

La Rabida

Children's Hospital



Giving Possibilities



La Rabida is a specialty hospital focusing exclusively on children with chronic illnesses, disabilities or those who have been abused or neglected.

What is a chronic illness? A chronic illness is a lifelong medical condition...asthma, diabetes, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, shaken baby syndrome, sickle cell disease, or juvenile rheumatoid arthritis among many others.

A lifelong illness does not discriminate - it strikes children of any age, every culture and ethnic background. It may start with physical trauma such as poverty, a fire, abuse or neglect, but it quickly infects the heart and soul of a child.

La Rabida is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit charity. Our mission is to provide excellence in medical care, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

Why is this La Rabida's mission?

The majority of our families have been impoverished by their child's lifelong medical condition. Without La Rabida, more than 9,000 children would have no other option for their health care.

Philanthropy plays a critical role at La Rabida. We rely on donors to help us update our facilities and equipment, and to support programs where costs are not reimbursed through public or private insurance.

GIVING POSSIBILITIES AT LA RABIDA

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MONETARY DONATIONS

A monetary donation provides a federal income tax deduction if you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return.

The maximum amount of charitable deductions that you may claim in any one year is 50% of your adjusted gross income. If you have any unused deduction, it can be carried forward for up to five succeeding years.

Matching Gift Programs

Many companies match donations made by their employees, employees' spouses and retirees. Please review your company's policy to see if your gift to La Rabida qualifies for matching.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

These funds are being used more than ever to support La Rabida. They are philanthropic investment funds established through a charitable gift, but the donor is able to 'recommend' how the fund is used and which charities the fund can support.

Here is a listing of the donor advised funds that currently support La Rabida:



Chicago
Community
Trust

Fidelity Charitable
Gift Fund



Jewish
Federation of
Metropolitan
Chicago

Jewish United Federation



Vanguard Charitable
Endowment Program

STOCKS AND BONDS

Appreciated stocks and bonds are, next to monetary donations, the most popular type of asset donated to La Rabida. Making a gift of securities is both simple and tax-effective.

Tax Advantage

You are entitled to a federal income tax deduction if you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return.

How To Transfer Stocks or Bonds

Please contact La Rabida's Development Office: (773) 753-9607. Our office will provide you with the routing number for an electronic transfer, as well as the name and contact information of our broker.

Valuation of your Gift

La Rabida will value your publicly traded security as of the day the securities pass from your control. The fair market value of each share or bond is the average between the highest and the lowest quoted selling prices on a stock exchange on the date the gift is transferred.

Depreciated Securities

If you hold securities that have declined in value, it is generally advisable to sell the securities to establish a tax loss, and then donate the proceeds to La Rabida.

GIFTS OF CLOSELY HELD STOCK



You can donate stock in a closely held corporation to La Rabida and receive substantial tax benefits. There are a number of strategies you can use to structure the gift according to your circumstances. To explore the various alternatives, please contact La Rabida's Development Office: (773) 753-9607.



CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A charitable gift annuity is a combination of a gift and an investment. In return for a gift of cash or property, La Rabida will contractually guarantee to pay a lifetime income to you, your spouse and/or another designated beneficiary for as long as s/he lives. The fixed amount of payment is established at the inception of the annuity and never varies. The annuity payments are secured by all the assets of the not-for-profit, not just the assets in the annuity. The following table shows the various payout rates at different ages, as recommended by the American Council of Gift Annuities, a national association of charities.

Age	Rate of Return*
40	4.7
45	5.0
50	5.3
55	5.5
60	5.7
65	6.0
70	6.5
75	7.1
80	8.0
85	9.5
90+	11.3

For additional information on establishing a charitable gift annuity, please contact the Development Office: (773) 753-9607.



*As of date of publication

PLANNED GIVING

Permanently Restricted Giving

A number of farsighted individuals established funds to leave a lasting legacy to help the children and families at La Rabida. We refer to these funds as permanently restricted funds. The principal remains intact, thus permanent, and only the interest is spent each year. The minimum gift for creating such a fund is \$250,000. Additions to the fund can then be made at any time in the future, in any amount.

Schoen Family Fund

Established in 1979 by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schoen. The income supports three psychology interns annually who focus their internship on child abuse.

