Dear Friends,

This fall marks a special milestone for Children’s Fund donors. Ten years ago, the Children’s Fund began directing support to the Stanford Child Health Research Institute (CHRI). Since then, you and your fellow Children’s Fund donors have provided more than $16 million in funding for innovative child and maternal health research. That is incredible!

Thanks to your support, we have been able to award more than 375 research grants to the Stanford community since 2008. These researchers span diverse disciplines from mechanical engineering to maternal-fetal medicine, but they all have one goal in common: improving the lives of mothers, babies, and children in our community and around the world.

One example of the difference your support has made: Post-doctoral research fellow Marko Jakovljevic, PhD, is developing an ultrasound device to help us better understand the vascular system in newborns’ brains. It could be a wonderful new tool for our neonatologists caring for our tiniest patients.

In other exciting news, on Friday, November 16, we will host the inaugural CHRI Symposium, honoring this year’s funding awardees. Please join us! Our hope is that the event will foster a sense of community among our researchers and supporters like you. Learn more at med.stanford.edu/chri.

There is so much to celebrate, but also so much more work to be done to advance children’s health research. Because of you, each year we are able to fund 30 percent of the researchers who apply for CHRI grants. As government-funded grants become harder and harder to obtain, we hope your continued support will help us fill in the gap and fund even more of the innovative scientists whose ideas may lead to better care and cures.

We cannot thank you enough for your support of the Children’s Fund and we look forward to what the future holds for child and maternal health.

Best wishes,

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Thanks to your support, chaplains are always available for Packard Children’s patients and care teams.

You Bring Families Comfort

Before Shubha and Manju Manjunath brought 3-week-old Ishan home from the hospital after his open-heart surgery, they knew there was one stop they needed to make.

Following Hindu tradition, the family wanted to visit a temple to celebrate the occasion and express gratitude for the care that Ishan received in our cardiovascular intensive care unit (CVICU). They walked away from the beeps of the CVICU, down the halls of Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, and into the calming embrace of the hospital’s new Sanctuary.
Double Your Impact: A Special Giving Opportunity

Become a monthly donor by August 31 and your gift may be matched for an entire year thanks to the Keith and Pamela Fox Family Foundation. The first 25 donors will be matched!* Our monthly donors are always by our side, caring for patients and families every step of the way. Learn more at supportLPCH.org/MonthlyGiving.

Already a monthly donor? Increase your gift and your next 12 gifts can be matched as well! Contact Rachel Zabalza at Rachel.Zabalza@lpfch.org or (650) 736-8282 for more details.

*Donations must be to the Children’s Fund. Up to $1,000 may be matched. Gifts of all sizes are greatly appreciated!

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The Sanctuary is a place of respite. Patients, families, and staff of any faith, or of none, can find space for reflection, prayer, or simply a moment of rest. With floor-to-ceiling windows and a welcoming atmosphere, anyone in need can find refuge within this sacred space.

“[This space became their temple],” says Reverend Diana Brady, BSN, MDiv, BCC, Director of Chaplaincy Services. “Shubha appreciated the meditative music in the background and the sculpture that you can see through the window.”

Brady is one of seven chaplains at Packard Children’s. Chaplains are another important spiritual- and emotional-care resource for our families and care team members.

Throughout their time at Packard Children’s, Ishan’s family depended on his entire care team including cardiologist Rajesh Punn, MD; cardiothoracic surgeon Frank Hanley, MD; and chaplain Carolyn Glauz-Todrank, MDiv.

“We are so grateful for the holistic care we received from our doctors, nurses, and support staff,” says Manju. “Rev. Carolyn’s prayers and support were a strong pillar that made us believe and have faith that things will work out eventually.”

At Packard Children’s, our chaplains see families and hospital staff in their most hopeful, joyful, grief-filled, and complicated moments.

“Science and faith work together,” says Brady.

Brady herself was a registered nurse before she felt called to provide spiritual support to families during crises. She graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, is an ordained United Methodist pastor, and is board certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains. Her fellow chaplains come from a variety of faiths and are all trained to help those of other faiths as well. The team made more than 6,800 bedside visits last year.

A Support for Staff

While Brady says bedside visits are the heart of her team’s work, she also believes one of her most important roles is helping to facilitate Schwartz Rounds, a bi-monthly gathering that provides a safe, supportive space where team members can discuss the emotional toll of caring for critically ill children day after day, year after year.

“Everyone here who interacts with patients and families comes with a kind heart, a compassionate presence, and that’s all a part of spiritual care,” Brady says. She adds that the goal of Schwartz Rounds is to help staff realize they aren’t alone and to build resiliency so they can continue to provide the best care they can, to every child and family.

Grateful for You

Brady and her colleagues are deeply grateful for the financial support they receive from the community, including Children’s Fund donors like you. Because of your gifts, chaplains are available to families of all faiths, and the Sanctuary is equipped with a wide range of spiritual resources, including prayer rugs, a menorah, a Catholic crucifix, a Protestant cross, a Buddhist singing bowl, a Hindu Ganesh, and more.

“We consider donors’ gifts part of our sacred work,” Brady says. “They’re in it with us. We are mindful of the diversity in our community and are very intentional in discerning what we should do with our gifts.”

Brady and her team participate in ethics committee meetings, and can help medical team members develop care plans that respect a family’s faith and its important role in their child’s well-being.

“We are so privileged to be part of the most intimate moments in families’ lives,” she says.

Thank You for Scampering With Us

More than 3,600 friends joined us on June 24 for the 8th annual Summer Scamper 5k, 10k, and kids’ fun run to support our hospital and child and maternal health research at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Thank you for helping us exceed our wildest dreams and raise more than $550,000 for our patients. Check out SummerScamper.org for race photos and results.

You Can Change the Future for Sick Kids

Learn more about putting a gift in your will.

We can’t wait to share with you the future of children’s medicine.

Come enjoy a breathtaking tour of the new Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford and lunch in our new Harvest Café.

If you’re ready to learn more, contact Jean Gorman at (650) 736-1211 or Jean.Gorman@lpfch.org.