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“I love ceremonies!” Tyler Briend, 6, a lifelong heart patient, and his mom, Jennie, celebrated the new hospital’s Ribbon Cutting on November 30, 2017.

COVER PHOTO BY TONI BIRD

Now open, the new Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford provides space to care for more children and families than ever before.

IN THIS ISSUE
Eleven years ago, as the new CEO of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health, I was immediately awestruck by the tremendous kindness and generosity of this donor community. When planning began to expand Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, donors like you rose to the challenge with an unprecedented outpouring of support to make those plans a reality.

Because of your partnership, Packard Children’s is now the most technologically advanced, family-friendly, and environmentally sustainable children’s hospital in the nation. And more patients and families than ever before will have access to the world-class care they need.

In this issue of Packard Children’s News, we celebrate not just a building, but also the invaluable role you played in making this transformation possible. Your support helped realize the dreams of so many in our community—doctors, nurses, staff, patient families, researchers, and volunteers—all committed to a singular goal: to deliver care on a level never before seen.

As we begin to envision what’s next for our hospital, I would like to share that I will be stepping down as CEO in early March to establish a new organization, Leading for Kids. This national organization will work to raise the priority of children’s health and well-being in our culture.

My tenure with the Foundation has been one of the best times of my career. Your partnership with the Foundation and our hospital has improved the lives of countless children and their families. With the opening of the new hospital, the opportunities ahead to advance care and cures for children and expectant mothers are more exciting than ever.

Thank you for opening the doors to a healthier future. You will always have my deepest gratitude for your enduring support.

David Alexander, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health
Our mission of delivering the very best care started nearly 100 years ago. Thanks to the loyal support of donors like you, we have provided life-saving care for generations and will continue to do so for generations to come.

1919
The Stanford Home for Convalescent Children is founded to care for children with chronic illnesses. Lucile Salter, a Stanford student, would later volunteer there.

1959
The 60-bed Children’s Hospital at Stanford opens.

1986
Lucile Salter Packard and David Packard donate $40 million to build a new children’s hospital.

1991
Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford officially opens its doors to the community.

2012
Ground is broken on the new Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.

2015
In a traditional Topping Off Ceremony, the final steel beam is raised on the expansion.

2001–2005
The Campaign for Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital raises $525 million for clinical care, research, and training and transforms the hospital into a national leader.

2007–2013
Donors like you generously give $549 million through the Breaking New Ground campaign, including $262 million for a hospital expansion to care for more children and expectant mothers.

October 2017
More than 7,500 donors, employees, and community members enjoy sneak peek tours of the new hospital.
Ribbon Cutting and Dedication

November 30, 2017

Doris and David Diaz, both lung transplant recipients, toured the new building with their older sister and mother. When David saw the two TVs in the new patient rooms, he said, “Now I can watch my own TV show without my mom bugging me!”

Effy
“To the donors and members of the community who support this hospital, I am so thankful that you were here from the beginning, helping to create a place of healing and hope that was here for us when we needed it, and that will be here for so many families like mine in the future,” said Jennifer Watson, mom of Effy.

Will
In 2013, Will Bolick was a tiny preemie struggling to survive. From the hospital window, his parents watched as construction began on the “big hole in the ground” that would eventually become the new Main building. Now almost 5, Will proudly held the ribbon during the new hospital’s dedication.

Colton
“With four kids, my husband and I really are so grateful to have such an amazing children’s hospital nearby,” said Kim Nye, mother of two Packard Children’s patients, including 4-year-old Colton.

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Erika and Eva
Formerly conjoined twins Erika and Eva Sandoval, now 3 and more active than ever, reunited with members of their care team at the Ribbon Cutting and were thrilled to explore the Dunlevie Garden.
The First Patients Move In!

William Aquino-Portillo is the first patient to be transported and to cross the threshold of his room in the new hospital. He is accompanied by his mother, Maritza, and hospital CEO Chris Dawes.

Watch grand opening highlights at supportLPCH.org/NewHospital

Because of your support, our community is now home to the nation’s most technologically advanced, family-friendly, and environmentally sustainable hospital for children and expectant mothers.

We could not have arrived at this incredible milestone without you. Here’s to an even better future for children and families.

“One of the best parts of my job is to connect with patients and families and feel like I’m making a difference. Anything you can do to connect with a kid and bring out their personality helps them to ultimately do better, because they feel better about themselves.”

Colin James, RN, BSN, nurse
After 525 Days
New Start in a New Hospital

BY JULIE GREICIUS

For 2-year-old Cameron Harris, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford is the only home he’s ever known. He has moved rooms a few times and been on different units, but on December 9, 2017—the 525th day of his latest inpatient stay—he made his biggest move yet.

At 11:04 a.m., Cameron started his ride down the hall in his crib, covered in a cozy red blanket announcing “I opened the doors,” and accompanied by his mom and his nurses. At the end of their journey, they broke through a red ribbon to arrive in Cameron’s sunny, private room in the brand-new, state-of-the-art expansion of Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.

