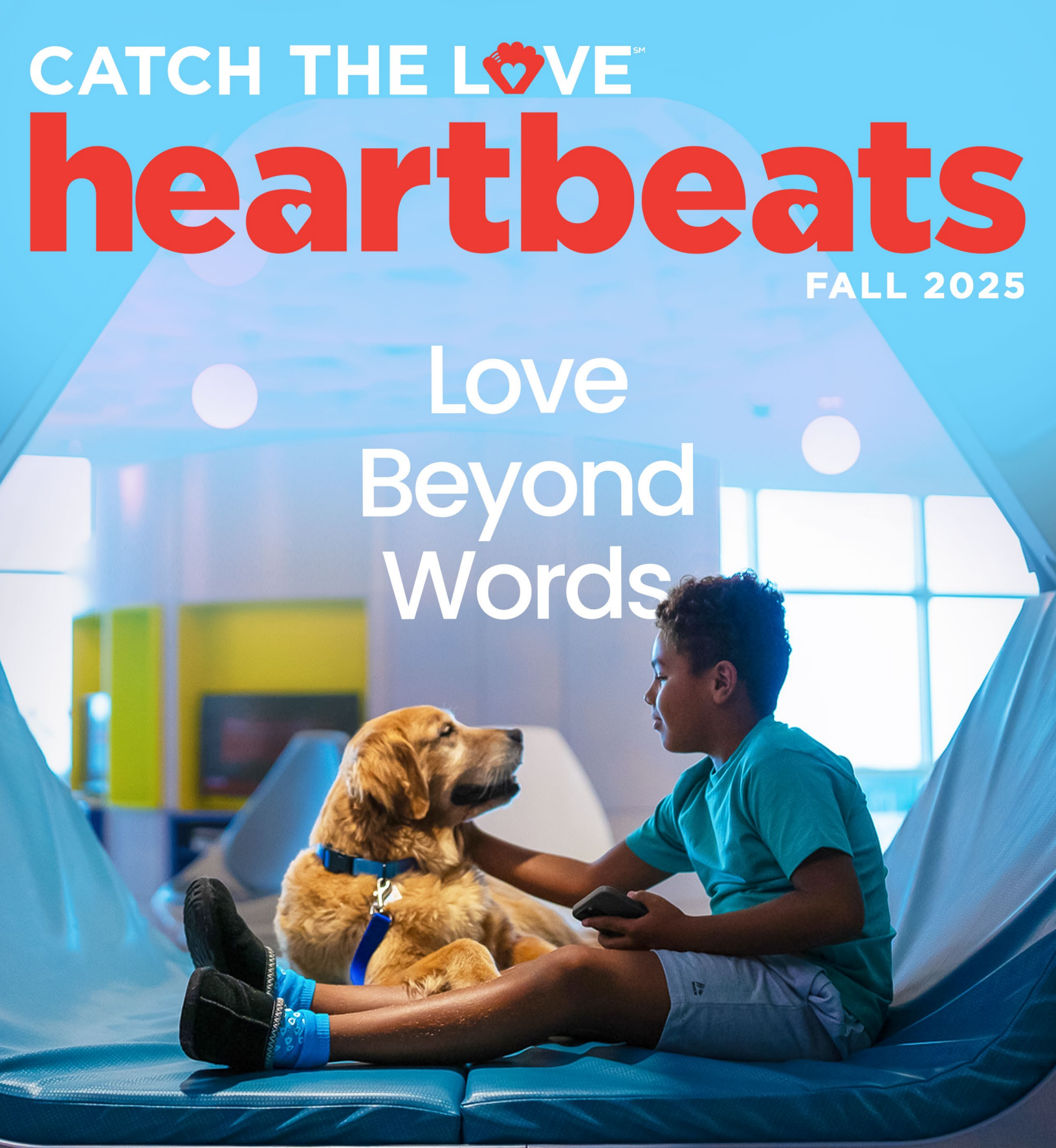


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Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement that I share with you the inaugural edition of **heartbeats**, the official magazine of the **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation**.

