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## Dear Friends,

Each day across Memorial Healthcare System and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, I am reminded that behind every moment of care is a community of people who make it possible.

That community includes our physicians and caregivers, who show up with extraordinary skill and compassion—and it includes our donors, whose generosity helps ensure that patients and families receive the very best we can offer. Together, we are shaping what care looks like today, and what it can become for the future.

In this issue of **heartbeats**, you will see the many ways that generosity comes to life. From advancing programs like pediatric sports medicine, to supporting innovation, education, and compassionate care across our system, philanthropy continues to expand what is possible for those we serve.

Just as meaningful are the connections that grow from these efforts. We are seeing more patients and families choose to stay engaged after their care, finding purpose in giving back and supporting others on a similar journey. It is a privilege to be part of that continued connection—to help turn gratitude into lasting impact.

This is a time of continued growth for our Foundations. We are strengthening the ways we engage with our community, deepening relationships, and building a future where philanthropy plays an even greater role in advancing care across Memorial.

Thank you for being part of this work, and for all the ways you help bring hope, healing, and possibility to our patients and families.

With gratitude,

*Kelley Morris*

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Taylor and her family today, years after her successful treatment at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

# A Patient Turned Philanthropist

Taylor Gunther Healey's Journey Inspires Corporate Giving

The halls of a hospital carry memories, some heavy and some transformative. For Taylor Gunther Healey, director of philanthropy for Gunther Motor Company, those memories were once filled with fear and uncertainty. At 17, she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

Today, walking the halls of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital feels completely different. Gratitude and purpose have replaced fear, and the experience drives both her family and the company's philanthropy.

Taylor's diagnosis came suddenly. Weeks before her senior year of high school, after returning from a summer trip to Europe, relentless exhaustion and illness sent her to the doctor. Initial tests suggested mono, but blood work revealed a far more serious problem. She remembers her doctor kneeling in front of her. "You have cancer and it is bad," he said. She had no idea the disease had been growing in her body for months.

What followed were more than two years of intensive treatment. Determined not to let cancer take more than it already had, Taylor promised herself she would finish her senior year, attend prom and graduate with her class. Chemotherapy and hospital stays were woven between classes

and milestones, but she kept that promise.

Taylor's freshman year of college was spent at home. When she moved to South Carolina for her sophomore year, she flew back nearly every weekend for spinal taps, bone marrow tests and other critical procedures in Miami. She went into remission quickly and stayed there. But the aggressive treatment that saved her life caused long-term effects, including multiple hip replacements beginning at age 20.

"I had 17 healthy years before cancer," Taylor said. "When I looked around the pediatric floor and saw babies and toddlers who had never known anything but hospital rooms, that perspective changed me. If they could fight, I knew I could fight too."

Today, Taylor is a wife, mother of three energetic boys and a leader at Gunther Motor Company, her family's business is one of South Florida's most respected automotive groups. Seven years ago, she took on leadership of the company's charitable efforts, bringing the same purpose that guided her recovery.

"It is not about meeting a quota or giving because it is expected," she says. "We give where we see the greatest impact. We choose initiatives that resonate with us as a family and a company."

17-year-old Taylor was determined to not allow her diagnosis to define her, fighting through to graduate with her class and attend prom.



**"They care about the whole child, not just the diagnosis."**



*—Taylor on returning to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital with her own child.*

That focus led to a partnership with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation, which began in 2019. Support has grown steadily, from the hospital's expansion campaign to sponsorship of holiday decorations for the past three years. For Taylor, these efforts carry personal significance. "Holidays do not stop just because you are in the hospital," she says. "They keep going. Just because you are sick does not mean Christmas or Thanksgiving pauses."

Taylor recalls being readmitted one Thanksgiving night with a high fever, leaving her family's celebration behind. "The holidays matter," she says. "They matter to families who are enduring the hardest times. We want them to know they are not forgotten."

Taylor's connection to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital grew even stronger when a family friend's teenage son was diagnosed with the same leukemia she once fought. Watching his journey, from port placement to hospital stays, a relapse and a bone marrow transplant, she was flooded with memories. "Standing outside his hospital room, I realized I had been in that bed once," she says. "That experience is ingrained in me forever. It fuels why I give."

