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A Message to Our Friends

This is such an exciting time for Nemours and for the patients and families it serves. With our new Hospital that recently opened in Orlando and the expansion of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington well underway, we look forward to an even brighter future for children.

As Nemours expands its facilities and services, it is also a wonderful opportunity to give. Our beautiful new buildings will be filled with programs and services that would not be possible without philanthropic support. Your contributions help Nemours to enhance patient care by purchasing the latest technology, providing a comfortable environment for patients and families, training our pediatric professionals, and supporting Child Life, art and music therapy, and other programs that help kids be kids while they are hospitalized.

As you read the stories of Lauren, Aidan and Noah in these pages, remember that your gift has the power to help and heal.

Sincerely,

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

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

The German philosopher Goethe said, “Dream no small dreams, for they have not the power to move the hearts of men.” At Nemours, our dreams for children are enormous in both size and scope. The opening of Nemours Children’s Hospital in Orlando is the culmination of six years of careful planning, design and construction, not to mention the recruitment of an outstanding team to provide care.

A similar process is now ongoing in Delaware, as we prepare to expand our flagship hospital, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, to better serve children and families in the Delaware Valley by providing excellent pediatric care in a state-of-the-art, innovative building.

Each of our hospital facilities is especially designed to support family- and patient-centered care, so beautifully described in the interview on page 11. This care is the essence of the Nemours promise to families and children.

I hope that you share our dreams and will help us fully realize them by making the most generous gift possible. Remember that, because of Mr. duPont’s Trust, 100 percent of your contribution goes to help children.

Sincerely,

John S. Lord
Chairman of the Board
Coach Deigs Helps Siblings of Patients

Dan Deighan, of Merritt Island, Florida, is positive that his relationship with Nemours Children’s Hospital was meant to be.

“In the space of less than an hour,” he says, “three events pointed me toward Nemours. While looking for an opportunity to give my time, I connected with volunteer services at the Hospital. Then, I discovered that a good friend was helping out at the Nemours Preview Center. Finally, I found out one of my golf buddies had joined the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health.”

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As a young man, Dan was a successful track and cross-country coach. A mentor pointed him in a new direction and he founded a financial services company, now known as Deighan Financial Advisors, Inc. “I quickly learned that people benefit from a coaching and mentoring relationship when it comes to their personal finances. Everyone calls me ‘Coach Deigs,’ just like my runners did,” he says.

“I wanted to give more than just money,” comments Coach Deigs. “I took a tour of the new Hospital and learned more about what would be offered there.” He joined the Family Advisory Council and listened to what families had to say about their experiences. “Then it came to me. I decided to make a significant gift to support a special room in the Hospital just for siblings.”

“I learned from these parents that siblings often feel somewhat left out when their brother or sister is sick. All of the family’s resources are going to the child in the hospital,” he comments. “They may be saying, ‘What about me?’” The Coach Deigs room at Nemours Children’s Hospital is designed to help these children cope. It features a foosball table, big-screen television, games, comfortable furniture, golf putter and sound system—everything the 12+ age group loves.

Coach Deigs didn’t stop there, however. He also participates in the Beads of Courage program at Nemours Children’s Hospital, which presents special beads to children who are being treated for cancer and other serious illnesses. Each child will receive a Coach Deigs bead along with their ‘starter’ bead. “I want to be a resource for kids,” he says, “and help give them some sense of control and normalcy.”
PATIENT STORY

A Young Life Saved

Eight-year-old Aidan Williams was supposed to be taking a shower and then doing his reading, but he just couldn’t resist taking one more ride on his skateboard.

“I was standing at the kitchen sink when a neighbor called and said ‘Aidan’s been hit by a truck,’” says his mother Christine.

Seated on his skateboard, Aidan was speeding down an incline when a delivery truck suddenly appeared.