As I reflect on my first year here at the Foundation, I'm filled with gratitude. This has been an extraordinary year, filled with powerful stories, generous support, and moments that remind us of the incredible spirit that defines Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. It has been my pleasure to meet with so many patients, families, donors, community partners, and staff, and to see firsthand the impact of your support in action.

From unforgettable experiences like **welcoming Taylor Swift to visit with our patients**, to the daily acts of compassion shown by our doctors, nurses, and staff, our hospital continues to be a place where children and families find hope, healing, and love.

In this issue of **heartbeats**, you will find inspiring stories of **resilience, generosity, and dedication** from patients, families, physicians, community champions, and our own incredible staff. Together, these stories capture the heart of who we are and the difference we can make when we come together.

At Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation, we believe **every child deserves the chance to grow up strong and healthy**. It is only through the generosity of donors like you that this vision becomes a reality. Thank you for **Catching the Love**, sharing your heart, and walking alongside us in this journey.

With gratitude,

Kelley Morris

KELLEY MORRIS
President, Memorial & Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundations





Derek and Charlie Thornhill attend a Panthers hockey game thanks to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation

Guided by Gratitude:

How the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation Inspired a Family's Commitment

After their son's successful cancer treatment, Derek Thornhill joined the Memorial and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation Boards to help ensure other families receive the same hope and support.

When Derek Thornhill relocated his family from California to South Florida in 2022, he never imagined that just a few months later, his five-year-old son Charlie would be diagnosed with leukemia. What began as unexplained joint pain, fatigue and fevers quickly escalated into a life-altering diagnosis of B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

"In an instant, everything changed," Thornhill shared. "Your world narrows to one question—will my child survive this?"

That question led the Thornhills to **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital**, where Charlie was immediately admitted and began treatment under the care of a dedicated pediatric oncology team led by Dr. Brian Cauff. What the family found there was far more than world-class medicine. They found a place that wrapped its arms around them in every way.

"I didn't want to just write a check and walk away...this hospital saved my son's life. I had to do more."

—Derek Thornhill on joining the Memorial and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation Boards



"The care was extraordinary," said Thornhill. "From the doctors and nurses to the volunteers, security guards, child life specialists, even the valet attendants—everyone treated Charlie like he mattered. Not just as a patient, but as a person."

Throughout months of chemotherapy, hospital stays and emergency visits, the Thornhills experienced firsthand how donor-supported programs through the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation transformed intensive medical care into something far more human. While Charlie received rigorous treatment, Child Life specialists and donor-funded experiences brought light to even the darkest days.

From decorated hospital rooms and surprise birthday celebrations to Music Mondays in the 8th floor Child Life Zone, visits from Freedom the therapy dog, and appearances by Lotsy Dotsy the clown, Charlie's care extended far beyond medicine. These experiences didn't just lift Charlie's spirits but also reminded his whole family that they weren't alone.

So moved by the experience, Derek and his wife Lauren made a philanthropic gift in honor of both Charlie and Derek's late father. But for Derek, that still wasn't enough. "I didn't want to just write a check and walk away," he said. "This hospital saved my son's life. I had to do more."

In 2025, Derek joined the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Memorial Foundations Board of Directors, where he currently serves as chair of the gift planning committee and as a member of the finance committee. With more than 25 years of experience in institutional equity sales and wealth planning, including his current role as an Executive Director at J.P. Morgan Private



Charlie and his brother enjoy a visit from Lotsy Dotsy the Clown



The Thornhill family celebrating Charlie's last day of chemotherapy

Bank, Thornhill brings both personal passion and professional insight to the board.

"Derek understands first-hand what families need when facing a pediatric cancer diagnosis," said Kelley Morris, President of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Memorial Foundations. "He's walked the journey as a parent, and now he's helping us ensure that every child receives not just excellent care, but the support and compassion that define our hospital."

