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HOW ENDOWMENTS FOSTER CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE
message from the presidents
of The Children’s Hospital and The Children’s Hospital Foundation

Doctors generally don’t like to talk about miracles as they relate to medicine. They are wisely more cautious and speak in terms of science and probabilities. But when we talk to the parents of a child who has been treated by the expert professionals at The Children’s Hospital, the word "miracle" is one we often hear.

For parents, a miracle may mean new treatments and cures, family-centered care, and ultimately, the health of their children. Endowed funds at The Children’s Hospital make all of these miracles possible year after year. For members of our community, endowed funds provide the opportunity to realize their personal vision and help make these miracles happen.

We invite you to read the following stories of donors who have invested in The Children’s Hospital by establishing an endowment. You will learn how these individuals have become a part of the history and tradition of Children’s and what their generosity has accomplished. We pay tribute to them here and encourage you to join their legacy by making your own philanthropic investment.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Biester, PhD, RN
President and CEO
The Children’s Hospital

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The Children’s Hospital Foundation
L. Joseph Butterfield Chair in Pediatrics
Supports the Chairman in Pediatrics at The Children’s Hospital, sustaining research and medical education.

Joseph Butterfield, MD, was a pioneer in pediatric medicine, especially in neonatal intensive care. He established the first regionally focused Newborn Center at The Children’s Hospital in February 1965 and successfully worked to make it a national model. He was also an unwavering advocate for children’s health, lobbying in the state legislature and running a successful campaign to have one of his heroes of newborn medicine, Virginia Apgar, MD, memorialized on a U.S. postage stamp.

In 1997, Dr. Butterfield and his wife Perry established the first endowed chair at Children’s, The L. Joseph Butterfield Chair in Pediatrics, for the Pediatrician-in-Chief of Children’s medical staff. The Pediatrician-in-Chief is also the chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

"Joe really believed that academic medicine and clinical medicine should be aligned to give the best care,” Perry Butterfield says of her husband, who passed away in 1999. "He also understood the value and importance of having a perpetual source of funding. The chair allows the chairholder freedom to innovate, to research, to educate – all things Joe believed to be wholly important.”

M. Douglas Jones, Jr., MD, whom Dr. Butterfield trained and mentored, holds the Butterfield Chair.

"Dr. Butterfield was important to me personally as a mentor and a friend," Dr. Jones says. "More importantly, the vision he demonstrated years ago is one of the reasons that this institution now ranks among the best in the country and the world.”

Dr. Jones says that endowed chairs tangibly demonstrate that a program is worthy of a donor’s attention and generosity.

"Endowed chairs constitute a wonderful endorsement of the work we do for children,” he says. "The proceeds allow us to expand our programs and do even more for the health and well-being of children.”

Mrs. Butterfield says her husband considered establishing the Butterfield Chair among the heights of his achievements.

"Joe gave his heart and his soul to Children’s,” she said. "He had a regional vision, and very clearly passed on his vision to Doug. This chair, with Doug at the helm, was a pinnacle for him.”
The Children’s Hospital Chair in Pediatric Nursing

Supports pediatric nursing at The Children’s Hospital and the University of Colorado School of Nursing through research, education and clinical practice.

The Children’s Hospital is fortunate to have a benefactor who understands the important role nurses play in improving the health of children. In 1998, Beatrice Taplin, a long-time friend and honorary director of the hospital, made a $1.5 million gift to establish The Children’s Hospital Chair in Pediatric Nursing. A rare partnership between clinical and academic nursing, the chair is held jointly at Children’s and the University of Colorado School of Nursing.

“As a former registered nurse, I understand that nurses may be overlooked in terms of perpetual funding because most people think first of physicians delivering health care,” Mrs. Taplin says. “I believe it is essential to support the work of nurses because they are caregivers in every sense of the word, providing the day-in, day-out care that helps children get better and stay well.”

The endowed chair supports a burgeoning field: pediatric pain management.

Roxie Foster, PhD, RN, FAAN, holds The Children’s Hospital Chair in Pediatric Nursing. Considered a national champion of pediatric pain management, Dr. Foster has helped bring widespread recognition to the field through her research, education and advocacy work.