“The driver saw him, but couldn’t stop in time. Aidan saw the truck, but swerved to avoid a concrete divider,” she says. “He actually had tire tracks on his back.”

Aidan was rushed by ambulance to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. All of Aidan’s ribs were broken in several places and had separated from his spinal column. He was in acute respiratory failure, with a punctured, collapsed lung and internal bleeding. “The doctors told me that Aidan had the most fractures they had ever seen in a child.”

The next few days were touch and go. “Aidan had to be sedated and restrained so that he didn’t disturb his fractured ribs. He got a central line infection and pneumonia. We had a scary moment when his heart rate plummeted as his body fought off the infections,” says Christine.

Doctors decided to wean Aidan off the respirator. He was about to have surgery to insert a tracheal tube, but the respiratory therapist decided instead to try inflating Aidan’s lung. “I had faith in his training and experience. Inflating the lung didn’t work right away, and then surgery was delayed for a day. They took one more x-ray before surgery and unbelievably, his ribs had begun to heal,” says Christine.

“The doctors decided to lower his meds to raise Aidan’s consciousness and decrease the respirator,” says Christine. “During this long, slow process, we gathered around his bed watching him. Then my son took a breath—his whole rib cage moved up and down. It was like giving birth to him all over again.”

Now fully healed, Aidan loves to ride his scooter.
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“Aidan finally returned to school in January,” says Christine. “He’s all boy—big energy and very funny. It has been wonderful to see him return to his old self. Without his doctors, nurses and therapists, he wouldn’t have recovered so well and so fast. You can tell that caring for kids is their passion, their calling. It’s not just a job—their hearts were in it as they cared for Aidan.”

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children Expansion

FUN FACTS

- More than 9,000 feet of piping has been installed
- Delaware’s blue granite was blasted with 10,400 pounds of explosives
- Nearly 6,000 truckloads of material have been excavated
- Micropiles measuring a total of seven miles have been drilled to support the building
- A new rooftop helipad was constructed using 37 tons of steel
- More than 2,700 cubic yards of concrete have been poured

Ready Freddy, a large cutout figure, is placed in a different location on the construction site each day. Our young patients have fun discovering where he is.
A Place Just for Families

James Moser, MD, a 16-year veteran of Nemours Children’s Clinic in Orlando, is a pediatric otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat (ENT) doctor).

“Dr. Moser took one look at him and said he knew just what was needed,” says Marisol. “I really appreciated his explanation of what would be happening during surgery and what to expect during recovery. My sister works in the health care field and she told me that Nemours has a reputation for being family-centered and offering excellent pediatric specialty care.”

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“Nemours has a culture of family-centered care,” says Dr. Moser. “This mentality pervades our entire system and makes the family’s experience very satisfying. The collaborative relationship between Nemours Children’s Hospital and Nemours Children’s Clinic is a great advantage.”

“Dr. Moser’s department has two ENT specialists. “We deal with ear tubes, tonsils, adenoids and neck masses for the most part,” he comments. “We are seeing less airway reconstruction these days because neonatologists are now doing a much better job of ventilating newborns and protecting their airways.”

One of Dr. Moser’s first surgical patients at Nemours Children’s Hospital was Noah White, a three-year-old with enlarged tonsils and adenoids. Noah’s mother, Marisol Ortiz explains, “My son was not sleeping well. He snored and coughed all night long. Noah’s appetite was even affected because he had so much trouble swallowing.”

“It is very appealing to be starting with a clean slate as we open Nemours Children’s Hospital,” he says. “The infrastructure is beautiful.”

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Bringing Lauren Back

Lauren Boswell, a fifth-grader at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Florida, was a talented soccer player on her club team.

Her parents, Laura and Michael, both teachers at Bolles, loved watching her play, but they soon began to notice something odd. “Lauren was ‘zoning out’ for a few seconds during the game,” says her mom. Those episodes were epileptic seizures, eventually occurring about 10 times a day.