Taylor's philanthropic vision extends beyond seasonal initiatives. Gunther Motor Company steps in whenever programs need extra support. "Our partnership is not a one-time thing," she said. "We are committed to Joe DiMaggio Children's"



Taylor and her family attend a Florida Panthers game with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

Hospital and to supporting them for years because their work never stops."

The company, like many others in the community, supports programs that protect childhood even amid medical crises. Those initiatives include prom events for teens undergoing treatment, therapy animal visits, art and music programs, and interactive play areas in the hospital's Child Life Center. "Corporate philanthropy is not just writing a check," Taylor explains. "It is standing alongside an organization, supporting its mission and helping make their work possible. Without community and business support, programs that let kids be kids when they need it simply could not happen."

Taylor recently returned to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital as a mother, sitting in the orthopedic office while her son was fitted for a cast after a baseball injury. She remembered the heaviness hospital corridors can bring, but this time it was entirely different. Warmth, laughter, Child Life specialists, therapy dogs and smiling children filled the space.

"It does not even smell like a hospital," she adds. "They care about the whole child, not just the diagnosis."

That philosophy sets the hospital apart in her eyes. "Medicine is critical and excellence is expected, but the emphasis on protecting childhood even in the hardest moments is what truly distinguishes Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital," Taylor adds. "When I see the smiles in those hallways, that is where you see the impact. That is what giving does."

For Taylor, hospitals once symbolized fear and uncertainty but now represent meaning and gratitude. "It is a full circle experience for me," she says.

To support the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation or to learn more about the impact of philanthropy, please scan here or visit [jdch.com/give](https://jdch.com/give)





# The Power of Play

A Conversation with Shannon Bajwa,  
Director of Child Life and Creative Arts

## What inspired you to pursue a career in child life services?

I started out pursuing nursing, but during my coursework I volunteered at a children's hospital and was introduced to child life. The moment I experienced it, something just clicked. It combined everything I was drawn to—helping people, working with children, and being part of a care team—but in a way that focused on the emotional and developmental needs of the child. That's where my journey really began.

## What is the goal of child life services for a child entering the hospital?

Our goal is to reduce fear and anxiety and help children cope with the hospital experience. For most children, fear comes from not understanding what's happening. From the moment a child arrives, we try to shift the environment from something intimidating to something more familiar and engaging.

We also take complex medical information and break it down into something developmentally appropriate, while giving children coping strategies like guided imagery, breathing techniques, or distraction. It's about giving them a sense of control in a situation where they often feel like they have none.

## How do you help young patients feel comfortable when they're scared or in pain?

It starts with trust. We take the time to explain what's going to happen in a way they can understand, often showing them the tools or equipment so it's not unfamiliar.

Beyond preparation, we stay with them. We coach them through procedures, encourage deep breathing, use distraction techniques, and sometimes simply hold their hand. Having someone there just for them can make a tremendous difference in how they experience that moment.

## What are some ways you create comfort and a sense of normalcy for a child in the hospital?

Play is the foundation of everything we do. It's how children communicate, how they learn, and how they process their experiences.

Whether it's art, music, gaming, or interactive programming, we try to bring elements of a child's everyday life into the hospital. For children who can't leave their rooms, programming is broadcast live to them so they can still participate, connect, and feel less alone.

## What have you learned about how children cope with fear and uncertainty?

Children are incredibly resilient, but they need to be given the tools and the space to process what's happening. When we take the time to explain things in a way they understand and provide coping strategies, they're capable of handling far more than we sometimes expect.

They also teach us a lot about courage. Even in difficult situations, children find ways to adapt and even find moments of joy.

## Can you share a memorable moment where your approach made a difference?

One experience that really stayed with me involved a teenage patient who was extremely anxious about her upcoming surgery, especially having her IV administered. I helped ease her fears by showing her what an IV looked like and explaining what to expect.

Although she was still nervous, I brought in a therapy dog to help her relax. She focused on petting the dog during the IV and handled it with confidence. I stayed with her through everything, and when it was time for surgery, she asked me to walk with her into the operating room. I held her hand until she fell asleep.

When she woke up, she asked for me again, and I continued supporting her. Later, her family shared how meaningful that support was and even made a donation to the Foundation in my honor. That experience really shows the impact of being there for a patient from beginning to end.

## What makes Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital unique in creating a more comforting experience for children?

What truly sets us apart is the level of commitment to patient- and family-centered care. That philosophy isn't just something we talk about—it's something that's practiced at every level.