“I’ve watched this amazing hospital be built next door over the last two years, and I’ve been chomping at the bit to get in there!” said Cameron’s mom, Nicola Harris, the day before the move. “I hear there’s amazing technology and play spaces for the kids. I just can’t wait to see it and experience it and be one of the first families to be there.”

When her son is in the hospital, Nicola is in the hospital, too. She’s spent most of the past two and a half years here, along with two of Cameron’s five siblings, 4-year-old Karlene and 16-month-old Alivia. The girls attend preschool in the hospital’s dayroom three days a week and keep their brother entertained. “The girls
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really encourage Cameron to move forward and try new things,” said Nicola. “If they weren’t here, he’d be happy to just lie in bed. But seeing them walk and explore the room and play with toys would be happy to just lie in bed. But seeing them walk and explore the room and play with toys would do just normal kid things.”

Nicola never thought she’d be raising three of her six kids in a hospital. Her husband, CJ, parents their three older children at the family’s home in Arizona. Though they come to visit on every school break, “it’s been quite difficult,” said Nicola. “I’m away from half my family. But being here for the majority of the time we’ve been here, we’ve been right in this room.”

New Heart, New Hospital

Cameron’s heart transplant finally came on July 22, 2017. “It was one of the best days of our entire life,” said Nicola. “He finally had his opportunity to really live life, to have this gift of life, life outside of these walls with his siblings and family, and to do just normal kid things.”

By December, just days before the opening of the new hospital expansion, Cameron was healthy enough to be moved from the CVICU to the step-down unit, back into his familiar room 3752, in what is now called the West building. It was from that room that Cameron and his mom prepared to make the next big step in his journey to his room in the new hospital expansion, now called the Main building.

“Private rooms!” Nicola said. “I’m really looking forward to private rooms. The fact that they’re private means I can have the girls do just normal kid things.”

Moore Children’s Heart Center at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital is one of the very few centers in the United States capable of performing the complex surgical procedures that Cameron needed to survive.

In the first eight months of life, Cameron would endure two open-heart surgeries, pioneering treatment for pulmonary hypertension, and numerous complications. He was able to go home for about three months in the spring of 2016. But during a surgery to place a gastrointestinal tube, his complications required critical support. “And that was the beginning of our stay: July 3, 2016,” said Nicola. “We’ve been here since.”

Cameron spent 129 days in the cardiovascular intensive care unit (CVICU) that summer. During that time, Nicola gave birth to her youngest daughter, Alivia, right down the hall at the Johnson Center for Pregnancy and Newborn Services. Alivia had complications at birth and spent a short time in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). “At that point, I had two different kids in two different units in this hospital—one in the CVICU and one in the NICU,” said Nicola.

Although Cameron recovered, his fragile heart was struggling to keep up through the complications and infections. His doctors and family decided to put him on the waiting list for a heart transplant. “We spent 255 days waiting for a heart here in PCU 374, room 3752,” said Nicola. “The majority of the time we’ve been here, we’ve been right in this room.”

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“I think my mother would just be amazed at what has happened to her children’s hospital. So many families and kids come here and access incredible care, some care that you can’t get anywhere else in the world.

When my mother founded this hospital, she envisioned a place where children and families could receive truly healing care. She saw the power that nature had to heal and uplift. I’m proud that we have carried her vision forward, with world-class sustainability and holistic elements throughout the new hospital. Everything we do at this hospital will have an eye to ensuring that generations to come will be healthier.”

Susan Packard Orr, board member, daughter of Lucile Packard
With everything to look forward to in the Main building, Nicola still treasures the support and comfort she’s found within the walls of the West building. “I love it so much here, and I’m excited to see everything new,” she said. “But it’s bittersweet, because I’m leaving my home in a sense. I truly believe it will be amazing, and so much of what I love here is going to be expanded there. I know I’ll find just as much love and encouragement and support and family and home there.”

As Nicola and Cameron began their journey to the Main building on December 9, they were accompanied by a few of the staff members they’d come to trust as family. Positioned along the hallways, transition team members in color-coded T-shirts helped direct the time-sensitive transition of 91 inpatients—one every four minutes—into the new units of the Main building. Every move was meticulously timed and monitored from the Command Center on the first floor of the Main building. Transport teams had rehearsed mock moves in the days leading up to the real move. For the most fragile patients, whole teams practiced moves in the days leading up to the real move. For the most fragile patients, whole teams practiced

As they crossed the threshold into the new Main building, Nicola noticed the sea creatures painted on the ceilings and the new photos and art on the walls.

“When I have a difficult day, I take a walk through the units and visit with some of the families, and it reminds me of why we are all here. We are here to serve this community.”

Christopher Dawes, president and CEO

The result? “It was breathtaking,” said Nicola, relaxing in her son’s spacious new room with a view out the eastern side of the building, while Cameron slept quietly. “It went so smoothly. A well-oiled machine.” The staff had everything ready and helped prepare Cameron well ahead of time. “So he just had a happy day, happy morning,” Nicola added. “He just loved traveling the halls. All the things I was worried about he just smiled right through.”