Lauren came to Nemours Children’s Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, to see neurologist Raj Sheth, MD. He prescribed anti-seizure medication for Lauren, which diminished them for a period of time. Then, the seizures came back worse than ever. “Her EEG (which measures electrical activity in the brain) was very abnormal,” says Dr. Sheth. “She was also beginning to have issues with her memory.”

An MRI showed that Lauren had a cyst and golf ball-sized tumor in the right frontal lobe of her brain. Dr. Sheth told the family that this type of tumor was rare in epilepsy patients and that the only remedy was surgery and anti-seizure medication for several years. “It is always risky to do this type of surgery—there are so many issues involved. I had to be very upfront with the family,” says Dr. Sheth.

Lauren’s surgery, scheduled to last about five hours, went on twice as long. The surgeon and Dr. Sheth found damage to her hippocampus, a part of the brain that controls memory, and removed it and a large section of her frontal lobe. “It was the worst 10 hours ever,” says her father Michael. “We worried that when Lauren woke up, she wouldn’t be able to remember who we were. Our family went from a big high to a real low.”

However, Lauren came through with flying colors. One of her first visitors was Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew, whom she recognized instantly. “When I knew who he was right away, I realized I would be fine,” says Lauren.

“Lauren is doing magnificently,” says her mother. “Although her brain is still healing and she is still taking medication, there have been no seizures since the surgery. Lauren is back to playing soccer, as well.”

Lauren, her two brothers and her parents have something very special to look forward to. Dr. Sheth nominated Laura for Dreams Come True, a local charity that provides special experiences for children with life-threatening illnesses. Lauren’s dream was to meet Bethany Hamilton, the surfer who lost her arm at age 13 after a shark attack in Hawaii. The entire family will spend a week in Hawaii and the two young women will meet and share their experiences.
Dedicated to Helping Kids

If Craig and Carol Kirkland played sports, they would be known as “triple-threats”—skilled in three areas that help their team win. The Orlando, Florida couple is helping Nemours Children’s Hospital achieve success in several important ways—one of which involves Ti’ Amo, their Silken Windhound.

“I retired from Disney a few years ago and was looking for something meaningful to do,” says Carol. “I got in touch with Jill Mondry, Director of Volunteer Services at Nemours Children’s Clinic, and asked if our dog could do pet therapy.” Jill referred Carol and Ti’ Amo (‘I love you’ in Italian) to a pet therapy training class and soon the gentle white dog was giving and receiving love at the Clinic. “I get a big charge out of watching the kids interact with him,” remarks Carol.

Carol also joined the Family and Community Connections Committee, which planned events for Nemours Associates and community members as the Hospital was being built. “It was a great way to meet people,” she says. “The way everyone worked together was impressive. I have great appreciation for an organization like Nemours that really ‘walks the talk,’” she says.

“When I was a young woman, I suffered from ulcerative colitis for 11 years,” remembers Carol. “That’s why we designate our contribution to the Nemours Children’s Hospital Department of Gastroenterology.” She and Craig are among the first Orlando members of The Nemours Society, which recognizes individuals whose annual contributions are $1,000 or more.

Craig, a software engineer at Lockheed Martin, has recently joined the Family Advisory Council of the Hospital, which offers input on many facets of hospital operations. “I hope I’m contributing in some way,” he says.

Nemours Children’s Hospital is grateful to the Kirklands (including Ti’ Amo) for their many gifts in support of children’s health.

Lauren Boswell (see article on page 6) is grateful to be alive. Returning to school just three weeks after her surgery, she soon became an ambassador for Nemours Children’s Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida. Lauren set up a table to accept contributions for the Clinic at her school’s varsity baseball game and threw out the first pitch. She raised a total of nearly $7,200 during her fifth-grade year. Now in sixth grade, Lauren started a special fundraising initiative through a school-sponsored club: Let’s Change Jacksonville Club: Kids Helping Kids. She and her classmates sold packages of Halloween surprises called “Boo-Grams” to their classmates and “Gobble-Grams” for Thanksgiving. The club has plans to support Nemours Children’s Clinic and has already raised more than $600. Lauren says, “I want to support the people who saved my life.”
Did you know that enjoying your favorite foods can also help children? Many popular restaurants sponsor special promotions to benefit Nemourshospitals.