There is a deep understanding that healing isn't just physical. Emotional well-being is just as important, and programs like ours are valued accordingly. The emphasis on the power of play, creativity, and connection allows us to create an environment where children can still be children—even in the middle of a hospital experience.

## How do therapy-based and innovative programs fit into your approach?

Not every child responds the same way, so having multiple avenues—like music, art, yoga, gaming, and animal-assisted therapy—allows us to meet children where they are. These programs support emotional expression, coping, and even physical recovery.

We're also proud of some of the innovative programs we've introduced. For example, children who need to be in isolation can use a robot to participate in activities remotely and stay connected. We're also developing a "Power of Play" app that will allow patients to choose toys and activities from their rooms.

In addition, we offer the CATCH program—Creating a Therapeutic, Calming Hospitalization—for neurodivergent patients, where we tailor the environment and approach to each child's specific needs.

## You've spent nearly two decades at the hospital—what has kept you committed to this work?

My role has evolved quite a bit over the years. I started at the bedside and now oversee programs that touch nearly every patient who comes through our doors. While I sometimes miss those one-on-one moments, I've come to really value the ability to build programs and teams that can impact so many children.

What's kept me here is the impact we see every day. To be able to bring even a small sense of comfort, safety, or joy to children and their families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives is incredibly meaningful.

That work has also grown because of the support we've had from leadership and philanthropy. When what you do is truly valued, it allows you to reach more patients and create a deeper impact.



# Leading with Heart:

## Barkov's Greatest Assist Is Giving Back to the Next Generation of Athletes



For Florida Panthers Captain **Aleksander "Sasha" Barkov**, leadership has never been confined to the ice. It is something quieter, more enduring, measured not only in goals and assists, but in the lives he touches beyond the rink.

That sense of purpose came into sharp focus the day he announced **a significant seven-figure philanthropic gift to the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation**, an investment that will expand pediatric orthopedic and sports medicine care for thousands of young athletes across South Florida.

But for Barkov, the moment was about far more than a milestone donation. It was personal.

"My relationship with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is one of the greatest highlights of my life. It is an incredible institution taking care of children in the South Florida community and beyond," said Sasha Barkov. "I truly appreciate the efforts of the entire medical and administrative staff that work every single day to improve the lives of kids," shared Barkov, reflecting on his relationship with the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital that has grown steadily over the years.

That relationship began in 2019, in a way that feels almost understated given what it would become. After scoring a hat trick

during a game, he was awarded \$1,000 from an NHL sponsor to donate to a charity of his choice and he sought guidance from his agent, Todd Diamond, on where it might have the greatest impact. He was introduced to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and quickly knew he wanted to be part of it.

What started as a single act of giving and kindness evolved into something deeper: a long-term commitment to a community that had come to feel like home.

Drafted by the Panthers in 2013, Barkov arrived in South Florida focused simply on making the team. Over time, as his role grew and he was named captain in 2018, so did his understanding of what it meant to lead, not just within the organization, but within the community that embraced him.

"It became clear to me that I wanted to do everything I could and give something back to the community that I grew so fond of," Barkov said.

Today, that commitment is etched into the very fabric of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. In recognition of Sasha's gift, Barkov's name has been added to the Sports Medicine Program [U18] at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, a distinction that reflects both his generosity and his belief in the power of healing through movement.

At the Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18], young athletes at all levels receive specialized care for both acute injuries and chronic conditions, helping them safely return to the sports they love. The team serves as physicians for U.S. Figure Skating, USA Wrestling, and Olympic athletes, and exclusively provides athletic training services to 29 public high schools in Broward County, supporting more than 18,000 student athletes. A national leader in pediatric orthopedics, the program was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the 2025-2026 Best Children's Hospitals for Orthopedics.

"It is because of the extraordinary generosity of donors, especially Sasha Barkov, that we can ensure our patients have access to the highest level of care



Barkov vs. "Barkov" in a game of air hockey in the Child Life Zone at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital

"During my hardest days, it is the Joe DiMaggio kids that gave me the inspiration to push myself... **They are some of my heroes.**"



*—Sasha Barkov on the resilience of the patients at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital*

and the encouragement they need to thrive," said Kelley Morris, President of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation and Memorial Foundation. "Through philanthropy, we surround patients and families with exceptional care and meaningful support every step of the way. For the young athletes we serve, recovery is about more than healing an injury; it's about rebuilding confidence, rediscovering the joy of sport, and returning stronger both physically and emotionally."