“Room for Healing with Family

Next to the Command Center, the Harvest Café in the Main building was already sending out the aroma of fresh pizza from the wood-fired oven, along with a wide buffet selection of gourmet choices. A grand piano played live music above the expansive lobby, which centers around the giant “redwood” elevator corridor.

Colorful mosaics of the California coastline decorate the floor. Down the hall, the Sanctuary offers a secluded, quiet spot to rest and reflect. Animal-themed play structures and sculptures are everywhere. The Main building is a place where anyone could grow very comfortable.

“For his holiday season, Cameron’s whole family will be here—myself, his dad, all of his four sisters and brother will be here,” said Nicola. “And we’re all looking forward to spending this holiday in the new hospital. I think if we were to stand a little more in the Main building, playing and gathered around one another and really enjoying each other’s time.”

Lots of time with family is exactly what Cameron needs most as he prepares to transition home. “After more than 500 days in the hospital, the transition to being an outpatient will be huge,” said Sharon Chen, MD, pediatric cardiologist. “We hope he’ll be able to make that transition in the next few weeks. Being in the new hospital, in a more spacious, family-friendly room, will allow them to spend more time together doing his hands-on care to prepare for his transition home.”

Nicola took a moment to reflect on the many hundreds of donors who made the hospital possible and what message she had for them. “Thank you not enough,” she said. “There are not enough words to express our gratitude. The environment that the donations have allowed the teams at Packard to create to make living in the hospital that much better, and make the diagnostics that much better, it’s just: thank you. Thank you a million times over. It’s amazing. And it’s appreciated by every family.”

As Cameron advances on his way to recovery, there will be nothing quite like being in his own home for the first time. “It feels refreshing,” said Nicola. “It feels like a new start. Cameron is in a great place in his journey, and this new step feels like a potential end to a long story. And what a great way to be sent on our way, starting in a new hospital.”

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NICOLA HARRIS, CAMERON’S MOM

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Today Is the Day!
The new expansion at Packard Children’s lights up the night sky in the early hours on Patient Move Day. An incredible milestone more than a decade in the making has finally arrived.

First Outpatient Arrives
Nine-month-old Nolan Murphy, the first patient to check in at the welcome desk in the new Main lobby, is greeted by Dennis Lund, MD, chief medical officer, and given a Build-A-Bear.

Patient Move Begins
The carefully planned move kicks off with a pop of confetti and a hurrah. One patient will be transported every four minutes from the original building (now called the West building) to the new Main building. William Aquino-Portillo, 10, is the first patient to cross the threshold of his new room, cheered on by hospital CEO Chris Dawes.

With the Utmost Care
Jordy Gonzalez-Perez, 10, has spent four months at Packard Children’s. Today, he is the fourth patient in the cardiovascular intensive care unit (CVICU) to be transferred to the new hospital. Jordy’s move requires special care and eight care team members working together, while an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine supports his lung function and breathing.

I Opened the Doors
Jordy settles into his new room with the help of staff wearing “I opened the doors” T-shirts.
91 Patients Safely and Successfully Moved!

The Command Center issues the final call on the overhead speakers: All transfers have been safely and successfully completed. Cheers from transporters, nurses, physicians, and other staff members ring through the halls. The new Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford is officially open!

Courageous Cameron

It’s now 2-year-old Cameron Harris’ turn to start his transport. Cameron has spent more than 525 days in the hospital, with his mother, Nicola, and two sisters, 16-month-old Alivia and 4-year-old Karlene, by his side. (See page 10 to learn more about Cameron’s journey.)

Who Wants Pizza?

In the Harvest Café, a wood-fired pizza oven is open for business—serving one pizza every three minutes.

Patient Move Day Highlights

91 patients all safely and successfully moved

Every 4 minutes, another patient transport begins

Staff shirts in 12 colors identify each team member’s role

500+ staff members involved in the carefully orchestrated move

300 Build-A-Bears given to patients

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Child-Centered Healing

New hospital takes family approach to caring for kids

BY KATE DETREMPE

When Diane Flynn’s third child was born with a cleft lip in 2001, her family embarked on a series of six surgeries and appointments with dozens of specialists at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford that spanned eight years. For the Flynns, the hospital became a second home.

Diane felt compelled to give back to the hospital that was so supportive of her family, so she became one of five parent leaders of the hospital’s Family Advisory Council, where families provide firsthand feedback on everything from bedside care to food service.

Eight years later, in 2009, the hospital team that was starting to plan for a new children’s facility wanted to gain an understanding of needs from the perspectives of a wider group. They created a design committee that included architects, hospital staff, board members, faculty, and members of the Family Advisory Council.

“About 10 years ago, before the design team or architects had plans, they had parents,” says Diane, who joined the committee as her son, Matthew, now 16, was spending less time in treatment. She wanted to be a voice for families like hers.