Grossman Fellowship

Named in honor of former medical director, Burton J. Grossman, M.D., physicians are trained to work with children with rheumatic diseases. They also conduct research in both clinical and basic sciences.

Children at Risk

Established in 1991 to support special services that are not covered by Medicaid or other third party payers. The income generated from this fund supports programs that serve children at risk of chronic illnesses, abuse or neglect.

Goldberg Family Fund

This charitable trust supports the Children at Risk Fund.

WISH LIST

Giving opportunities ranging from \$1,000 and beyond are plentiful at La Rabida. There are many items on our program wish list that need your support.

The following four funds are a sample from our wish list.

Audrey Ward Treasure Chest Fund

This fund provides recreational and educational activities for patients. The activities include special visits by musicians, ethnic storytellers, dancers and puppeteers. The fund also includes age appropriate toys and games as well as craft supplies for creative art projects.

Grace Welsh Camp Fund

This fund provides scholarships for individual camps where children with like medical diagnoses and needs attend together. A camp experience is very special to all children because they learn new experiences in an environment that fosters independence and stresses peer relationships. For special needs children, it is even more important to stress independence.



Stevie Stiffel Scholarship Fund

This fund provides financial assistance to patients and former patients of La Rabida who are pursuing a post-high school education. The scholarships are given in the form of a grant to aid those who could not otherwise afford to further their education.

Medical Research Fund

This fund supports research, conducted by La Rabida's physicians and professionals, to search for ways to cure and prevent chronic diseases that affect children.

- Asthmatic Children's Aid
- Rheumatology Research
- Burn Research
- General Research

If you would like to explore these opportunities further, please contact La Rabida's Development Office: (773) 753-9607.



BEQUESTS

Your will is a written testimony of your concern for family and loved ones. It is a way to show others what you value in life, being most generous with the people and organizations that matter the most to you. There are a number of ways to include a favorite charity in your will. The following is the simplest way to provide for La Rabida:

***“I give to La Rabida Children’s Hospital,
East 65th Street at Lake Michigan,
Chicago, IL 60649,
the sum of (a specified dollar amount)
or (percentage) of the residue of my
estate to be used at the discretion of its
Board of Trustees.”***

Bequest Options

A cash bequest provides La Rabida with a predetermined dollar amount. A residuary bequest provides La Rabida with all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate.

A bequest of property provides La Rabida with specific assets, such as securities, an interest in real estate or tangible personal property.

If you participate in a qualified retirement plan, La Rabida may be designated as a beneficiary of the remainder of your Keogh, IRA, tax-sheltered annuity, profit-sharing plan, 401K plan or qualified pension plan.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society honors those people who have made a deferred gift provision for the hospital. This is an honorary society that encourages others to plan their gifts to charity. Making a planned gift will often permit you to make a much larger contribution than might otherwise be possible as an outright gift. A planned gift in any amount is recognized by the La Rabida Legacy.

When you let us know that you have made a planned provision, you will be enrolled as a member of the La Rabida Legacy Society. With your permission, you will be:

- Recognized on the La Rabida Legacy Society Donor Wall
- Acknowledged in the annual report and/or Currents Newsletter
- Invited to the annual meeting and other hospital activities
- Honored at an annual brunch with your peers



***Your gift to La Rabida benefits you...and
La Rabida's Children.***

Please send me information on the following:

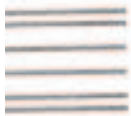


- Making a gift of stock.
- Establishing a charitable gift annuity.
- Including La Rabida in my/our will or other estate planning vehicle.
- Joining the La Rabida Legacy Society.
- Other _____
- I have a question. Please call me. Best time to call: _____ a.m./p.m.
- I'd like to arrange a personal tour of La Rabida Children's Hospital.
- I'd like to arrange a short personal visit in my home or office to learn about exciting things happening at La Rabida Children's Hospital.

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Phone _____



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Raising Possibilities for A Lifetime



Founded in 1896 by a group of women volunteers, La Rabida Children's Hospital has been helping children reach their fullest potential for more than a century.

La Rabida Children's Hospital has been providing hope, encouragement and support to help children and their parents learn to live with chronic medical conditions...allowing them to raise possibilities for their lifetime.

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