For Barkov, the mission resonates on a deeply personal level.

Earlier this season, he experienced his first major injury requiring surgery, an unfamiliar and difficult chapter in an otherwise remarkable career. It was during that recovery that his connection to the hospital's patients became even more profound.

"During my hardest days, it is the Joe DiMaggio kids that I have met over the years that gave me the inspiration to push myself," Barkov said. "They are some of my heroes."

It is a striking reversal: a professional athlete, admired by thousands, drawing strength from the resilience of children facing challenges far greater than his own.

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Sasha Barkov and the talented team of doctors who will be treating patients in the Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18].



Sasha Barkov and JDCH patients and families enjoying a Florida Panthers game from the Barkov suite (top).

(From left) Kelley Morris, Sasha Barkov, Beth-Ann Krimsky, and Caitlin Stella at the announcement of the Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18] (below).

That mutual inspiration is something hospital leadership sees firsthand. Barkov's visits, offering high-fives, sharing a smile, or simply being present, all carry a significance that extends beyond the moment.

"Sasha's been a long-time supporter of our patients here at the hospital. We have had the joy of watching him lift trophies and spirits! Our patients feel connected to Sasha, and a visit or high-five from him can change their emotional experience here," said Caitlin Stella, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. "His support allows our teams to continue leading and advancing pediatric sports medicine, getting children back to the activities they enjoy, with the inspiration and namesake of a Captain that leads with love and humility."

Barkov's support of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital has taken many forms. Throughout the NHL season, he pledges a donation for each of his game-day goals and assists, and he regularly provides families with the opportunity to attend Panthers games, creating moments of joy and normalcy during difficult times.

Still, adding Barkov's name to the sports medicine program represents something uniquely meaningful, not only for the hospital, but for Barkov himself.

**"I can't really put into words what it means to me and my family to have our name on the Sports Medicine program,"** Barkov said.

There is a quiet symmetry to it. A young boy from Finland who once dreamed of playing in the NHL now helps ensure that children, many facing their own physical challenges, can return to the sports and activities they love.

In many ways, this is what leadership looks like at its most authentic. Not just achievement, but contribution. Not just visibility, but impact.

And for the young patients who pass through the doors of the Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18], it means something even more immediate: the chance to heal, to rebuild, and to believe that their own dreams are still within reach.

As Barkov put it, with characteristic humility, "Together, I hope we will continue to make this **a place where kids can come and heal and reach even greater heights and achieve their dreams,** just as I have been so fortunate to do."



Sasha Barkov brings the King Clancy Trophy to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital to share his victory with the patients and their families.

# Keeping Young Athletes in the Game:

## Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Orthopedic Center's Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18]

For young athletes, sports are more than just games. They are a source of confidence, discipline, and community. But as participation in competitive sports continues to grow and seasons stretch year-round, so does the risk of injury. At Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, the Orthopedic Center's Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18] is designed to meet this need, delivering specialized care that helps student-athletes recover safely, prevent future injuries, and return to doing what they love.

### A Specialized Approach for Growing Bodies

Children and teens are not simply "small adults." Their bones, muscles, and growth plates require a highly specialized approach to care. Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital's Orthopedic Center's multidisciplinary sports medicine team, including pediatric orthopedic surgeons, primary care sports medicine physicians, physical therapists, and athletic trainers, deliver coordinated, age-appropriate care tailored to each patient.

From common injuries like sprains, strains, and fractures to more complex conditions such as ligament tears and overuse injuries, the program provides comprehensive services designed specifically for athletes under 18.

### From Sidelines to Comeback

A defining strength of the program is its coordinated, end-to-end approach. Whether an injury occurs during practice, competition, or training, athletes benefit from:

- Prompt evaluation and diagnosis
- Access to advanced imaging and treatment options
- Individualized rehabilitation plans
- Clear, clinically guided return-to-play protocols

The focus extends beyond recovery, ensuring each athlete returns to sport safely, confidently, and prepared for long-term performance.



### Meeting Athletes Where They Are

Through its partnership with various public school districts, charter and private schools, along with a growing network of youth sports, dance and performing arts partnerships, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital extends its reach directly into the community, supporting student-athletes where they train and compete every day. Certified and licensed Athletic Trainers and sports medicine professionals collaborate with coaches, school staff, and families to identify injuries early and guide appropriate care.

