



The Impact of Your Philanthropy

Founders Auxiliary Board | September 2022

Thank you for everything you do to advance children's health as a charter member of our new Founders Auxiliary Board. The Board's first year demonstrated a powerful collective impact. We are deeply grateful for your work to champion children. Your generosity and volunteerism touch lives throughout our community. We present this report with gratitude for your leadership, which helps our patients reach their full potential.



Light Up the Season

Light Up the Season made a triumphant in-person return in 2021. We are deeply grateful to the Board – in partnership with the Four Seasons Hotel, Washington, DC – for raising \$104,000 for our patients through this beloved event. The fifth installment of Light Up the Season paired six patients with local designers and artists to create heartwarming seasonal décor, including four holiday trees, a menorah and a vignette.

Nell, a teen who partnered with Design Collaborative DC, said one of the best parts of participating in the event was connecting with other Children's National patients. She was thrilled to meet Amari, another patient artist whose story she had seen earlier that year on local TV news.

"I enjoyed seeing the other patient designs and how they expressed their stories."

Children's Ball 2022

Your partnership elevated the return of Children's Ball 2022 to new heights this year. The celebration, held April 2 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, raised nearly \$3.9 million for patients and families. The Board's generosity secured \$226,000 toward that amount, making the 2022 Ball one of the most successful in hospital history. Your dedication to the event advances **follow the leader**, our comprehensive fundraising campaign to transform the health and well-being of future leaders.

Making Sickle Cell Disease Less Painful

This year the Board makes it possible to revolutionize pain management for children living with sickle cell disease. Your collective \$1 million gift enables our world-class team to establish a patient-centric, holistic pain management program. This initiative will pioneer new ways to reduce pain, increase coping skills and improve mental health. It will reduce barriers to care and missed school days for kids with this often-devastating condition. Thank you for significantly improving the lives of patients with sickle cell disease and their families.



"The Founders Auxiliary Board's generosity provides much-needed support for a disease that is historically underfunded. Your inaugural grant helps our best-in-class physicians and pain specialists reimagine how we treat children living with sickle cell disease. We hope this multidisciplinary work will be a model for other programs."

- Jeffrey Dome, M.D. Ph.D.

Senior Vice President, Cancer and Blood Disorders Center
and Chief of Oncology, Children's National Hospital

Additional Philanthropic Impact

The Board's philanthropy brings joy and healing to patients in ways big and small. Board members:



Contributed to **52 Thanksgiving meal gift bags** for families, supporting 137 children



Collected more than \$3,000 worth of toys distributed through 717 donated **holiday gift bags**



Powered an April **blood drive** that benefitted 50 patients



Awarded \$251,000 to fund 18 research, programmatic, clinical and patient experience programs for fiscal year 2023