In his professional role, Thornhill frequently helps individuals explore how to incorporate philanthropy into their long-term financial and legacy planning. "Many people want to give back but aren't always sure where to start," he said. "When I share what Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital did for my family, it changes the conversation. People want to be part of something that truly matters and sharing my own experience helps others reflect on what matters most to them."

Now in remission, Charlie is healthy, active and starting second grade. He recently had his port removed, one of the final steps in his recovery, and can finally enjoy the simple joys of childhood again, including going to the beach or playing sports without restriction.

"No family ever expects to hear the words 'your child has cancer,' but if it happens, you hope there's a place like Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital to turn to," said Thornhill. "Every child deserves what Charlie received there. And that only happens through the generosity of others. If you're looking for a cause that will change lives, this is it."

To support the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation or learn how philanthropy makes an impact, please scan here or visit us at jdch.com/give





Jeff & Cindy Conine:

A Family Legacy of Love and Leadership

When Jeff Conine arrived in South Florida in 1993 as part of the inaugural Florida Marlins team, fans quickly embraced him as “Mr. Marlin.” While his career on the field would make history, the story he and his wife Cindy were about to write off the field would leave an even deeper mark on the community.

From the beginning, the Conines embraced South Florida as home. They weren’t just looking for wins in the ball-park; they were looking for ways to give back. That opportunity came in 1995, when Jeff and Cindy launched the **Conine All-Star Golf Classic**, with proceeds benefitting Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Building a Home for Families

After three years of success, the Conines decided to direct tournament proceeds to a special project: the Visitor’s Clubhouse, a facility where families could stay free of charge while their child receives treatment at the hospital. Since opening in 1997, the Clubhouse has been a lifeline for families facing the most difficult circumstances.

In 2000, the Conines’ youngest son was born two months premature. After an extended stay at a local hospital, he was discharged, only to develop a serious virus that required specialized care. The Conines turned to Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital, and Cindy stayed at the Visitor’s Clubhouse for nine days while their son fought off the illness.

“Cindy and I know firsthand the importance of being close to the hospital and to your child,” Jeff said. “The Clubhouse provides all the amenities of a hotel but, more importantly, gives families a temporary place to call home when they need it most.”

From Visitor’s Clubhouse to Conine Clubhouse

In 2003, following the Marlins’ World Series Championship, the Visitor’s Clubhouse was renamed the **Conine Clubhouse** in honor of Jeff and Cindy’s leadership and fundraising efforts, which had already surpassed \$1 million. The renaming was not just a celebration of their generosity, but also recognition of the authenticity of their commitment.



Champions On and Off the Field

Since then, the Conines have continued to work tirelessly to sustain and expand the Clubhouse through the annual Conine All-Star Golf Classic. To date, the event has raised more than **\$8.5 million**, fully covering the annual operating expenses of the facility.

More than **25,750 families** have stayed at the Conine Clubhouse since its opening, each one finding comfort, stability, and community during their child’s care.

The Golf Classic has become a beloved South Florida tradition, drawing athletes, celebrities, and community leaders. Yet for Jeff and Cindy, the impact goes far beyond fundraising totals. They are present, engaged, and hands-on, bringing the same authenticity to their philanthropy that Jeff once brought to the baseball diamond.

A Family Tradition of Service

That spirit of service is one they’ve passed on to their children, who have grown up as part of this journey. From volunteering at the Golf Classic to advocating for the Clubhouse mission, the Conine children are helping to ensure that their family’s legacy of giving continues for years to come. “It’s not just about us anymore,” Jeff reflects. “It’s about showing our kids that when you’re in a position to help, you do it, and you keep doing it year after year.”

More Than a Name, A Legacy

For 30 years, Jeff and Cindy Conine have been more than supporters of Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital. They have been partners in its mission, champions for its families, and role models for the community. “Baseball was such a huge part of our lives,” Jeff says. “But this, this is our legacy.”