This integration creates a seamless connection between the field and the clinic, strengthening continuity of care and improving outcomes for young athletes.

### Preventing Injuries Before They Happen

In addition to treatment, the [U18] Sports Medicine Program prioritizes prevention and education. Athletes, parents, and coaches receive guidance on proper conditioning, injury prevention strategies, emergency action planning and safe training practices.

By addressing common risk factors such as overuse, improper technique, and insufficient recovery time, the program helps reduce injuries and supports long-term athletic health.

### Looking Ahead: Expanding Impact

As the program continues to grow, so does its ability to serve more young athletes across South Florida. This expansion is fueled in part by strong community support, including a recent seven-figure philanthropic investment to advance pediatric sports medicine at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. In recognition of this commitment, the program is now known as the Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18].

With continued innovation, collaboration, and investment, the Barkov Sports Medicine Program [U18] is positioned to play an even greater role in keeping young athletes healthy, active, and thriving.

**At Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, every young athlete has a dedicated team behind them, helping them heal stronger, train smarter, and stay in the game.**



# Moments in Action

From galas to golf tournaments, our Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital community has shown up to support and celebrate in every season.

## Conine All-Star Golf Classic

Raising over \$600,000, the 32nd Annual Conine All-Star Golf Classic was a day filled with golf, hope and connection – all with the goal of providing housing for patients and their families.



## Luncheon of Gratitude

Memorial Foundation and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation hosted our **Inaugural Legacy Luncheon**, honoring our legacy supporters. This event highlighted the care that has been made possible by their generosity, and the lasting impact it will continue to make for years to come.



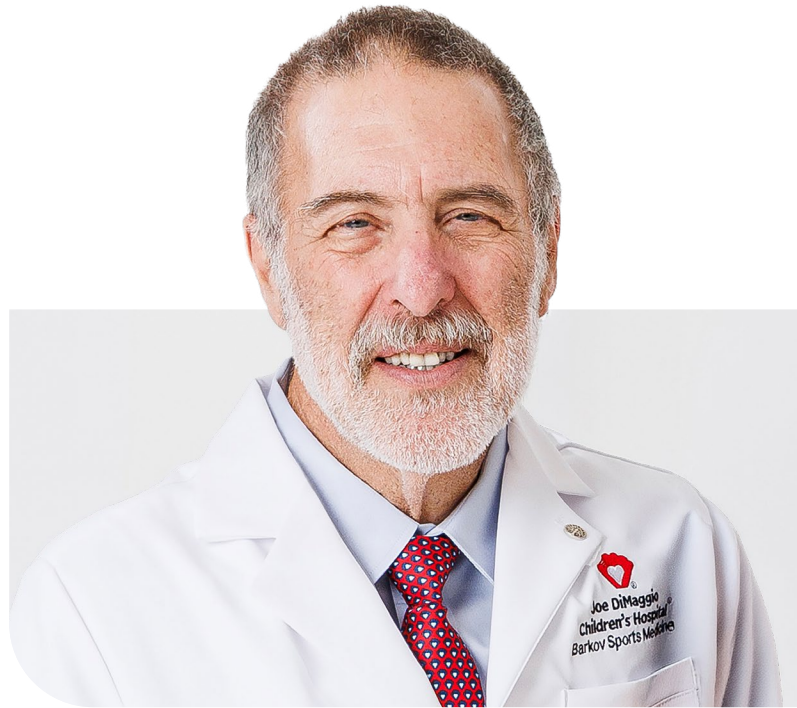
## The Red Gala

Led by Gala Chair Rita Case and Memorial & Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundations President Kelley Morris, the 2025 Red Gala raised over \$3M and brought together donors for an unforgettable night dedicated to funding life-saving pediatric cardiac care.



# Building Stronger Futures:

## Dr. Michael Jofe, A Leader in Pediatric Orthopedics



Dr. Michael Jofe, Surgeon-in-Chief, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Chief, Division of Pediatric Orthopedics.

### What inspired you to pursue a career in pediatric orthopedic medicine?

From early in my training, I knew I wanted to dedicate my career to caring for children. Pediatric orthopaedics is a uniquely fulfilling specialty because it allows you to treat patients through virtually every stage of development — from birth through young adulthood. In many cases, we can help children overcome significant physical obstacles that might otherwise define their lives. That ability to make a meaningful, lasting impact is what drew me to this field, and it continues to drive me every day.

