Dear Friends,

Miracles happen every day at Packard Children’s. Saving a little boy’s smile while providing comprehensive, family-centered care is a wonderful example of how Packard excels at meeting the emotional, medical, and financial needs of each patient and family.

As a Children’s Fund donor, you make these miracles happen. Your gifts help us provide a spectrum of services to any child and family in our community. The Children’s Fund supports social services, the Hospital School, recreation therapy, and child life services—regardless of a family’s financial means. In fact, Packard covered more than $100 million of uncompensated costs from public insurance last year, ensuring access to quality care for all.

Packard’s family-centered approach is hospital-wide and a hallmark of our innovative, collaborative, and compassionate care. Parents are actively included in clinical meetings with physicians and nurses—they’re also invited to classes and weekly family gatherings, they serve on over a dozen hospital committees, and they even mentor new families beginning treatment processes similar to their own.

You help make all of this happen for your family, your neighbor, and your community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Become a Packard Partner today by making monthly gifts, and give the gift of hope and health year-round. Plus, when you become a Packard Partner for the first time this fall, the Keith and Pamela Fox Family Foundation may match the first year of your monthly gifts to the Children’s Fund. Visit supportLPCH.org/partners to sign up.

Give Children a Healthy Future
Making a bequest can be an important way of defining your legacy. As you create an estate plan with your attorney, please consider including a gift to Packard Children’s Hospital. Visit supportLPCH.org/legacy or call (650) 736-1211 for more information.

Packard Pages
Whether you’re hosting an event to benefit Packard, gathering donations in lieu of gifts, or honoring someone special with your fundraising efforts, Packard Pages makes it easy for friends and family to join you. With our simple, online fundraising tools you can watch your progress and send thank you messages to supporters. Visit PackardPages.org to get started.
Saving Jax’s Smile

A child’s smile is one of life’s greatest joys. For Kristi and Jon Cannon of Redwood City, parents of 2-year-old Jax, that simple pleasure is something they will always cherish.

“Now we know that anything can happen at any moment—even when we’re just home, winding down after a busy afternoon,” explains Kristi. That’s precisely how the accident happened: Jax, then 17 months old, was playing in the living room when, in a burst of boyish excitement, he suddenly catapulted toward his father—and directly into the glass he was holding.

“There was blood everywhere. We were terrified,” recalls Kristi. Jax was rushed to Sequoia Hospital, where his emergency room physician repaired the wound, but observed that the side of Jax’s face remained motionless. He referred the Cannons to Packard Children’s, where they could get the care of pediatric facial-paralysis experts. But they had to act quickly: reconstructing damaged nerves is most successful when performed within 72 hours.

Packard surgeons James Chang, MD, and Rohit Khosla, MD, experts in pediatric microsurgery and craniofacial surgery, teamed up to save Jax’s smile. Using a microscope and a needle the size of an eyelash, Chang stitched together the severed nerves. Khosla repaired the external injury.

“We were treated incredibly well by everyone at Packard. I was especially touched when Dr. Chang called us personally, as soon as he learned about the accident,” says Kristi. “The very first thing he said was, ‘You cannot blame yourselves. He truly understood what we were feeling.’

“And our nurse, Elena Hopkins, was warm, personable, and caring,” Kristi continues. “She came out to speak with us many times during the surgery, telling us how Jax was doing and also getting to know us as a family. It really helped us get through a stressful experience.”

Jax’s doctors sat down with Kristi and Jon after the surgery to show them video clips of the procedure, helping them understand what Jax went through. “It meant the world to us,” says Jon.

“We feel so grateful to the hospital for the exceptional way that we were treated from beginning to end,” Kristi adds. “We want others to know about this amazing place. It’s reassuring to know that we don’t need to fly across the country for the very best care, because Packard Children’s is in our own backyard.”

Growling Together

We’re Expanding

Packard Children’s is growing to provide our community with the most advanced, family-centered care possible. Two new pavilions will house private patient rooms and state of the art surgical, diagnostic, and treatment areas.

Did you know we’re committed to creating a healthy community and a healthy environment? For example, design features will harvest rainwater, wastewater, and condensate—the liquid formed by dehumidifying indoor air—to meet the irrigation needs for our new landscaping. This will save an estimated 680,000 gallons of water annually.

Learn more and get involved at growing.lpch.org.

Thank You!

On Saturday, June 23, nearly 2,400 participants—including 1,800 runners and walkers—joined forces to raise over $165,000 for the Children’s Fund. Thank you to everyone who ran, walked, scampered, strolled, sponsored, and volunteered to make this a great event! Photos and results are available at SummerScamper.org.