



# The Impact of Your Philanthropy

Board of Visitors

June 2021

This year, Children's National Hospital celebrates 150 years of caring for children. We are deeply grateful for the Board of Visitors' longstanding commitment to providing hope and healing for our patients and their families. Your generosity allows us to connect care, community and discovery to help every child grow up stronger. **Because of you, we are 150 years stronger.**

## Nursing Virtual Reality Training

Virtual reality offers cutting-edge training for staff in safe, simulated situations. During the past year, nurses in our Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) used the Precision VR system to gain critical, hands-on experience in a controlled environment.

"Nurses can use Precision VR to virtually stand at the top of the heart and see straight down to the bottom" says Cara Pleau, BSN, RN, CPN, clinical instructor in the CICU. "It's an invaluable training tool that helps nurses better prepare for potential complications during or after surgery."

The BOV's support will help train all of our CICU nurses by 2023 and expand the program with additional, non-cardiac scenarios. This includes training for nurses from non-pediatric backgrounds so they can more quickly adapt to the nuanced differences that come with caring for children.



## Dr. Bear's Holiday Toy Shoppe

Things looked a little different for Dr. Bear's Holiday Toy Shoppe in 2020. While we were saddened that the BOV couldn't be on site to help gift wrap, your generosity still helped our Child Life team deliver gifts to hospitalized patients and their siblings during the holidays.



Thanks to you, **1,256 bags** were assembled for patients and siblings during the 2020 holiday season. Each bag had a scannable QR code that linked to a very special video of Santa greeting patients as they opened their toys.



Photo captured pre-COVID

## Telehealth Command Center

Telehealth became more important than ever during the pandemic. Your support helped us grow our telehealth program's capacity to meet the needs of thousands of patients. Thanks to you, we were able to coordinate care for children from the safety of their own homes, in NICUs across the region, and in hospitals around the world serving patients with critical needs.

The Board of Visitors Telehealth Command Center, opening later this year, will provide 24/7 support to children in our hospital and to our partners. It will enable doctors to track multiple patients simultaneously and empower our care providers to perform a range of telemedicine activities quickly to save lives.

## D.C. Teacher and Staff Vaccinations

Over four days in January 2021, more than 300 Children's National Hospital volunteers vaccinated 3,400 District of Columbia Public and Charter School teachers and staff for COVID-19. In February, they administered the required second dose. These vaccination clinics were a true team effort and essential to providing our community's children safe, in-person education.

Your swift action in January to approve critical grant funding made these clinics possible. The combined \$150,000 in support from the BOV and Children's Health Board enabled us to successfully plan and safely execute one of the largest mass COVID-19 vaccination efforts in Washington, D.C.

**“ The story of Children's National Hospital cannot be told without the Board of Visitors. We have cared for children together for more than 150 years. Thanks to you, the future for children is brighter than ever. ”**

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## Our Sincere Gratitude

Thank you for your unwavering support. Your generosity touches the life of every child who comes to Children's National. We look forward to reaching even greater heights together as you begin your next chapter as the Founders Auxiliary Board of Children's National.



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