And for every parent who has found comfort in the Conine Clubhouse, that legacy has made all the difference.



Quick Facts:
The Conine Clubhouse

Opened: May 1997

Location: Adjacent to Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital

Rooms: 27 private bedrooms, family suites, living room, playroom, and laundry

Families served: More than 25,750 since opening

Cost: Free of charge to families, thanks to donor support

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A Heart for Children: Dr. Svetlana Shugh's Lifesaving Mission

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital's pediatric cardiac program combines cutting-edge treatments, comprehensive clinics, and family-centered care. Dr. Svetlana Shugh shares a unique insight into this life-saving department.

At Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, some of the most complex and delicate work occurs every day: caring for children with heart conditions such as cardiomyopathy and heart failure. At the center of this life-saving work is **Dr. Svetlana Shugh, MD, FAAP, Medical Director of the Pediatric Cardiac Transplant, Heart Failure, and Cardiomyopathy Services**, as well as the **Ventricular Assist Device Program and Co-Director of the Comprehensive Neuromuscular Center**, whose compassion and expertise guides families through some of the most difficult moments of their lives. She specializes in the treatment of children with heart failure, cardiomyopathy, mechanical circulatory support (MCS), ventricular assist devices (VADs), and cardiac transplantation. She also provides care for patients with neuromuscular disorders and cardiac involvement, such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.



Tell us about your work at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital:

I am a pediatric cardiologist specializing in the care of patients with cardiomyopathy, heart failure, including those who may require a heart transplant, and patients supported on a ventricular assist device (VAD). A VAD is an implantable heart pump that works to support the heart and body until a transplant becomes possible.

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital was the first pediatric center in Florida to implant the HeartMate 3 device and is one of few centers in the state of Florida that offers VAD support such as the Berlin Heart, Pedimag/Centrimag, Impella, and HeartMate 3 VADs for children with end-stage heart failure, and heart transplantation. The HeartMate 3 VAD also allows patients to go home, rehabilitate, regain strength, and stay engaged in their communities while waiting for a heart transplant.

Our team's care extends to also supporting patients with complex congenital heart disease. We care for patients ranging from newborns to young adults. We work closely with the entirety of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Heart Institute, from the growing fetal program to complex congenital heart surgery, incorporating advanced imaging, electrophysiology, and cardiac catheterization to provide the best care possible to our patients and families. I am incredibly proud to be part of this dedicated team.

What inspired you to become a physician?

My grandmother was a physician in Russia. My family immigrated to the United States when I was a young child, and growing up, I heard many stories about my grandmother caring for patients. If someone was too sick to come to her, she would make house calls. If her clinic closed in the evening but there were still people waiting to be seen, even when other staff would leave, she would stay until the last person was treated. She was selfless, with a true gift for providing care when people needed it most, and she always went above and beyond. Hearing those stories throughout my childhood inspired me to pursue a career in medicine. I knew early on that I wanted to go into pediatrics, and as I progressed through training, I fell in love with cardiology. During my

fellowship, I began caring for children with heart failure—kids whose hearts were no longer working properly. In those moments, I realized this was my calling: to support these patients, help improve their quality of life, and be there for them and their families every step of the way.

What is an accomplishment of which you are most proud?

One subset of the patients I care for are those with neuromuscular disorders who also have cardiac involvement, such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, or Friedreich Ataxia. In October 2022, our team at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital launched the Comprehensive Neuromuscular Center for patients with cardiac involvement. This multidisciplinary clinic had not previously existed at the hospital, and I worked closely with administration, as well as leadership from the cardiac, pulmonary and neurology departments to create this program within the Heart Institute. This multidisciplinary clinic allows patients to be seen by multiple specialists in a single day. These patients not only face cardiac issues but have many additional complex medical needs requiring ongoing care. I truly feel for them and the challenges faced in obtaining competent, comprehensive, and accessible care. Through this clinic, we bring together a full team in one day — including a cardiomyopathy specialist, a neurologist, a pulmonologist, a palliative care physician, neurodevelopmental psychologist, a dietitian, a social worker, and a physical therapist.