The committee’s meetings became open forums for input and brainstorming about what they wanted to see in the new campus. “It didn’t take long for us all to agree—a restorative space that felt light, healing, engaging,” Diane says.

That feedback is present in nearly every aspect of the new Main building, which opened to patients on December 9, 2017. The building combines the most advanced medical tools with a holistic approach to healing—focusing on the family at the heart of patient care.

The concept is reminiscent of Lucile Salter Packard’s founding vision for the hospital: to nurture the body and soul of every child. She recognized the power of nature as an important part of healing. She wanted kids to be treated like kids—not just patients. And she believed that caring for a child involved the whole family.
Feelings Matter

There is deep evidence that a hospital’s physical environment and the well-being of patients and families are closely related. In 1984, two years before planning for the original Packard Children’s Hospital began, Science published a study by environmental psychologist Roger Ulrich, PhD, that was lauded as the first to use modern medical research to support the healing effects of nature.

“By the early 1980s, evidence supporting the stress-reducing effects of nature was so consistent, and we understood that natural beauty’s effects were much more than skin deep,” Ulrich says. Now, he explains, it is routine for hospitals to be built to support a positive psychological experience for patients, but he points to the original Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital as an early adopter when it opened in 1991 with terraces on each floor and a garden at the center.

The new Main building, which is connected to the original (West) building, takes a similar approach by challenging the fundamental mindset of being inside a hospital, beginning with the experience of a patient arriving there. “A common issue in health care is that traditional hospital design places operating rooms and imaging services on sub-ground level floors to accommodate heavy surgical and diagnostic equipment,” says Robin Guenther of Perkins+Will, lead architect. Perkins+Will collaborated with Hammel, Green and Abrahamson Architects, Inc. on the project. But the practice of moving patients down into a basement level, she explains, can exacerbate feelings of fear or anxiety that children experience prior to “scary procedures” such as surgery.

Reflecting a shift away from this, the new hospital’s pedestrian entrance is at ground level, which is also the location of the treatment center (surgery, interventional services, imaging, and nuclear medicine). Families don’t have to traverse below ground and instead enter the main lobby and have only a few choices about where to go next: up the staircase or elevator, or across the lobby into the surgery and imaging unit. “From a patient experience perspective, it is revolutionary,” Guenther says.

As visitors move through the building, elements of Northern California’s native environment provide a sense of being alongside nature, despite being in a hospital.

Outside, three and a half acres of gardens and green space surround the building, and inside, waiting areas have large picture windows. Each patient room has a planter box outside the window and a view to the gardens. Glass doors in the new Harvest Café open to an outdoor dining patio overlooking the Dunlevie Garden, which has native plants and animal installations that represent California’s eco-regions, including a puma den, a gopher’s burrow, and a redwood tree fort.

And most uniquely, each of the building’s four patient care levels has two outdoor decks—one for patients and visitors, and one for staff—ensuring easy access to restorative spaces and to nature.

The hospital’s use of natural light and holistic approach to healing are also embodied in the Sanctuary, which includes a private prayer chapel and access to a meditative labyrinth. As the new Sanctuary was conceptualized, the team again called on the Family Advisory Council, whose members represent a variety of faiths (and non-faith), to build something that would appeal to many spiritual beliefs and backgrounds. The result “is a space that is multicultural, multidimensional, and goes beyond religious practice,” Guenther says. “It is about recognizing that we are whole people who have physical bodies, minds, and a spirit and we need to provide a place for people to keep in touch with that.”

“The garden was designed to inspire imaginative play as our patients and their families explore the various sculptural elements and plants. The goal is for each visitor to make up his or her own games, stories, and paths.”

Elizabeth Dunlevie, board member, benefactor of the new hospital’s Dunlevie Garden.

Left and Right: Children can explore nature among the Dunlevie Garden’s redwood fort, animal installations, and native plants.

Center: The Sanctuary is designed to provide a restorative space for families and staff of all faith backgrounds.

The hospital combines the most advanced medical tools with a holistic approach to healing—focusing on the family at the heart of patient care.
Spacious new patient rooms give families a quiet, comfortable, and healing space.

Sweating the Small Stuff

The 149 new patient rooms, nearly all private, serve as the center of a child’s hospital experience, not just a place for medical equipment and visits from clinicians.

The healing, comfortable, and spacious rooms, designed for the whole family, serve as home base for mealtimes, movies, and games and include sleeping accommodations for two family members. “When a parent can have a private room, their own space with their child, they can create a quiet and healing space,” says Karen Wayman, director of the Family Advisory Council. “That’s so important for a parent’s relationship with their child.”

To refine the rooms, full-scale detailed mock-ups were constructed in a warehouse. Everything was in place, including medical equipment, patient beds, sinks, televisions, light switches, outlets, and hand sanitizer dispensers. Then representatives from the full care team of physicians, nurses, and parents walked through to share feedback.