### What are the most common orthopedic conditions you see in children and adolescents today?

We treat a wide spectrum of conditions — from fractures and sports-related injuries to hip disorders, limb deformities, and neuromuscular diagnoses. We have also recently expanded our program with the addition of a dedicated pediatric hand surgeon, further broadening the scope of care we are able to offer our patients. In my own practice, scoliosis and other spinal deformities are among the most prevalent conditions I treat. Beyond these, we manage complex congenital conditions that require long-term, coordinated, multidisciplinary care. What unifies our approach across all of these — regardless of diagnosis or complexity — is an unwavering commitment to world class individualized treatment. Children are not little adults — their growing bones, and unique physiology set them apart in ways that truly matter. That is precisely what makes pediatric orthopaedics such a rewarding and specialized field, and why having the right team in their corner makes all the difference.

### Can you walk us through treatment options for scoliosis?

Treatment is highly dependent on the severity of the curve and whether the child is still growing. For mild curves, we monitor patients closely over time. When curves in growing children exceed approximately 25 degrees, bracing is often recommended to slow or halt progression. Surgery is generally considered when a curve surpasses 50 degrees. Importantly, we now have newer surgical approaches that allow us to correct the deformity while still permitting continued spinal growth — a significant advancement over traditional techniques.

### What advancements in treatment are most exciting to you right now?

One of the most exciting innovations is a technique called the Shilla procedure, which involves placing specialized rods in the spine of young children. These rods function as an internal brace, correcting the deformity while still allowing the spine to grow naturally over time. This represents a meaningful departure from conventional approaches that historically required sacrificing growth in exchange for correction. We are proud to be one of a select number of centers in the country offering this technique, and the results have been very encouraging.

### Have you noticed any trends in sports-related injuries among young patients?

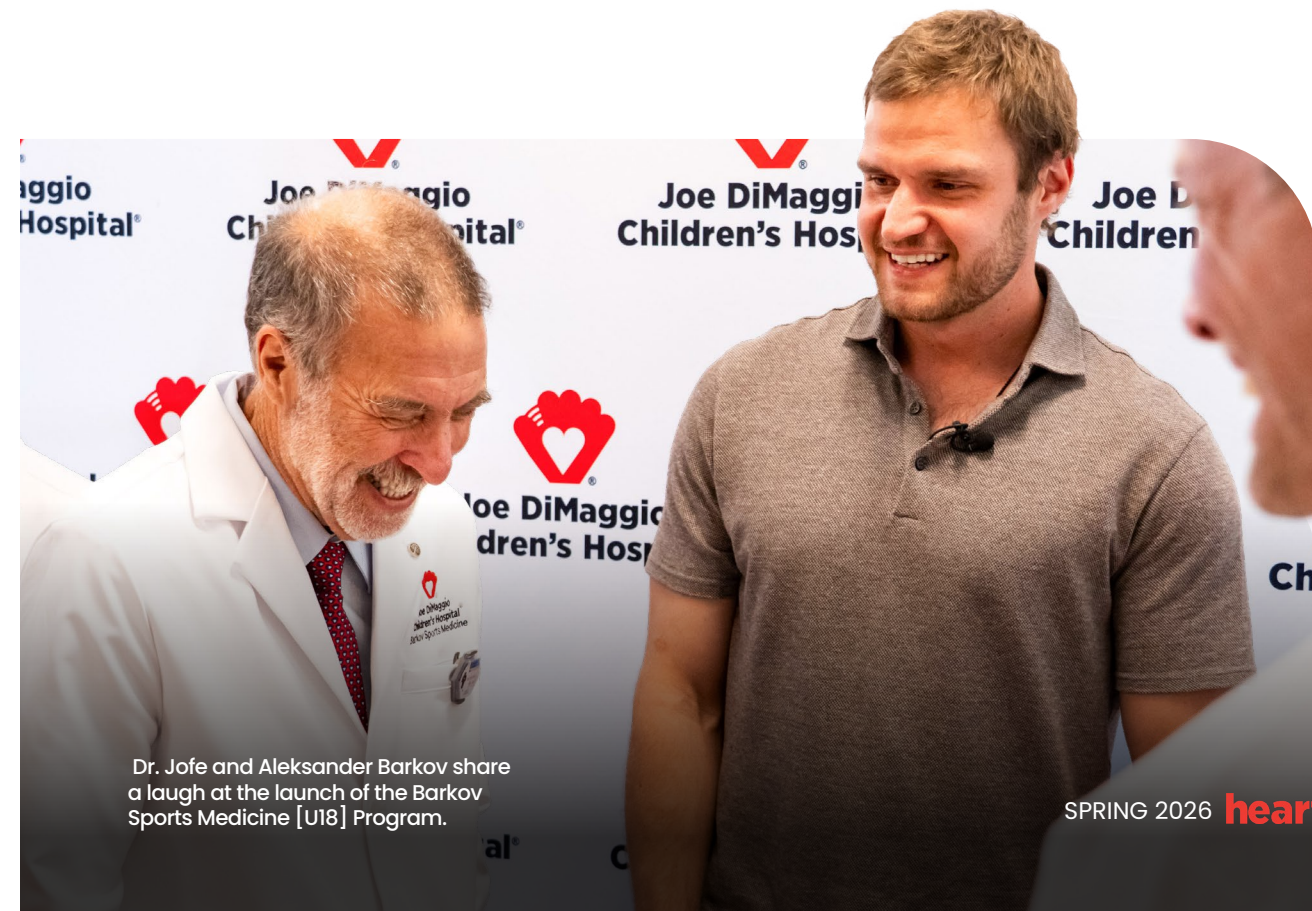
Absolutely. Over the past several years, we have seen a significant rise in sports-related injuries across virtually every joint — shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle. The Barkov U18 sports medicine center is one of the busiest sports medicine programs in the country devoted to children, adolescents and young adults. We operate a busy concussion clinic and a robust ACL program dedicated to young athletes. The increasing intensity and early specialization in youth sports today place extraordinary demands on developing bodies. This makes proper training, adequate recovery time, and access to pediatric-focused orthopaedic care more critical than ever before.

