

a Vintage Affair

ONE ENCHANTED EVENING

A NIGHT OF FINE WINE & FOOD BENEFITING
CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HOSPITAL

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Since *A Vintage Affair's* inception 24 years ago, it has raised more than \$12.5 million to support Children's National Hospital. This year, the Founders Auxiliary Board (a merger of former host, the Board of Visitors, and the Children's Health Board) will present this vitally important signature event. Continuing in the tradition of making every dollar count, funds raised will go to our Grants and Major gifts programs in support of the requests of Children's National's doctors, nurses and staff.

We are proud of the hospital's many clinical and research accomplishments over the years and the enormous contribution our generous donors have made to the cause. Sponsor donations from *A Vintage Affair* have gone directly to:

- propel innovative research and enable critical programs
- champion best practices in pediatric community health

Grant awards are made at a variety of levels. Large Major Gifts of more than \$1 million help transform the groundbreaking pediatric research and patient care. Recent awards supported:

- Sickle Cell Disease pain management
- A state-of-the-art Telemedicine Command Center providing 24-hour monitoring and care of the most critically ill patients (a particularly valuable resource during COVID-19)
- A pediatric dental clinic in an underserved area of the District of Columbia

Grants ranging from \$5,000 – \$75,000 assisted in:

- Designing the first U.S. pediatric hospital evidence-based models and practices. These can deliver the best patient experience, and aid in success across all settings, often in cooperation with other support networks such as schools and communities
- A study to see if, in very small premature infants, the use of amino acids can ameliorate the risk of brain damage, where white matter abnormalities occur due to a lack of oxygen and blood flow

Smaller grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 transformed the patient experience by providing:

- Night lights that allow children to feel more comfortable and get a better night's sleep. With better sleep, research has shown, comes quicker healing, better outcomes, and earlier discharge from the hospital
- Capes and masks to young patients undergoing surgeries to transform them into "superheroes"

When you decide to sponsor *A Vintage Affair*, it matters because every dollar makes a difference. Your support propels goals into achievements. In June 2022, US News and World Report reported that Children's National, having navigated the COVID-19 pandemic's enormous challenges, moved up in rankings to become the #5 overall best children's hospital in the nation. It remains #1 in neonatology.

The pandemic increased demands on doctors, nurses and staff. Safety requirements increased costs. Elective procedures and services first came to a halt, then were limited. Programs underway slowed. Hospital staff performed heroically to provide stellar patient care amid personnel shortages and other issues that many businesses and organization face. More than ever, your support is needed. You have our promise that it will be conscientiously employed.

When you think about where your money will do the most good, remember: when you sponsor *A Vintage Affair, One Enchanted Evening*, you will make a difference that can last many lifetimes.