“Just 25 years ago, infants had major surgery with little to no pain management because we thought babies did not experience pain,” Dr. Foster says. “We know better now. Pain management is central to treating kids. It profoundly impacts their treatment and recovery.”

Dr. Foster says the endowed chair allows her to be an administrator and researcher and to interface with all of Children’s programs. It has allowed her to expand clinical and research aspects of the inpatient Pain Management Service and of the Chronic Pain Clinic, the region’s only multidisciplinary pain clinic for children.

“The chair has also freed me up for planning and scholarship and for linking with other people around the country to incorporate at Children’s what we know is state-of-the-art, while creating the next state-of-the-art.”

Dr. Foster calls an endowed chair “a very special type of investment, and an investment in the future.”

“An endowed chair helps to answer the question ‘what could be?’ – a question that might not otherwise be answered because of the demands we all face in sustaining our vision of quality health care for children,” she says. “It’s a luxury to find space to truly explore the answers.”
Selby’s Chair in Pediatric Cardiology
Supports the Department of Pediatric Cardiology and assists in improving the lives of pediatric heart patients and helping them lead normal and productive lives.

Selby Rickenbaugh lived only six months, but the effect her life has had on thousands of children served by The Children’s Hospital is profound. Selby was born in 1964 with a congenital heart condition that would be treated by transplant today. Unfortunately, she was born before advanced tools and techniques in pediatric cardiology were developed. Her parents, Caroline and Kent Rickenbaugh, saw the loss of their tiny daughter as a sign of their destiny.

“You know, Selby,” Mr. Rickenbaugh once told the heavens, “I think you were born with the problems you were born with to help other children in the future.”

In 1998, after decades of generous philanthropy, leadership and volunteerism at Children’s, the Rickenbaughs established Selby’s Chair in Pediatric Cardiology.

“I believe solely in this institution and in the work that is done by the incredible people here,” said Mrs. Rickenbaugh, who was tragically killed in a plane crash with her husband and their son Bart in 2002. “I believe that what we can only dream of, they can make happen.”

Mrs. Rickenbaugh, who was chair of The Children’s Hospital Foundation Board at the time of her death, truly understood the value of an endowed chair.

Mark Boucek, MD, cardiologist at Children’s and a national leader in pediatric cardiology, holds Selby’s Chair.

“What we learn in our experience treating groups of children changes the care for the individual child,” Dr. Boucek says. “Selby’s Chair provides the time and opportunity to study the groups, and we have applied that to children with heart failure, heart transplant and structural defects that can now be repaired in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab without open-heart surgery.”

Dr. Boucek says holding Selby’s Chair reinforces his commitment to working towards the best outcome for each child with congenital heart disease.

“One of the great families that has supported Children’s chose to make a special effort and create Selby’s Chair,” he says. “Their loss encouraged the generosity to ensure that another family would be spared that grief. I have been honored and accept that charge.”
Hewit/Andrews Chair in Pediatric Liver Disease
Supports research and ensures that clinical trials are made available for children with viral hepatitis and other liver disease.

The Hewit Family Foundation has been a generous contributor to The Children’s Hospital for more than a decade. But when the Hewits’ granddaughter, Renee Andrews, was diagnosed with hepatitis C — a chronic liver disease — the family behind the foundation decided the only way to guarantee her health was to fund research that would be led by a man they knew and trusted. In 2000, Renee’s parents and grandparents established the Hewit/Andrews Chair in Pediatric Liver Disease.

“A cure,” Renee’s mother Christie says, “is the bottom line. That is the ultimate goal, and we believe that Dr. Michael Narkewicz can find it.”

Dr. Narkewicz, Renee’s liver specialist, holds the Hewit/Andrews Chair. Nationally renowned in the field of pediatric clinical care and research, Dr. Narkewicz has used the endowment funding to increase the Pediatric Liver Center’s educational efforts for families and care providers and to perform essential clinical research that benefits patients — research that would be significantly under-funded without the endowment’s income.

