Dear Friends,

As you may know, U.S. News & World Report recently ranked Packard Children’s as the top children’s hospital in Northern California and one of the nation’s best overall. I am humbled by our inclusion in this list of outstanding hospitals.

But beyond the rankings, what makes our hospital truly special? For this issue of the Children’s Fund Update, we asked patients, parents, and caregivers to share their unique perspectives about what makes Packard Children’s “the best” to them.

To me, being the best means that we provide care to all children who need our specialized teams, regardless of their family’s financial situation. It means that we continually develop new cures and ways to prevent disease and train future child health care providers to care for our children and our children’s children.

When you read this Children’s Fund Update, I hope you experience the same pride that I feel every day, because that pride belongs to you as well. Your generosity ensures that this level of excellence is reflected not only in national rankings, but in the care we provide each day to the expectant mothers, children, and families we serve.

With gratitude,
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Arline and Pete Harman Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Stanford University School of Medicine
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Help us build a healthy future, one brick at a time.

Make a special gift to our hospital expansion, and help us build healthy, hopeful futures for patients and families at Packard Children’s. To honor your donation, we will engrave a brick with your personal message and install it along a new community pathway outside the hospital in 2016.

Choose from three brick sizes:
- 4” x 8” Brick: $1,000
- 8” x 8” Brick: $5,000
- 12” x 12” Brick: $25,000

Make your gift and personalize your brick today at give.supportLPCH.org/bricks.
Children's Fund
Update
Lucile Packard

In June, U.S. News & World Report honored Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital as one of the nation’s top children’s hospitals, placing six of our specialties in the top 15, and nine additional specialties in the top 40. However, being a world-class hospital is about more than once-a-year rankings. Here, some of the families and individuals who see Packard Children’s in action, day in and day out, share their personal perspectives about what “the best” means to them:

“Thank you!”
On June 23, more than 3,000 participants joined us at the sold-out Packard Summer Scamper and helped raise over $360,000 for Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, more than doubling last year’s fundraising total! We are so grateful for everyone who ran, walked, scampered, strolled, sponsored, or volunteered to make this a great event. Check out official race results, photos, and video at SummerScamper.org.

What makes Packard Children’s “the best”?

“I was so proud to work at Packard Children’s. The nurses are incredible. Their dedication to our patients is amazing. Our physicians are the best in the world. And the support staff is on a mission to make our patients’ hospital stays as easy as possible.”

“I like the Cameo’s price I got after my needle. I like the cartoons and the video games because if they weren’t there I’d be bored. I like the nurses. They help me and they’re nice and they’re pretty.”

“It was all the little things — Roger at the welcome desk who greeted us daily by name; the security guard who, after Hadley was born, took time to print my husband a new badge that no longer read ‘visitor’ but ‘parent’; the nurses who looked after us, and the chief resident we affectionately called Dr. Sparkly” because of her endless smile. On our last day, Dr. El-Sayed asked me, “Do you think we managed your care well, and is there anything we could do better?” Amazing... he works tirelessly and understood my rare condition, and was still asking what he could do better... no ego, just humility and sincere care.”

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“The opportunity to learn from the best. A parent recently told me that her daughter would be the first member of their family to survive a heart condition that had afflicted her family for generations. It was amazing to be part of giving this to her family.”

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“Our kids received costumes and took part in the Trick-or-Treat Trail on Halloween, and were able to see Santa at Christmas. When the Child Life team found out our kids were piano players, they located and provided a keyboard for them to play in our hospital room. These special touches allowed our kids to just be kids during a difficult time away from home.”

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