“We reviewed bedside tables, laid in different sleeper beds, tested the comfort of rocking chairs, examined the distance from the couch to the patient’s bed, to the television, and to the phone charger built into the wall,” Diane says. “Everyone had a different perspective. For me, the lighting was really important. When my son was in the hospital, when my son had to fast before his surgeries, we would walk the halls to try to keep his mind off his hunger,” Diane says. “We’d stop at the art on the walls and play ‘can you find’ games. Bringing in art and other elements of interactive play like this to the new hospital was crucial.”

Opportunities to learn about the local environment and nature themes are prominent across the campus. Visitors can follow animal footprints and learn about the state’s diverse wildlife. The main elevator is built to look like a tree growing through the center of the building, clad in reclaimed redwood from the deconstructed Moffett Field hangar in Mountain View, California.

California’s ecosystems are also part of the visual wayfinding system that helps direct people through the building. Stanford University ecologists and Packard Children’s patients helped select two animal “ambassadors” native to each floor’s eco-region. Patients and siblings also helped select interactive play structures for the hospital’s gardens and large animal structures that serve as directional landmarks on each floor. “This is a Northern California hospital in a place where people value preservation of species and nature. It was important to create a building that exhibited stewardship of those values,” Guenther says.

But an element of whimsy fit for children remains. At first, a life-size sculpture of a pair of interactive, child-friendly art provides opportunities for learning and play, allowing kids to just be kids even in the midst of medical treatment.

Stimulating the Mind, Restoring the Body

Finally, priority was placed on families being able to connect the worlds of learning and healing, mind and body, resulting in abundant access to nature, art installations, play spaces, and other interactive elements.

“You’re always trying to engage your child in something when you’re in the hospital. When my son had to fast before his surgeries, we would walk the halls to try to keep his mind off his hunger,” Diane says. “We’d stop at the art on the walls and play ‘can you find’ games. Bringing in art and other elements of interactive play like this to the new hospital was crucial.”
hadrosaurs—the only known dinosaurs to live in Northern California—worried parents on the design committee. “We were concerned that a dinosaur would be scary to little kids,” Diane recalls. So now, the dinosaurs are wearing bunny slippers to make them look more friendly.

Indoor playrooms on each floor, designated by age group, provide spaces for arts and crafts, group games, and other activities that involve the whole family.

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“As a parent who has had a sick child, any time you step foot into a hospital it brings back a rush of emotions, some good, some challenging,” Diane reflects. “For me, despite the difficult memories, I always had this feeling that the hospital was a pleasant place to be, and I tend to get filled with overwhelming gratitude for that. I keep envisioning my son in the new space at 2 and 3 years old. He would have absolutely loved the new garden, the sculptures, the opportunity for exploration.”

Wayman echoes that: “Parents bring the lived experience with them. They’ve walked the walk with their children. While care teams’ lived experience is providing care and they have an invaluable perspective on the safety and efficiency of the new design, families look at it with heart. And no one else can do that.”

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“Our family firmly believes that health care is a God-given right. We are glad to provide philanthropic support to make that possible.”

John A. and Susan Sobrato, lead individual donors to our new hospital

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AT A GLANCE

Advanced Technology

Innovative medical technologies make care more efficient and effective for children. They include:

Six new surgical suites, including a neuro-hybrid surgery suite that combines diagnostic imaging services within an operating room. Rather than having to keep patients anesthetized and transport them to another location for a scan, the technology is all in one location. Surgeons can scan the patient and see right away if they’ve successfully removed a tumor, and patients will be able to heal faster.

One of the nation’s only stand-alone combined PET/MRI scanners dedicated to pediatric patients. The machine, designed in part by Stanford engineers, measures how patients’ tissues and organs are functioning to understand how diseases are behaving in their bodies. It provides less radiation exposure and is smaller and less invasive than equipment used for adults, which makes imaging faster and more comfortable for children.

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DIANE FLYNN, PARENT
COMING SOON:
Private Maternity Rooms, and Cancer and Heart Center Expansions

The opening of our new, extraordinary facility is a landmark moment, but the story doesn’t end there. We are transforming our entire hospital campus.

WITHIN THE WEST (original) building, design plans are currently under way to reimagine the Johnson Center for Pregnancy and Newborn Services, creating the Bay Area’s premier mother and baby center, including a brand-new postpartum unit and a redesign of the neonatal intensive care units. By early 2019, all obstetric postpartum beds will be converted into private rooms.

The Bass Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Diseases, which includes an inpatient unit and an outpatient infusion center, will stay in the West building while its future home on the fifth floor of the Main building is under construction. A new space dedicated to the Betty Irene Moore Children’s Outpatient Heart Center is also under construction on the Main building’s first floor. Both new centers are slated for completion in 2019.

WHERE’S MY BRICK?

If you donated a brick for the new hospital’s walkway, stay tuned! We will install them in the coming months and notify you when they are ready.

Every day, donors like you make gifts of all sizes to build a healthier future for children and expectant mothers. Your support makes our hospital a special place for our patients and families, and we are tremendously grateful.