In Delaware, Maggie Moo’s/Marble Slab Creamery sold “hang-tags” (see graphic above) during July and August and donated a portion of sales, raising $3,400. Domino’s Pizza held a week-long Pizzathon and contributed 10 percent of Delaware sales, donating nearly $24,500. Boston Market gave 10 percent of sales from area stores for one day in June, resulting in a contribution of $2,100, and Pizza Hut sold hang-tags at their Delaware stores in August, raising more than $5,000.

In Orlando, you may visit any of the following businesses to support Nemours Children’s Hospital: Nona Tap Room, 407 Café, Sweet Mama’s, Larry’s Giant Subs, Papa John’s and Durian Durian, all of which are donating 10 percent of sales on certain days of the month. For your car, visit Tuffy Automotive Service or World Automotive Services.

The Nemours Fund for Children’s Health thanks these retailers for generously lending their support. If your business is interested in participating in a similar promotion to raise funds to help children, please contact the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health for more information.

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**Good Food. Good Cause.**

Walmart Associates in Delaware have chosen Nemours/ Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children from among three charities in the state to receive a gift of $50,000 through the company’s Associate Choice Program. The funds will support the Hospital’s expansion.

“We have 4,377 Associates working in 11 Walmart facilities in Delaware, including nine Walmart stores, Sam’s Club and our distribution center,” says Toby Youngblood, State Giving and Associate Choice Manager. “This is the third year for the program, which is designed to engage Associates with their communities. It is funded through the Walmart Foundation. Our Associates nominate organizations that are doing a great job and support advocacy and volunteerism. Most often these are organizations that deal with hunger or children’s health.”

“When it was announced that Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children was the top choice, I received many notes on our internal blog expressing satisfaction about the vote, as so many children of Associates in Delaware have received care from Nemours at some point,” says Youngblood.

Nemours Fund for Children’s Health is grateful that Walmart Associates in Delaware have chosen duPont Hospital to receive their generous gift.
Christian Pizarro, MD

“When a child is seriously ill, it is imperative to have the family nearby, especially when the child is in the recovery phase after surgery,” says Christian Pizarro, MD, Director of the Nemours Cardiac Center and Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

“We have a sense that we want to contribute something beyond the everyday work, particularly when it is a project that would benefit the community and will have a big and durable impact,” he says. “I have been impressed by the comprehensive, well thought-out plans for the expansion. It will be a good product and I’d like to think we’ve played a small part in bringing it about.”

“With the help of our nurses, parents are able to assist with this transition. We have found that having them stay in close proximity reduces anxiety about being away from their child and provides a more integrated way to speed healing and mitigate the stress of hospitalization.”

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“Our current facility is quite outdated,” he comments. “We have grown as much as possible within that space and now require a new, state-of-the-art building to provide the appropriate setting for the superlative care that is delivered by our health care professionals in addition to the optimal environment for families and patients. This new facility not only will provide a great physical environment for our patients and their families, it will also allow us to care for the patient together with their family in an integrated way.”

“I am especially proud of how our Cardiac Center team has disseminated this concept throughout the institution,” says Dr. Pizarro. “Our integrated approach to the care of children with heart defects has been a very important differentiator since the establishment of the Nemours Cardiac Center. I don’t think there’s a single institution in the United States that has the administrative, financial and clinical cohesiveness that you find here. It’s extraordinary.”
Kenneth Liechty, MD

Kenneth Liechty, MD, a nationally recognized fetal surgeon, has been associated with medical schools and hospitals in Utah, Pennsylvania and Mississippi.