“"To provide the best possible care for children with liver disease, we need experts in clinical care, research and education," Dr. Narkewicz says. "The chair has allowed us to provide important services for children that are not adequately funded by clinical or research income. The ongoing financial commitment the chair provides will help to maintain our goal of offering the best care to all of the region’s children.”

"The fact that The Children’s Hospital is regarded as one of the nation’s best pediatric liver centers made it easy for us to decide to fund the endowed chair," Rich Andrews says. "The care Renee has received from everyone at Children’s — the nurses, the doctors, the secretaries — has been outstanding. We want to make sure the program has the resources it needs to only get better, and that’s what funding an endowed chair can do.”

Dr. Narkewicz says he was incredibly humbled to be the first holder of the Hewit/Andrews Chair.

"I am merely the person who happens to hold the chair," he says. "The chair is a symbol of the care provided and the expertise represented by all of the members of the Pediatric Liver Center.”
Kelley Family/Schlessman Family
Scottish Rite Masons Chair
in Childhood Language Disorders

Supports clinical leadership for the Scottish Rite Foundation’s statewide programs in childhood language disorders, as well as the chairholder’s pursuit of national excellence in clinical care and research.

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado has been a champion of more than 10,000 children who, because of the fraternal organization’s financial support, have received much-needed speech, hearing and language therapies over the past 50 years. That commitment will continue indefinitely because the fraternal organization has endowed the Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders at Children’s.

“Our goal is that every child in Colorado who needs speech and language treatment or care will receive it,” says Dwight A. Hamilton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite Masons in Colorado. “With the chair, we hope to perpetuate the Scottish Rite’s ability to fund speech and language services for children forever.”

Since 1953, Scottish Rite has supported such therapies at The Children’s Hospital, giving more than $12 million to Children’s Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Learning Services Department. In the mid-1980s, Children’s helped Scottish Rite expand its support to other programs throughout the state. The Scottish Rite funding benefits patients via financial aid because many insurance companies don’t cover the cost of speech and language therapy or they cover only a limited number of therapy visits. One-third of all children who receive speech, hearing or language therapy at Children’s and nearly 80 percent of those getting care at a specialty care clinic receive Scottish Rite financial aid.

Deborah Hayes, PhD, a national leader in communication disorders in children, holds the chair. The endowment will allow Dr. Hayes to recruit a new administrative director for the department so she can focus on expanding and enriching the Scottish Rite program throughout Colorado.

“I will help establish new clinical programs, as well as investigate other areas of unmet needs in childhood language disorders,” Dr. Hayes says.

She says the recognition associated with an academic chair helps her fulfill a personal goal: to increase the awareness of the significant consequences of childhood communication and learning disorders.

“The chair validates the importance of helping children with these disorders through early diagnosis and treatment – before the disorder turns into a frank disability,” she says.

The chair is named in honor of two greatly admired Masons: the late Rollie Kelley, a long-time member, and Lee Schlessman, who recently received Masonry’s highest honor, the Grand Cross.
Thank You to Our Donors

Tanner Seebaum & Zachary Tschetter Chair in Neuro-Oncology

Supports the Director of Neuro-Oncology and ensures excellence in clinical care, medical education and research to improve the lives of pediatric brain tumor patients.

The Children’s Hospital’s Neuro-Oncology program is regarded as one of the best in the nation. With perpetual funding from the grateful grandparents of two young boys who had brain tumors, the program’s excellence in clinical care, research and education will only increase.

The Tanner Seebaum & Zachary Tschetter Chair in Neuro-Oncology was created in 2002 to strengthen and grow Children’s comprehensive program.

Carol McMurry, grandmother of Tanner Seebaum, and Nicholas Tschetter, MD, grandfather of Zachary Tschetter, spearheaded the effort to establish the chair.

“Keeping the center strong and making it even stronger offer the most hope to Zach and the many children who depend on Children’s for care,” says Dr. Tschetter, a long-standing Denver pediatrician who was formerly president of Children’s medical board. “Establishing this endowment is the most direct way I knew to assure that the department will continue to grow and offer cutting-edge care.”

“Every day we are so thankful for the time we have with our grandsons that we wanted to do something to honor them,” Ms. McMurry says. “At the same time, we wanted to support Dr. Foreman and the Neuro-Oncology program because of the outstanding clinical and research work they do.”