Team G Raises $61,177 for Childhood Cancer Research

LAST SUMMER, the Team G Childhood Cancer Foundation, a nonprofit founded by families affected by childhood cancer, presented three giant checks to our hospital totaling $61,177. These crucial funds will support the groundbreaking childhood cancer research being conducted by Kara Davis, DO, Crystal Mackall, MD, and Sheri Spunt, MD, MBA.

Team G organizes a variety of fundraisers throughout the year, including bake sales, dining events, and happy hours. The most successful is a fundraiser with the Bay Club, a health and fitness club. Team G’s Gina Rodriguez organized yoga events with the Bay Club in honor of childhood cancer patients like her 5-year-old daughter, Sofia. Partnering with top pediatric cancer centers on the West Coast, Team G supports clinical trials and childhood cancer research to find less toxic treatments and ultimately find a cure. We could not be more grateful for their support to help more patients like Sofia!

CVS Health Foundation Gift Will Expand Tobacco Prevention

THE CVS HEALTH FOUNDATION made a generous $500,000 pledge to support Professor of Pediatrics Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, PhD, and her work with the Tobacco Prevention Toolkit. This toolkit contains a set of educational modules focused on tobacco, e-cigarettes, and addiction aimed at preventing middle and high school students’ use of tobacco products.

The CVS Health Foundation’s pledge will help maintain the Tobacco Prevention Toolkit website, expand dissemination and training across the country, and create and implement metrics to track the toolkit’s success. With this gift, the toolkit will add more tobacco products such as hookah and smokeless tobacco and be refreshed with new activities and information in multiple languages (starting with Spanish and Chinese).

We’re so very grateful for the CVS Health Foundation’s support to ensure our next generation will be tobacco-free!
Thank You NOTES

Mazda Drivers Donate to the Children’s Fund

MAZDA gave a generous $101,700 gift to the Children’s Fund, which supports uncompensated care, through its annual Mazda Drive for Good campaign. During the 2016 holiday season, for every new Mazda vehicle purchased or leased, Mazda donated $150 to one of four national or 44 local charities. Each customer was able to select where their funds went.

At a check presentation at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, Miriam Stern, mom to patient Vivi, shared her family’s story with the Mazda team. Vivi was diagnosed with biliary atresia at 5 weeks old and underwent a lifesaving liver transplant. Now she is a happy, playful toddler, thanks to those who support transplant research at our hospital.

Special thanks to the local Mazda dealerships and local drivers who supported Packard Children’s!

The Safe + Fair Food Company Supports Allergy Research

THE SAFE + FAIR FOOD COMPANY selected the Sean N. Parker Center for Allergy and Asthma Research at Stanford University as its primary charitable beneficiary starting in 2017. Founded by friends Dave Leyer and Pete Najarian, Safe + Fair donates 3 percent of all proceeds to the Sean N. Parker Center. The funds will support the critical research conducted by Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD, who leads a team dedicated to not only finding better treatments for children and adults with allergies and asthma but also discovering their underlying mechanisms and developing lasting cures.

“We share the Sean N. Parker Center’s mission to improve the lives of people with food allergies and those around them,” said Safe + Fair CEO Will Holsworth. “We are so proud to support the center’s work, and through our products, hope to prove that people with food allergies—and those who live, work, and go to school with them—can enjoy delicious, affordable, safe food.”

Recent estimates show that one in 12 children and one in 20 adults in the United States have a doctor-diagnosed food allergy, making a lifestyle free from food allergens essential for millions of families. We are grateful for Safe + Fair’s partnership. To learn more about Safe + Fair products, please visit safeandfair.com.

Kohl’s Cares Gives $450,000 to Protect Bay Area Children

THANK YOU TO KOHL’S CARES for committing $450,000 to the Kohl’s Child Injury Prevention Program at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford. With Kohl’s support, the program plays a key role in preventing childhood injuries in our community. The types of injuries specifically addressed include falls, motor vehicle crashes, and pedestrian and bicycle injuries.

Kohl’s partners with hospitals nationwide to educate children and families about topics such as injury prevention and healthy lifestyles. Since 2005, Kohl’s Cares has committed over $1.8 million to our hospital. We could not be more grateful for Kohl’s help in keeping our children safe!

Tad and Dianne Taube Gift $14.5 Million to Launch Initiatives in Youth Addiction and in Children’s Concussions

TAD AND DIANNE TAUBE have made generous commitments totaling $14.5 million to address two of the most significant issues affecting the health and well-being of children and adolescents—addiction and concussions—that have ramifications throughout the lives of young people and their families.

A gift of $9.5 million will launch the Taube Tand Dianne Taube Youth Addiction Initiative, with a goal of treating, preventing, and conducting research into the root causes of addiction, while training young physicians to become future leaders in this area and working in the community to raise awareness.

