

IMPACT REPORT 2021



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With so much gratitude

When you give to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (HDVCH), you are investing in the health and well-being of the next generation in West Michigan. Thank you for your kind and compassionate support, which sustains 20 programs and services that would not be available to patients and families if it were not for philanthropy.

One of these programs is Child and Family Life, which includes our Edward and June Prein Family Pediatric Music Therapy Program and the Dick and Linda Antonini Hospital School Program. These dedicated and compassionate individuals are a vital part of ensuring our families have the best experience possible while their child is in the hospital. Our child life specialists provide play and distraction during tests or procedures, music therapy at the bedside, and even ensure continuity of their schooling if a patient is in the hospital for an extended stay and needs academic support.


It is our pleasure to share this report with you and give you a glimpse into the measurable impact of your philanthropic support.

On behalf of each patient, their loved ones, and our entire team at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, thank you for making the impossible ... possible!

With immense gratitude,



Kelly Dyer
President
Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation
Spectrum Health Foundation



Hossain Marandi, MD, MBA, FACHE
President, Department Chief
Helen DeVos Children's Hospital



Because of you ...

Our patients receive excellent clinical care

Meet Gabby

When Gabby Coleman was 11 months old, her parents Rebeca and Michael noticed she was not meeting her developmental milestones at the same pace of her older brother. When they brought Gabby to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital looking for answers, the MRI and genetic tests seemed normal. Doctors diagnosed Gabby with mild autism.

Rebeca and Michael did not have any autism in their family, so they decided to pursue additional genetic testing. These tests showed a missing TBR-1 gene, which impacts neurodevelopment. Once they had an answer, they felt more empowered to move forward. With the help of the neurodevelopmental clinic, the Colemans signed Gabby up for speech therapy, occupational therapy, and Applied Behavior Analysis to manage her autism. Since she was diagnosed early, her brain was still malleable, which means that while there is no cure for autism, they are able to implement therapy and strategies to help her succeed.

The neurodevelopmental program is just one area where your philanthropy is making a measurable impact on kids and their families.

Thank you



The following clinical programs were supported by YOU:

- Center for Child Protection
- Plastic Surgery/Cleft Palate
- **Neurodevelopmental Program**
- Infant Nutrition Support Services
- Congenital Heart Transition Program



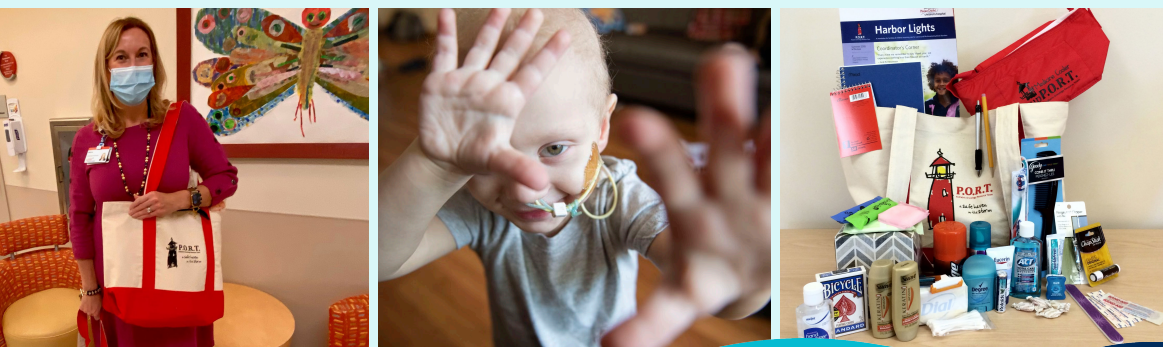
Because of you ...

Our patients and their families are well supported

Pediatric Oncology Resource Team (P.O.R.T.)

Our P.O.R.T. team and volunteers come alongside families whose child has received a diagnosis of childhood cancer. They are often one of the first faces the family will see when they deliver a specially-designed P.O.R.T. Care Bag filled with resources and tools that will help them as they move forward. Philanthropy helps with the purchase of supplies for the P.O.R.T. Care Bags, which include items like Starbucks gift cards, a notebook to keep handy during their hospital stay or doctor visits, a binder to keep all of the information organized, toiletries and so much more.

Thank you for your support



You have generously supported the following programs:

- Pediatric Spiritual Care and Bereavement
- **Pediatric Oncology Resource Team (P.O.R.T.)**
- NICU Family Support
- Injury Prevention
- Child and Family Life
- Trays for Nursing Mothers
- Peter and Joan Secchia CarePartners



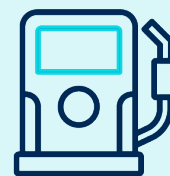
P.O.R.T. served **378**
patients in 2021



You helped provide
2,127 meal vouchers
to families



More than **80 fleece**
blankets provided a
warm hug to children
with cancer or a life-
threatening blood disorder



Nearly **1,500 Meijer**
gas station gift cards
distributed to help families
get to and from their
appointments

Because of you ...

We are bringing more research and innovation to support families in the "big blue building"

Health Equity and Leadership Scholars

The Health Equity and Leadership Scholars Program (HEAL) encourages diversity in the physician workforce in West Michigan by providing scholarships for resident physicians from underrepresented minority backgrounds. HEAL Scholars pursue a health equity project involving leadership, advocacy, scholarship, and/or community engagement. They are paired with a mentor from both Spectrum Health and a county health department. Scholars also serve as a mentor for a medical student from an underrepresented background.

This year's HEAL Scholars are:



Dr. Antonia Fomunyan attended medical school at Ross University and is a first-year internal medicine resident. She wants to contribute to a healthcare environment where clinical outcomes are not determined by social positions or circumstances.



Dr. Janene Berli is a first-year internal medicine resident who graduated University of Michigan. She believes everyone deserves the opportunity to be healthy and as a health advocate, examines the social factors that have a greater impact than the pathophysiology itself, especially for the disadvantaged.

Thank you for supporting research, innovation, and investing in our team members' continuing education:

- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program
- **HEAL Scholars for Pediatrics**
- Strategic Research Projects
- Research Scientist for Community Health and Healthy Weight
- Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Innovation Initiatives
- Simulation Programming
- Science of Healing Scholarships for Continuing Education and Professional Development
- Fellowship Programs