Nicholas Foreman, MD, ChB, Chairholder
Director, Neuro-Oncology,
The Children’s Hospital
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Nicholas Foreman, MD, director of Neuro-Oncology at Children’s, holds the esteemed position. Dr. Foreman, one of only 60 pediatric neuro-oncologists in the world, developed the multidisciplinary program in 1994. Since that time, the program has served nearly 300 patients from across the nation. It treats approximately 50 new patients each year.

“The chair enables the Neuro-Oncology program to grow further – from one of the best in the world to the best and most innovative,” Dr. Foreman says. “It will be as strong in research as in clinical care.”

The perpetual funding will allow Dr. Foreman to enhance Children’s training program; two of the four U.S. fellows in pediatric neuro-oncology train at Children’s. It will also allow for more research in this very specific field.

“Ultimately, the perpetual funding the chair provides will give us the financial stability to improve the quality of life for the kids we see today and for generations to come,” Dr. Foreman says.
Fischahs Chair in Pediatric Rehabilitation

Supports the Chairman in Pediatric Rehabilitation and ensures excellence in clinical care, medical education and research.

Edwin and Dorothy Fischahs lost both of their children to illness before they reached adulthood. Despite their great loss, the hardworking farming couple remained grateful to The Children’s Hospital for the care that Cindy and Sparky received in the 1950s and ’60s. The Fischahs expressed their gratitude by donating their farm to Children’s in their wills.

Children’s sold the land, and $1.5 million of the proceeds established the Fischahs Chair in Pediatric Rehabilitation.

The Fischahs Chair is held by Dennis J. Matthews, MD, chairman and medical director of the Department of Rehabilitation and PPAARDI-in-chief at Children’s. He says the perpetual funding has given him the time and resources to develop the department’s research programs in traumatic brain injury, muscle disease, assistive technology, motion analysis and muscle spasticity.

Lauren Laframboise suffered many serious injuries in an automobile accident in 2001. Specialists in Pediatric Rehabilitation, including physical, speech and occupational therapy, have enabled Lauren to make an amazing recovery and retain abilities that were impaired following the accident.

“We were already one of the best programs in the country,” Dr. Matthews says. “The chair’s perpetual funding will take us to a completely new level of achievement and service and allow us to expand our sphere of influence.”

The Fischahs Chair is the only endowed chair in Pediatric Rehabilitation in the United States, and Dr. Matthews says he’s honored to hold it.

“It’s a strong statement about what the future might hold,” he says. “It gives me the freedom and time to be creative, and creativity in medicine is what will improve care for all children.”

*PPAARDI refers to the hospital’s ancillary medical services in Pathology, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Anesthesiology, Audiology/Speech/Learning, Rehabilitation and Diagnostic Imaging/Radiology.
Time, Dr. Eilert says, is the best gift you can give a busy clinician. "Funding for the chair gives me the time I need to pursue my goals for the department in terms of education and program expansion," he says. "Those extra hours and minutes I can spend thinking about better ways to do things, and mentoring students and staff, will pay off for kids through better care, better techniques and better doctors."

Robert Eilert, MD
Chairholder
Chair, Department of Orthopedics,
The Children’s Hospital
Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Department of Pediatrics,
University of Colorado School of Medicine

Rose Brown was a pioneer who helped establish the city of Aurora, Colorado. Upon her death at age 101, she made a charitable bequest to The Children’s Hospital Department of Orthopedics that allows caregivers and scientists to pioneer the next generation of pediatric orthopedic breakthroughs and improve quality of life for thousands of children.

That gift helped endow the Rose Brown Chair in Pediatric Orthopedics. Robert Eilert, MD, chairman of Orthopedics at Children’s and professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, holds the esteemed chair.

"Children’s Orthopedic program is already regarded as one of the nation’s best programs, and the perpetual funding for the endowed chair will certainly allow us to get even better," Dr. Eilert says. "Because I now have time to mentor our staff, I believe we all will become more creative and innovative in our clinical care and research endeavors."