From the nationwide opioid crisis to the growing pervasiveness of digital and social media, there is a tremendous need to identify, treat, and prevent addiction at the time it first starts. Traditional addiction programs have focused on treating the issue in adulthood. This initiative, to be led by the Department of Psychiatry at Stanford University School of Medicine, is the first of its kind in the nation to address addiction in a comprehensive manner during earliest exposure and the formative years in adolescence.

The initiative is also part of a major effort at Stanford and Packard Children’s to address mental health—the greatest unmet health care need for young people ages 12 to 25. A separate gift of $5 million will launch the Taube Stanford Concussion Collaborative. Whether it is from a tackle in football, a collision in soccer, or a fall from a bicycle, concussions are now a widespread concern for children and families, with up to 3.8 million sports- and recreation-related concussions occurring annually in the United States. Thanks to the Taubes’ gift, Stanford neurosurgeon Gerald Grant, MD, PACS, Stanford bioengineer David Camarillo, PhD, and nonprofit partner TeachAIDS will advance concussion education, care, and research to protect children from the risk of concussions.

“As parents, we see that young people today are facing a new world of challenges,” says Tad Taube.

“We want to educate families and raise awareness about the risks and signs of addiction and concussion in children and adolescents. It can make an all-important difference in their lives.”

“We are tremendously grateful to the Taubes for their leadership to understand, treat, and prevent addiction and concussion,” says Christopher Dawes, president and CEO of Packard Children’s. “Dianne and Tad are stepping forward to make a transformative difference on two of the most critical issues in child health.”

Linda Grimes Gives through an IRA Rollover

LINDA GRIMES WAS THRILLED to recently discover an easy way to use her Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to give to our hospital. Linda made a tax-free $10,000 rollover gift from her IRA to our foundation to support uncompensated care of seriously ill children. Her gift also counted as part of her required minimum distribution from her IRA.

Thank you for your gift and steadfast commitment, Linda!

FOR MORE INFORMATION on how to use your IRA to make a gift, contact our Office of Gift Planning: (650) 724-5778 or email: giftplanning@lpfch.org.
Awards $400,000 to Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford with no reliable means of transportation. This new vehicle can transport up to two wheelchair users at a time and will be a vital resource for our patient families.

Thank you, First Tech Federal Credit Union and Delta Air Lines!

The Hyundai Foundation also generously established an academic scholarship in her memory at Stanford University School of Medicine. The scholarship supports residents who are pursuing careers in pediatric medicine by funding grants for community outreach projects. These annual projects are part of the Stanford Advocacy Track (STAT), an integral part of the Pediatric Advocacy Program. The Pediatric Advocacy Program works with community partners to improve child health and reduce health disparities in Silicon Valley and the surrounding area, while also providing valuable research and learning opportunities for residents. Caroline’s Loving Life Foundation has helped fund more than 20 residents’ projects, providing learning, community engagement, and advocacy opportunities.

We extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Caroline’s friends, family, and Loving Life Foundation.

In case you missed it …

In fall 2017, Hyundai Hope On Wheels awarded Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford $400,000 in grants for pediatric cancer research. These grants will support the work of Kara Davis, DO ($250,000), and Robbie Majzner, MD ($150,000).

Every time a new Hyundai vehicle is sold in the United States, the Hyundai dealer makes a donation to Hope On Wheels. Hyundai is one of the largest private funders of pediatric cancer research. Packard Children’s has received more than $2 million from Hope On Wheels since the program’s launch in 1998. The grants to Drs. Davis and Majzner were presented during a gala dinner and awards ceremony, which included other local grant recipients and remarks from patient hero Nick Norcia. Nick was treated for acute lymphoblastic leukemia at the Bass Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Diseases by Dr. Davis and is now in remission.

Thank you, Hyundai, for funding life-saving research!

Packard Children’s Ranks High in Specialty Care

U.S. News & World Report ranked Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford in all 10 specialties in its 2017–2018 Best Children’s Hospitals survey, making it the only children’s hospital in Northern California to be ranked in all 10 specialties in this year’s survey. Most notably, Packard Children’s nephrology program received the top ranking in the state and placed No. 8 in the nation. The pulmonology program ranked best on the West Coast and No. 11 in the nation. And the cardiology and heart surgery program is once again the top ranked in Northern California.

The U.S. News & World Report’s Best Children’s Hospitals rankings help parents select the best medical care for their children. Rankings are determined by gathering clinical data from approximately 180 pediatric centers through a detailed survey that ranks the top 50 centers in 10 medical specialties.

“These rankings affirm the quality of specialty care that we are so proud to provide to our patients,” says Christopher Dawes, Packard Children’s president and CEO.

To be nationally recognized in a specialty, a hospital must excel in caring for the sickest, most medically complex patients.
In the NEWS

Virtual Reality Alleviates Pain and Anxiety for Young Patients

VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) technology is being implemented throughout Packard Children’s to ease patients’ feelings of pain and anxiety. Packard Children’s is one of the nation’s first hospitals to deploy distraction-based VR therapy within every patient unit. “Many kids associate the hospital with things they deem stressful and scary,” says pediatric anesthesiologist Sam Rodriguez, MD, co-founder of the CHARIOT program (short for Childhood Anxiety Reduction through Innovation and Technology), which is leading the hospital-wide VR rollout. “We are finding that the virtual reality technology can be a distraction, which is conducted every day in the operating rooms.”