He found himself drawn to a new opportunity at Nemours Children’s Hospital in Orlando, Florida. “We have a unique opportunity to build something from the ground up—both in terms of the actual hospital and the programs that will go on inside it,” he comments.

“I am especially excited about contributing to the medical education environment in Florida,” says Dr. Liechty, who is Surgeon in Chief for the Hospital. “There are a limited number of pediatric sub-specialty training programs in Florida, so there are fewer highly qualified pediatricians. Nemours has a chance to change that by establishing a freestanding academic children’s hospital.”

Nemours Children’s Hospital is located in the new Medical City in Lake Nona—just a few miles from the Orlando International Airport. Distinguished neighbors include University of Central Florida Health Sciences Campus, Sanford-Burnham Research Institute, the largest Veterans Administration hospital in the United States, the University of Florida Academic Research Center and M.D. Anderson Orlando Cancer Research Institute.

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“We will be facilitating a pediatric residency program with University of Central Florida and hope to establish a fellowship in pediatric surgery,” says Dr. Liechty. “Our Hospital will eventually offer some very high-end pediatric specialties and we will need doctors with exceptional qualifications.”

“Our pediatric surgical program will at first include general surgery, neurosurgery, thoracic, urologic and ENT surgery. Later, a dental program, eye surgery and cranioplast surgery will be added,” comments Dr. Liechty. “Cardiac surgery is also an important part of our future plans.”

“Nemours is one of the largest organizations caring for kids in the United States,” says Dr. Liechty. “We want parents to have confidence in the quality of practitioners at our hospitals. Our philosophy is to provide families with the type of care they want, how and when they want it. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”
“Patient and family-centered care is a belief system that values the family as an important partner in the health care team,” says Barbara Meeks, Chief Nurse Executive at Nemours Children’s Hospital. “Many hospitals say they have patient- and family-centered care, but it is not often practiced at a very high level. Our philosophy of care means seeking family input, giving appropriate choices, communicating clearly, having families engaged for every decision and maintaining an ongoing dialogue in regards to their child’s care.”

“Let’s say that a child needs to have a tonsillectomy. Family-centered care means that parents are given a choice of day and time for the procedure,” says Meeks. “Preparation for the operation is made as lean and simple to follow as possible.

“Most of our patients are under the age of five, which is the age where hospitalization is a most scary experience for children, so supporting the family presence is very important.”

Team members follow our AIDET process: acknowledging the family and child, introducing themselves, telling the family about the duration of the procedure, explaining every aspect of care and thanking them for choosing Nemours to care for their child.”

“The operating room (OR) can be a scary place, so we strive to communicate well to ensure that the parents understand. If a translator is needed, we provide one,” remarks Meeks. “We offer the option that one parent may accompany their child to the OR. That parent dons a “bunny suit” and stays with their child until he or she has been anesthetized. The child should see the face of the person they care about most as they go off to sleep and again when they wake up after the procedure. Most of our patients are under the age of five, which is the age where hospitalization is a most scary experience for children, so supporting the family presence is very important.”

“When a life-threatening situation arises, family-centered care becomes incredibly important,” asserts Meeks. “The family, supported by a team member, may choose to stay in the room while their child is being resuscitated. They can see that everything is being done and a whole team is working collaboratively to save their child’s life.”

R. Cartland Burns, MD, is Chief of the Division of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery and Medical Director of Perioperative Services at Nemours Children’s Hospital. He is a champion of patient- and family-centered care. “Our institutional commitment to families is underscored by receiving family input about the design of the building and having parents participate in the interview process for physicians,” he says. “It helped us weed out doctors who
would be resistant to patient- and family-centered care.”

“As a physician, you tend to pay attention differently when the family is a member of the care team. We practice better medicine when the family is involved and miss fewer things, since the parent knows the child better than anyone,” says Dr. Burns. “Families appreciate this consideration. When it’s your child, the anxiety level can be pretty high.”