Tanya Schwartz was born with a dislocated hip, which was not treated properly in her native Russia. Had it not been for the surgeries and care she received at Children’s Department of Pediatric Orthopedics, she likely would have faced a lifetime of disability. Today, 12-year-old Tanya is physically fit. She loves to bike, ski, rollerblade and is the second highest scorer on her school basketball team.

Elisabeth Relin
investing in miracles
Endowments at The Children’s Hospital

Endowment benefactors ensure that The Children’s Hospital continues to be one of the best pediatric health-care institutions in the nation. The foresight and generosity of donors shine through their endowments now and in perpetuity. In this way, each endowment benefactor becomes a part of the healing tradition that was started more than 100 years ago in the tent hospital near Denver’s City Park. At the same time, endowment donors make possible the miracle of new treatments and cures, compassionate caregivers and a hospital with a warm, child-friendly atmosphere.

“Endowments ensure that we have the essential building blocks necessary to create a great children’s hospital of the future. That’s what our forefathers and foremothers did for us — and that’s what we must do for our children and grandchildren.”

—Donald M. Elliman
Chairman, The Children’s Hospital Foundation
fulfilling a vision

Types of Endowments

Named endowment opportunities are available in three strategic support areas: Endowed Chairs, Endowed Fellowships and Endowed Funds.

Endowed Chairs enable the hospital to attract and retain the best specialists in a field. A named chair is the highest honor accorded by The Children’s Hospital and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and is reserved for only the most distinguished senior scientists or clinicians. The endowed chair recognizes and promotes excellence in pediatric medicine and signifies the hospital’s commitment to support that work.

Endowed Chairs may be established with a gift of $1.5 million or more.

Endowed Fellowships enhance the hospital’s ability to compete for the most promising young medical talent. At the same time, they ensure that the community at large has a ready pool of accomplished young doctors to meet society’s increasingly complex health-care needs. Fellowships are generally three-year training programs for physicians who have completed their residencies in a particular specialty, preparing them for an academic career. Interest earned from an endowed fellowship supports the salary of the physician for his or her three-year program and guarantees funding for the fellowship in perpetuity.

Endowed Fellowships may be established with a gift of $500,000 or more.

Endowed Funds provide a perpetual source of stable financial support and ensure the continued excellence of programs at The Children’s Hospital. Endowed funds provide children with world-class, family-centered medical care. They are essential to any fiscally healthy institution, supporting clinical programs, research, education and advocacy. Because the interest earned is available year after year, the children and families we serve benefit for decades after the initial gift is made.

Endowed Funds may be established with a gift of $50,000 or more.

"An endowment allows a single person, with a little thought and a lot of generosity, to profoundly impact the health of children everywhere."

—Roxie Foster, PhD, RN, FAAN, holder of The Children’s Hospital Chair in Pediatric Nursing
While helping his father hang Christmas lights outside, Chance Kittel received a severe electrical burn on his left hand and arm. Chance has undergone many reconstructive surgeries on his hand but he’s never let it slow him down. Chance loves playing football, soccer and basketball. He has also begun participating in the Little Britches Rodeo with his horse, Alkalei.

Chance received life-saving treatment at The Children’s Hospital Burn Center, the only pediatric burn center in the region. Both the Lawless Burn Center Endowment and the Lowe Endowment support the work of Children's Burn Center.

current endowments

Endowed Chairs

**Rose Brown Chair in Pediatric Orthopedics**
Supports the Chairman in Pediatric Orthopedics at The Children's Hospital, maintaining quality clinical care, ongoing research and medical education

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Endowed Funds

Abby Stoddard Lectureship in Neurology Endowment
Provides annual lectureship series in Neurology

Bard Family Endowment
Supports fellowship training in Child Advocacy and Protection

Barrows Endowment
Benefits children who are confined to the hospital during the holidays

Berger-Solano Endowment
Supports preventive care programs and the health and well-being of children

Diana S. Boulter Research Endowment
Supports an annual award to a young investigator

Butterfield Health and Harmony Endowment
Enhances The Children’s Hospital environment by making music a part of the hospital experience for as many patients, family members and staff as possible

The Children’s Hospital Research Endowment
Supports numerous research projects at The Children’s Hospital

