Dear Friends,

Every day at Packard Children’s, I am inspired by the outstanding care our nurses provide to children and expectant mothers. We often hear from patient families who, long after their hospital stays, remember their nurses by name and remain deeply appreciative of the loving attention provided to them through difficult times.

In addition to being compassionate caregivers, many of our nurses are now also establishing themselves as first-rate nurse researchers. Their unique combination of clinical expertise and close contact with patients and families allows them to identify even better ways of caring for children.

Your support makes it possible for our nurses to practice the best medicine available and develop new approaches to care. By giving to the Lucile Packard Children’s Fund, you have invested in vital and inventive nurse-led studies that otherwise may not have been launched. Your partnership plays an integral role in keeping our nurses—and in turn, our Hospital—at the forefront of pediatric and obstetric medicine.

On behalf of the entire Packard team, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

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Innovation at the Bedside:
Packard Nurses Lead Research,
Advance Care for Children and Families
Thinking nurses are now emerging as leaders in pediatric research as well. Nasr is one of a growing number of nurses who are developing new solutions to the experiences of other families that had gone through similar transplant literature. As Simon Ho notes, his family would have benefited from hearing about the experiences of other families too.

Innovation at the Bedside

July 12 was a big day for the Ho family of Cupertino. That morning, Cassie Ho, 13, and her father, Simon, both went in for surgery. Due to a condition called biliary atresia, Cassie was facing end-stage liver failure. At Stanford Hospital, a portion of Simon’s liver was removed, then rushed next door to Packard Children’s and transplanted into his daughter. Just weeks later, both Cassie and Simon are doing well.

Still, some big questions remain. Receiving an organ donation from a parent is a dramatic, life-changing event. Living-related liver transplants occur more often in infants too young to remember what happened. But for older patients like Cassie, how might it affect their physical, emotional, social, and family life in the long term?

Annette Nasr, RN, PhD, is determined to find out. “We need to better understand the experiences of adolescents who have undergone a living-related liver transplant,” she says. “But little about the child’s perspective is currently documented in transplant literature.”

As Simon Ho notes, his family would have benefited from hearing about the experiences of other families that had gone through similar situations. Through surveys and interviews with patients ages 11-18, Nasr is now gathering valuable insights. She hopes to translate her findings into educational materials for youth and families, and translate directly into more effective care.