“Some health professionals dismiss family-centered care as ‘fluff,’ but they couldn’t be more wrong,” says Dr. Burns.

“The data shows that when administrators, physicians and care teams are truly committed to this model, family satisfaction increases dramatically, patient outcomes are better and litigation drops to almost nothing when parents are satisfied that their health care team really cares about them as well as their child. Families feel empowered to collaborate and communicate, and everyone wins.”

Gala in the Garden Raises Funds for Nemours

Nearly 1,000 guests were delighted by a beautiful garden setting on October 5 as Nemours Children’s Hospital hosted its first gala, A Night at Nemours. The evening began with an elegant cocktail reception in the lobby of the new Hospital. Self-guided tours of the new facility allowed guests to see the Emergency Department, the unique KidsTRACK area, patient floors, surgical commons and more.

Trolleys transported guests to a huge tent decorated in green and white with “gathering” trees and comfortable seating areas. Sumptuous food and dessert stations were available throughout the evening. Partygoers danced to the music of the PowerHouse Band and enjoyed Siren, a living fountain, DiVine, the living vine, and two living statues and topiaries. An aerialist performed from on high.

Net proceeds of more than $300,000 were raised by the gala to benefit the Child Life program at Nemours Children’s Hospital. The Nemours Fund for Children’s Health thanks sponsors of A Night at Nemours for their generosity.
A Totally Awesome Night with Nemours

A Totally Awesome Night with Nemours brought 270 Jacksonville partygoers together on November 17, 2012, to time travel to the 1980s. Sporting the unique looks of that decade, guests rocked out to their favorite retro hits at River City Brewing Company in downtown Jacksonville. With choice music from 80s cover band Pop Muzik and breakdancing by No Bodies Crew, guests were in for an unforgettable evening.

The Jacksonville community and Nemours Associates came together for a single purpose: to support Nemours Children’s Clinic. The event raised $30,000 for the benefit of children who are treated at the Clinic.

“Proceeds from this special event help Nemours Children’s Clinic fulfill its mission of providing expert, research-based care for children with complex conditions such as cancer, diabetes, asthma and orthopedic problems,” said Michael Erhard, MD, Medical Director, Nemours Children’s Clinic Jacksonville.

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- Make a secure, online contribution by credit card at Nemours.org/give.
- 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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Ask an Expert: Can I Donate My Retirement Plan Assets?

Charles J. Durante, Esq., Partner, Connolly Gallagher LLP, Wilmington, Delaware

Q: What would be the advantage of naming Nemours as beneficiary of my retirement plan assets?
A: Retirement plan assets are subject to income taxes. This can reduce the amount that actually passes to heirs by up to 35 percent plus state income tax (where applicable). Because Nemours is tax-exempt, it would receive the full amount, not reduced by income taxes. Your entire gift benefits the children and families served by Nemours.

Q: Can I leave one portion of my retirement plan assets to Nemours and other portions to individuals?
A: Yes. You may designate Nemours as the beneficiary of a percentage of your retirement account. You can also provide for Nemours to receive the assets only if individual beneficiaries die before you.

Q: How do I make a gift of retirement plan assets?
A: Request a plan beneficiary designation form from your plan administrator. On the form, you designate Nemours as a beneficiary of all or a percentage of the account at your death. If you wish, you can specify which Nemours hospital or program you want to benefit. You continue to make withdrawals from your retirement account during your lifetime.

Q: What if I have questions?
A: Call Mary Hopkins at the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health at (302) 298-4401 or (888) 494-5251, or contact your financial or legal advisor. You can make a significant difference in the future for children and families cared for by Nemours. By sharing your gift intention with the Nemours Fund for Children’s Health, you give Nemours the opportunity to thank you and include you in the Carillon Society.

Please be sure to contact your financial planning professional when considering a charitable gift.

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.

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