Cunningham Research Endowment
Supports clinical research projects at The Children’s Hospital

The Vida F. Ellison Endowment
Supports a wide range of projects at The Children’s Hospital General Clinical Research Center

Eliza Fernie Endowment for Nursing Education
Supports continuing neonatal/critical care through nursing scholarships, research grants and an educational conference

Helen S. Fisher Cancer Research Endowment
Supports cancer research projects

General Research Endowment
Supports various research projects

“This is a place that people in medicine and academics dream of being. Physicians come here to conduct research because the care at Children’s is more innovative than anywhere else in the country.” —Ronald Sokol, MD, director of the Pediatric General Clinical Research Center at Children’s, which receives critical support from the Vida F. Ellison Endowment.
“Without our services, there would be nowhere else for these children to go for essential primary care,” said Julie Degenstein, clinical manager of the Sheridan School-Based Health Center, which in 2001 provided care through more than 3,000 patient visits. Thanks to the Berger-Solano Endowed Fund, which supports preventive care programs and the health and well-being of children, the Sheridan center will serve even more patients in the future through an expanded clinic.

**Horwich Family Endowment**
Funds development of programs and research in adolescent medicine and provides care for adolescents in need

**Scott Hughes Endowment**
Provides camp scholarships for children with kidney disease

**Agnes Tesh Jolly Endowment**
Provides hearing and communication aids to hearing-impaired children

**Lawless Burn Center Endowment**
Provides general support for the Burn Center

**Lowe Endowment**
Supports the Burn Center

**The Lost Park Research Endowment**
Supports research projects at The Children’s Hospital

**Maxwell Rhys Murray Endowment**
Provides funding for continuing education and research in neonatal and perinatal medicine

**Viola D. O’Neil Pediatric Nursing Endowment**
Supports an annual pediatric nursing conference

**Pediatric Pulmonary Training Endowment**
Supports educational opportunities and conferences for Pediatric Pulmonary Fellows

**Marten Ann Poole Endowment**
Provides follow-up care for children who are long-term cancer survivors

**Tracy, Jamie and Brian Postle Endowment**
Provides general support for programs of The Children’s Hospital

**Second Century Endowment**
Provides general support to help sustain The Children’s Hospital

**Shepard Family Endowment**
Supports continuing education for clinical social workers

**Silversmith Research Endowment**
Provides pilot grants to medical researchers, allowing them to pursue new areas of scientific investigation
We found ourselves without funds this year after rent was paid. Without the efforts and concern from everyone involved, we would not have been able to provide gifts to our children.

I cannot thank you enough.”

– Mother of patient hospitalized during the 2001 holiday season, commenting on Snowpile, a “free” store for parents supported by the Barrows Endowment

“I don’t have any money to contribute, but I am very grateful that someone who had the resources thinks this is important to support.”

—Mother whose daughter has hepatitis C, on the establishment of the Hewit/Andrews Chair in Pediatric Liver Disease
How Endowed Funds Work

Endowed funds are held and managed by The Children’s Hospital Foundation. They are invested for both income and growth, with a portion of the return used each year. Endowments are the most reliable assets available to an institution to build and maintain quality over time; no other form of giving addresses Children’s long-term needs more effectively.

Spendable income to support a program or salary, based on the annual rate of return, is distributed annually in accordance with the policies established by The Children’s Hospital Foundation Investment Committee. (Currently, that amount is 5 percent of the average fair market value of the endowed fund.) Additional earnings of the endowment, including realized capital gains, are returned to principal to ensure growth to protect against inflation.

To learn about the many ways to establish an endowment, as well as the tax advantages for the donor, contact Sandy Morrison or Leslie Schaeffer Trento at (720) 917-1700.

Recognizing Miracle Makers

The Children’s Hospital Foundation recognizes the generosity of endowment donors in a number of ways. Donors who establish an endowed chair, endowed fellowship or endowed fund may name the esteemed position for themselves or in honor of a loved one. Each year, donors to the endowment are acknowledged in the Annual Report and select publications of The Children’s Hospital. In addition, all donors will receive permanent recognition in a highly visible location in the new Children’s Hospital facility on the Fitzsimons campus.