How do you handle the emotional side of treating children who are sick and vulnerable? How do you cope with that to get through your day?

There are definitely good and bad days in my line of work. It's often a journey of ups and downs where we celebrate victories and milestones with patients and their families but also support each other through challenges or share in the sorrow when outcomes aren't what we hoped for. I have three kids, so there are many things that hit close to home, but I think it also lets you connect with the families more — like when I tell them I'm worried about something, there's an understanding — they know I'm worried not just as the doctor, but also, from a mom's point-of-view. I feel that I can provide additional support to families during challenging times, not just from the medical, but also from the emotional side.

What new medical advancements are you excited about?

There are new medications for heart failure. For example, some pediatric patients who in the past may have been considered to need transplants

can potentially now be managed with medications that keep their hearts stable, either delaying the need for heart transplantation, or potentially eliminating it. Living with a child's own heart is preferred as long as possible, with the option for heart transplantation later, if needed. Advances in devices have also helped—new heart pumps are available, some fully implantable and others placed through catheter procedures, avoiding open heart surgery. For patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, gene therapy was approved in 2023 which has led to significant functional improvement in children with regards to mobility and walking. Overall, we're seeing real progress: new medications, improved heart pump devices, breakthroughs in gene therapy, and targeted treatments with more individualized care.

Do you have a favorite quote or book or philosophy that kind of inspires you and motivates you?

Yes — "Bring the right people together, and you will make great things happen." I heard this early on in my training, and it really resonated with me — The idea that having the right team working together, where each person's contributions are valued, and a collaborative outcome is impactful and successful.

What advice would you share with a young person who aspires to become a physician?

The field of medicine is exciting. It's life changing. You become a part of your patients' lives, and they become a part of yours. It's hard work, and you have to be adaptable. As the field changes, you need to keep up with advancements and continue to learn, grow, and teach. Lastly, there will always be demands on your time from work, family, friends, etc., so don't forget to take care of yourself!



Dr. Shugh's connection and dedication to her patients and their families is a cornerstone of her care.



Taylor, We Were Enchanted to Meet You

An unforgettable visit for our patients and a lasting impression made on all of our hearts



This summer, superstar **Taylor Swift** surprised the patients at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital with an **enchanting visit**. The trail-blazing artist spent time with our patients, their families, and our medical teams, making it a day we'll always remember – and **making the whole place shimmer**.



Even our doctors were excited to meet Taylor!

Thank you, Taylor! We had the best day with you.



Team Players Give Monthly

Join the
Team!

At **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital**, every day brings new stories of hope, healing, and resilience. Behind each story are generous supporters who help make these moments possible. One of the most impactful ways you can support our patients and families is by **becoming a monthly donor**.

When you give monthly, you are more than a donor. **You become a trusted teammate in every child's care.** Your recurring gift ensures that resources are always available when children and families need them most, providing **comfort, innovation, and life-saving care.**



The Power of Monthly Giving

Consistent impact:

Monthly gifts provide a steady and reliable stream of support, allowing us to plan ahead and expand critical programs for our patients.

Simplicity:

You choose an amount that fits your budget, and your donation is made automatically each month.

Big results from small steps:

Even modest monthly contributions add up over time to create extraordinary impact.



What Your Monthly Giving Supports

When you become a Team Player, you're making sure no child misses out on the support that turns treatment into healing and a hospital into a second home. Your monthly donation helps fund vital, non-insurance-covered services, including:

Integrative Services

Pet Therapy, Music & Art Therapy, Gaming, and Yoga to ease anxiety and lift spirits during treatment.

Conine Clubhouse

Free lodging so families can stay close during the toughest times.

Emergency Financial Assistance

Helping families cover essentials like rent and utilities, so they can focus on their child's care.