New Cell Therapy for Relapsed Leukemia Patients

RESEARCHERS AT STANFORD University School of Medicine and the National Cancer Institute found in a small clinical trial that a significant proportion of children and young adults with treatment-resistant B-cell leukemia—the most common cancer in children—achieved remission with the help of a new form of gene therapy. The therapy is similar to but distinct from CD19-targeted chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy, or CAR T-cell therapy, in which a patient’s own T cells, or killer cells, are genetically modified to target a molecule called CD19 on the cancer cell’s surface. This therapy was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of some types of blood cancers.

The new therapy genetically modifies a patient’s T cells to target a different molecule, called CD22. This approach is helpful because the cancer cells of some patients who undergo CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy stop expressing the CD19 molecule on the cell surface.

Fifteen of the 21 patients in the study had previously either relapsed or failed to respond to anti-CD19 CAR T-cell treatment, which is currently used only when all other therapies have failed. Crystal Mackall, MD, professor of pediatrics and internal medicine, is the senior author of the study, which was published last November in Nature Medicine.

Teen Cancer Patients Connect at Annual Girls’ Day Out

AS PART OF the ninth annual Girls’ Day Out last August, girls undergoing treatment at the Bass Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Diseases rode from the hospital in a limousine to the Fairmont San Jose for a day of fun and bonding. The Fairmont reserved and decorated a hotel suite for the girls, and it served as a home base for a painting party with artists from Young Art and bonding. The Fairmont reserved and decorated a hotel suite for the girls, and the girls received goodie bags with beauty supplies from Peninsula Beauty and blankets from Vera Bradley.

But the conversations and friendship were the best part of the day. “It’s a nice break to get away and take care of yourself,” says 15-year-old Chloe. “And it’s nice to talk to the other girls. Sometimes you feel alone, but you’re not, because others are going through the same thing.”

Christopher Dawes Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

CHRISTOPHER DAWES, president and CEO of Packard Children’s, was recognized in the Silicon Valley Business Journal’s inaugural C-Suite Awards with a 2017 lifetime achievement award. In a profile in the Business Journal, Dawes discussed his leadership approach: “I learned fairly quickly that as a CEO, you’re not there to problem solve. You’re there to help coach and help guide people so that they will make the decisions appropriately. My job is to provide the vision, the direction, and hire good people, and at the same time, have them do the problem solving.”

Packard Children’s Re-verified as a Level 1 Trauma Center

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF Surgeons (ACS) re-verified Packard Children’s as a Level 1 pediatric trauma center—the highest possible ranking for trauma centers. Evaluations are done every three years, and the Level 1 verification recognizes hospitals’ commitment to providing the highest quality trauma care for all injured patients. Packard Children’s is one of five Level 1 pediatric trauma centers verified by the ACS in California, and it is the only one on the Peninsula.

Magnet Technology Corrects Spinal Disorders

FOR THE PAST YEAR, 7-year-old Kora Oliovo has benefited from new technology that uses a magnet to straighten and lengthen her spine so that it can keep up with the rest of her body’s growth. Kora has early onset scoliosis (EOS), a severe spinal curvature that occurs when vertebral development occurs incorrectly in utero.

When she was 5 years old, Kora underwent a surgery in which standard growing rods were placed in her spine to begin correcting the curve. She would need to return to the hospital for surgery every six months to surgically lengthen the rods, and she would require between 10 and 20 more surgeries throughout her childhood before she reached skeletal maturity. But in 2016, a new technology changed all of that for Kora. Lawrence Rinsky, MD, chief emeritus of pediatric orthopedic surgery at Packard Children’s, replaced her standard rods with MAGeC titanium rods. The rods are lengthened magnetically through a non-invasive, non-surgical procedure called “distraction,” which is conducted every three months in a doctor’s office. “I can’t help but think about all of the surgeries Kora would have gone through without this technology,” says her mother, Ali Oliovo. “Now, she comes in, lays down for what feels like 30 seconds, and then goes home.”
“The people who work inside these walls saved my daughter’s life and made us feel like part of their family. And I’m so excited for you to have a new state-of-the-art building where you can continue to save the lives of children.”

JENNIFER WATSON, mom of Effy (left, with her brother Harry), who was just 2 years old when she was diagnosed with leukemia

Effy, now 6 and in remission, was thrilled to join singer Caly Bevier onstage at the Ribbon Cutting to perform “Fight Song.”

See the full video at supportLPCH.org/FightSong
Come tour the new hospital!
See for yourself the difference you have made for children and families.

“To say this place is extraordinary would be an understatement.”
Jennifer, mom of 6-year-old cancer survivor Effy

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