### What makes Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital unique?

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital stands apart because of the depth of expertise and the culture of collaboration that defines everything we do. We have highly trained pediatric subspecialists working within an environment that is entirely centered on the needs of patients and their families. There is a genuine sense of shared purpose here — every member of the team, regardless of role, is working toward the same goal. From the moment a child walks through our doors to the moment they leave, every aspect of the experience is designed with their well-being in mind.

### What do you find most rewarding—and most challenging—about your work?

In many ways, the most rewarding and the most challenging aspects of this work are one and the same. When you can make a truly significant difference in a child's life — helping them walk, return to the sports they love, or simply move through the world without pain — it is profoundly gratifying. But reaching that outcome often requires navigating real complexity: medical, surgical, and sometimes emotional. It is precisely that challenge that makes the rewards feel so meaningful. I wouldn't have it any other way.



Dr. Jofe and Aleksander Barkov share a laugh at the launch of the Barkov Sports Medicine [U18] Program.



# KISS Country Cares Radiothon Unites a Community

And raises over \$344,000 for Pediatric Care

In a powerful display of community generosity and compassion, the 22nd Annual KISS Country Cares Radiothon brought together listeners, donors, and local partners to raise more than \$344,000 in support of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation.

Held over two days in the main lobby of the hospital in Hollywood, Florida, the annual event once again demonstrated the impact of collective giving. This year's radiothon marked its largest total in history. **Kiss Country 99.9**, its dedicated listeners, and the South Florida community rallied together in support of the Foundation, with funds directly benefiting specialized pediatric services, patient and family support programs, and ongoing efforts to deliver exceptional care to children throughout South Florida.

The radiothon engaged the community both on-air and online, offering meaningful opportunities for listeners to contribute and hear firsthand the stories that underscore the hospital's mission.

This year's event featured appearances by notable guests, including South Florida baseball legend Jeff Conine, his son Major League Baseball star Griffin Conine and WWE superstar and actor Roman Reigns. Their participation helped amplify awareness and inspire giving, energizing audiences across the region.

"The outpouring of generosity we witnessed during this year's radiothon was truly inspiring," said Kelley Morris, president of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Memorial Foundations. "Every dollar raised directly supports the children and families who rely on our hospital. The commitment from our donors, sponsors, and the KISS Country team demonstrates the power of a community united in compassion."

As one of the Foundation's signature fundraising events, the KISS Country Cares Radiothon continues to play a vital role in advancing innovative pediatric care and ensuring that families have access to the resources they need during some of life's most challenging moments.