Innovative Equipment & Pediatric Education/Research

From NICU NicView Cameras to advanced simulation tools that elevate care and train tomorrow's specialists.

Your monthly support helps us care for every child like our own — mind, body, and heart.



Exclusive Benefits for Our Sustainers

As a member of our monthly giving team, you'll enjoy:

- **A personalized welcome and thank-you from our team**
- **Special updates and inspiring patient stories delivered straight to your inbox**
- **Early access to behind-the-scenes content and impact highlights**

By giving monthly, you are helping us create healing moments every single day for the children of today and the families of tomorrow.

To join our Monthly Giving Team, please scan here or visit us at jdch.com/give





More Than "Extras"

Our integrative care model combines evidence-based therapies that reduce stress, minimize treatment side effects, and improve outcomes. These programs are not "nice to have." They are essential to the healing process.

A multidisciplinary team of specialists brings these therapies to life, including:

- **Music Therapists** who use rhythm and song to ease anxiety and pain
- **Art Therapists** who help children express what words cannot
- **Yoga and Dance/Movement Therapists** who restore body confidence and control
- **Pet Therapy Teams** who deliver unconditional comfort
- **Clown Therapy** that turns fear into laughter
- **Gaming and Technology Specialists** who keep kids connected to childhood interests
- **Child Life Specialists** who guide families and advocate for each child's needs

The results are powerful. Children need less medication, spend fewer days in the hospital, and carry less trauma with them as they continue their journey.



The Healing Power of Play:

How Generosity Creates Miracles Beyond Medicine

Each year, **more than 100,000 young lives** are touched by programs at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital that exist only because of donor support.

We know that illness and hospitalization affect children and families in every way: physically, emotionally, socially, and financially. Medicine treats disease, but what addresses the fear, the isolation, and the disruption to a child's sense of normalcy?

Because of our generous donors, we can answer that question with confidence through our **Power of Play (P.O.P.) Program** and **Child Life and Creative Arts Programs**.

These therapeutic services **transform the hospital experience** from something children endure into something that actively promotes healing, resilience, and hope.

Healing Beyond Medicine

Every child who enters our doors benefits from these programs, whether for emergency care, surgery, or ongoing treatment. Consider the following:

- **A 4-year-old facing surgery** who finds calm in art therapy, drawing pictures to share her fears
- **A teen with a chronic condition** who gains strength through music therapy, writing songs about his story
- **A sibling who processes anxiety** through play therapy while their brother or sister receives care

These moments of connection, creativity, and joy do more than brighten the hospital stay. They play a vital role in healing.



Partnership in Miracle

Every time a child walks through our doors, scared and overwhelmed, they find more than medical expertise. They discover a community committed to protecting childhood, honoring individuality, and supporting entire families.

That is only possible because of donors who believe that the most powerful medicine is sometimes delivered not through an IV, but through a paintbrush, a therapy dog's nuzzle, or a clown's silly joke that makes a child laugh again.

Thank you for making these miracles possible— one child, one family, one moment at a time.



The **Power of Play & Child Life Programs** are made possible through the generosity of donors like you. To support these life-giving programs, please scan here or visit us at jdch.com/give



Philanthropy by the Numbers

The impact of every dollar for our patients and families

Thanks to generous support from donors like you, we were able to fund the following crucial services and programs:



\$14M+

2024 Philanthropic Funding That Helped Provide...

Life-Saving

Care & Critical Infrastructure Initiatives



Emergency Assistance to over 300 families



Medical Equipment



Impacting Care through Renovations to the Emergency Department, Conine Clubhouse and other key hospital areas

Supportive

Programs & Initiatives



Meal Coupons providing over 2,400 meals to families in need



Provided Accommodations for more than 1,300 families at the Conine Clubhouse



Child-Life & Power of Play activities for patients such as yoga, music & art therapy, and humor therapy



Pet Therapy with Unlimited Comforting Snuggles, Tail Wags, Wet Noses, Furry Hugs, Unspoken understanding, & Love without words





Support System

A Conversation with Marcy Horowitz, MSW, LCSW, Manager of Social Work

What is your role at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital?

