



The Impact of Your Philanthropy

The Children's Health Board

June 2021

This year, Children's National Hospital celebrates 150 years of caring for children. We are deeply grateful for the Children's Health Board's 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.**



Light up the Season

Despite us not being able to gather in person, the fourth annual Light Up the Season raised more than \$32,000 in 2020. These critical funds will support important health initiatives for families in our community.

We were thrilled for one of our patients, Andrea, to still be able to collaborate with Christopher Patrick of Christopher Patrick Designs. Together, they created a vintage paper tree complete with over 100 origami stars in red, blue and green. The tree was an homage to Andrea's love of vintage Christmas decorations and her Colombian heritage.

"The whole experience sparked the magic of the holidays, even during such a difficult time," says Andrea. "It was a dream to work with Christopher, and to see the tree in person was absolutely spectacular. I am so grateful to have had the chance to be a part of this amazing event!"



DC Autism Collaborative

"Autism spectrum disorder is one of the fastest growing mental health disorders," says Leandra Godoy, Ph.D., Co-Director, Early Childhood Behavioral Health Program at Children's National, "but there was no one in D.C. coordinating what the issues are with autism care and how we can address them."

That changed in 2020 when funding from the Children's Health Board launched the DC Autism Collaborative (DC-AC).

The DC-AC brought together key stakeholders from across the District – community organizations, local government organizations, the education and healthcare sectors, legal organizations, and advocacy groups – to address ways to improve care for children with autism spectrum disorder.

“ We are so grateful for the Children's Health Board's support in launching this collaborative. Thanks to you, we are finally accomplishing things that have eluded autism advocates for years. ”

Leandra Godoy, Ph.D.

Co-Director, Early Childhood Behavioral Health Program





School 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 are essential to providing our community's children safe, in-person education.

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

“ The Children's Health Board has been one of our closest partners for more than a century. Your dedication and leadership were crucial in growing hundreds of care, advocacy, research and education programs at Children's National. You helped us not only save lives, but lifetimes. ”

Denice Cora-Bramble, M.D., M.B.A.
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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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