at Lake Nona Golf and Country Club. The event, sponsored by international construction and development company Skanska, benefited the new Nemours Children’s Hospital now rising in Lake Nona, Florida. More than 90 golfers participated in the tournament, which netted $121,000.