I manage a team of 21 social workers, overseeing their daily work with patients and families. I get involved in complex cases, collaborating with doctors, nurses and administration to arrange and attend family meetings to provide support and guidance when needed. I use my years of experience to help navigate difficult situations and ensure the needs of the patients and families are met.

Tell us a little about your background.

I'm originally from New York—I grew up on Long Island and moved to Florida in 1993. I earned my master's degree in social work at Adelphi University on Long Island, a certification in family therapy from Downstate Medical Center, and later completed a certificate in Social Work Administration at Hunter College. I spent 12 years working in a hospital setting in New York, primarily in pediatrics. After moving to Florida, I took some time off to raise my children before returning to the field. I have now been working full-time at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital for 17 years and am forever grateful for being able to help the patients, their families, and the community that we serve.

What inspired you to become a social worker?

The reason I chose social work goes back to when I was 16 years old. My family was going through a challenging time, and as the older sister in the family, I took on a lot of responsibility for my younger sibling. That experience showed me how important it is to have support during difficult times, and it inspired me to pursue a career of helping others. By the time I finished high school, I

knew social work was the path for me. Later, when I applied to an expedited master's program, my interviewers recognized the depth of my experience and admitted me directly into the expedited one-year track instead of a typical two-year master's program. I have followed my dream. My career working at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital has fulfilled me in ways that have far exceeded my expectations.

When does a social worker become involved with a patient's care?

Each patient admitted to the hospital including families of NICU patients are screened. Not all need services but we simply check in, introduce ourselves and leave contact information in case their circumstances change and they need our help. Our team provides emotional support to those struggling with adjusting to hospitalization and situations where their emotional well-being is fragile. We are also able to offer support with financial needs, housing concerns and food insecurity, by providing community resources that can help with these needs.

Can you share a success story—one that has stayed with you?

We're also fortunate to see many success stories. Many children often make remarkable recoveries. I was involved with a child who came in with life-threatening injuries from a car accident. After a long journey through treatment and rehabilitation he was eventually able to walk out of the hospital on his own. Moments like that are truly inspiring. Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is an amazing place to work and it's a privilege to witness those stories of resilience and recovery.

How do you cope with the emotional toll that comes with the job?

I have always told myself it is okay to cry and for the families to know that I understand their grief. Because it is sad, and you have to feel it. These are families going through very difficult situations. I don't minimize their pain, but I know that I have to take care of myself to do this type of work.



"The day I stop crying and stop caring is the day I should no longer do this work... You have to feel it."

Leave a Legacy of Love.

Your generosity today can create brighter tomorrows for children and families at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

Planned gifts — whether through a will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy — ensure that every child has access to exceptional care, hope, and healing for generations to come. When you include the Foundation in your estate plans, you become part of our **Dream Builders Society** — a community of visionaries whose foresight builds a healthier future for children. No matter the size, your legacy gift makes a lasting difference.

Ways to Leave a Lasting Legacy

- **Include the Foundation in your will or trust.** A simple bequest can make a powerful impact.
- **Name the Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy.** These gifts can often be made without affecting your current income.
- **Create a Charitable Gift Annuity.** Receive fixed income for life while supporting the hospital's mission.
- **Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust.** Generate income for yourself or loved ones, with the remainder going to children's health care.
- **Make a gift of appreciated stock or other securities.** This can provide tax advantages while supporting pediatric care.
- **Donate real estate or personal property.** Assets such as a home, land, or valuable collectibles can become powerful gifts.
- **Set up a Donor-Advised Fund.** Support the hospital over time with flexible giving options.
- **Gift from your IRA.** If you are 70½ or older, direct your required minimum distribution to the Foundation and reduce your taxable income.

Together, we can ensure that families always find expert care and love when they need it most.

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