Through the unwavering support of the South Florida community, the event stands as a testament to what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose: **improving the lives of children and families.**

KISS Country Radio Personalities and volunteers worked together to support our patients and their families.



# Team Players Monthly Giving Program

Creating a Lasting Difference for Children and Families



For those moved by the impact of the KISS Country Cares Radiothon, becoming a **Team Player** is a simple way to continue that support beyond a single event, helping children and families every day.

**Team Players** are a community of monthly donors who provide steady, reliable support to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation. That consistency helps the hospital stay prepared, meet urgent needs and continue improving care for the children and families who rely on it.

Monthly giving is a simple and meaningful way to make a lasting impact. By becoming a **Team Player**, you help ensure children and families receive the care they need every day. These recurring gifts support the programs, services and innovations that shape the patient and family experience across Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

As a **Team Player**, your generosity allows the Foundation to plan ahead, respond to emerging needs and support the moments that matter most; from **life-saving treatments** to **comfort and care for families**. It's an easy, flexible way to give, with the option to adjust your gift at any time.

### Become a Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Team Player

Your support gives another child a **healthier, happier tomorrow**. Gifts of all sizes help provide world-class, life-changing pediatric care in the moments that matter most, for children right here in our community. Every dollar donated directly benefits patients, supporting everything from advanced medical technology that improves outcomes, to expanded services that save more lives, to groundbreaking research and education that drive innovation forward.

**Beyond medical care, Team Players** help fund critical programs that support the emotional and practical needs of patients and their families, ensuring no one faces their journey alone. Monthly giving offers a **simple, flexible and impactful way to contribute**. Whether large or small, each recurring gift adds up to something powerful: hope, healing and the ability to deliver exceptional care when it's needed most.

As a **Team Player**, you're not just donating, you're becoming part of a community dedicated to changing lives.

**Thank you for caring, and for helping make every moment count for kids who need you.**

**Give Monthly. Inspire Hope Daily.**



## Exclusive Benefits for Our Team Players

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 become a Team Player, please scan here or visit [jdch.com/give](https://jdch.com/give)



# Your Impact, Your Legacy: Ways to Give:



At Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation, giving is more than a moment—it's a reflection of what matters most to you. Your generosity helps expand access to exceptional pediatric care and ensures that children and families receive the support they need, when they need it most.

Whether you choose to give today or plan for the future, there are many meaningful ways to make an impact.

- **Online Giving**  
Make a secure, one-time or recurring gift at any time through our website, [JDCH.com/Give](https://www.JDCH.com/Give). It's fast, easy, and impactful.
- **Give by Check**  
Mail your donation to:  
**Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation**  
3329 Johnson Street  
Hollywood, FL 33021
- **Monthly Giving**  
Join Team Players, our community of monthly donors, and provide steady, reliable support throughout the year. Monthly giving is flexible for you and powerful for the children and families we serve.
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (IRA Giving)**  
If you are age 70½ or older, you can give directly from your IRA. These gifts may count toward your required minimum distribution and are not recognized as taxable income.
- **A Gift Through Your Will or Trust**  
A simple way to create a lasting legacy. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage, or the remainder of your estate—while maintaining full control of your assets during your lifetime.
- **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)**  
Recommend a grant from your donor-advised fund or name the Foundation as a successor beneficiary—an easy and flexible way to continue your impact over time.
- **Retirement Assets**  
Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plan is one of the most tax-efficient ways to give, allowing your gift to go further in supporting pediatric care.

## Gifts That Pay You Income:

- **Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)**  
Make a gift and receive fixed income for life. After your lifetime, the remaining funds support programs and care at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust**  
Convert appreciated assets into a lifetime income stream while receiving a charitable deduction. The remaining assets will ultimately support children and families.

## Non-Cash Gifts

- **Gifts of Non-Cash Assets (Real Estate, Artwork, Stocks, or Business Interests)**  
Gifts of stock, real estate, artwork, or business interests can maximize your impact. These gifts may help you avoid capital gains tax while receiving a deduction based on fair market value.

## Why it Matters?

Every gift—no matter the size—helps expand access to exceptional pediatric care. When you include Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation in your plans, you become part of something lasting: a commitment to care, compassion, and community.

Our team is here to help you find the giving option that aligns with your goals and values.

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