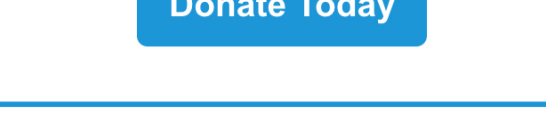


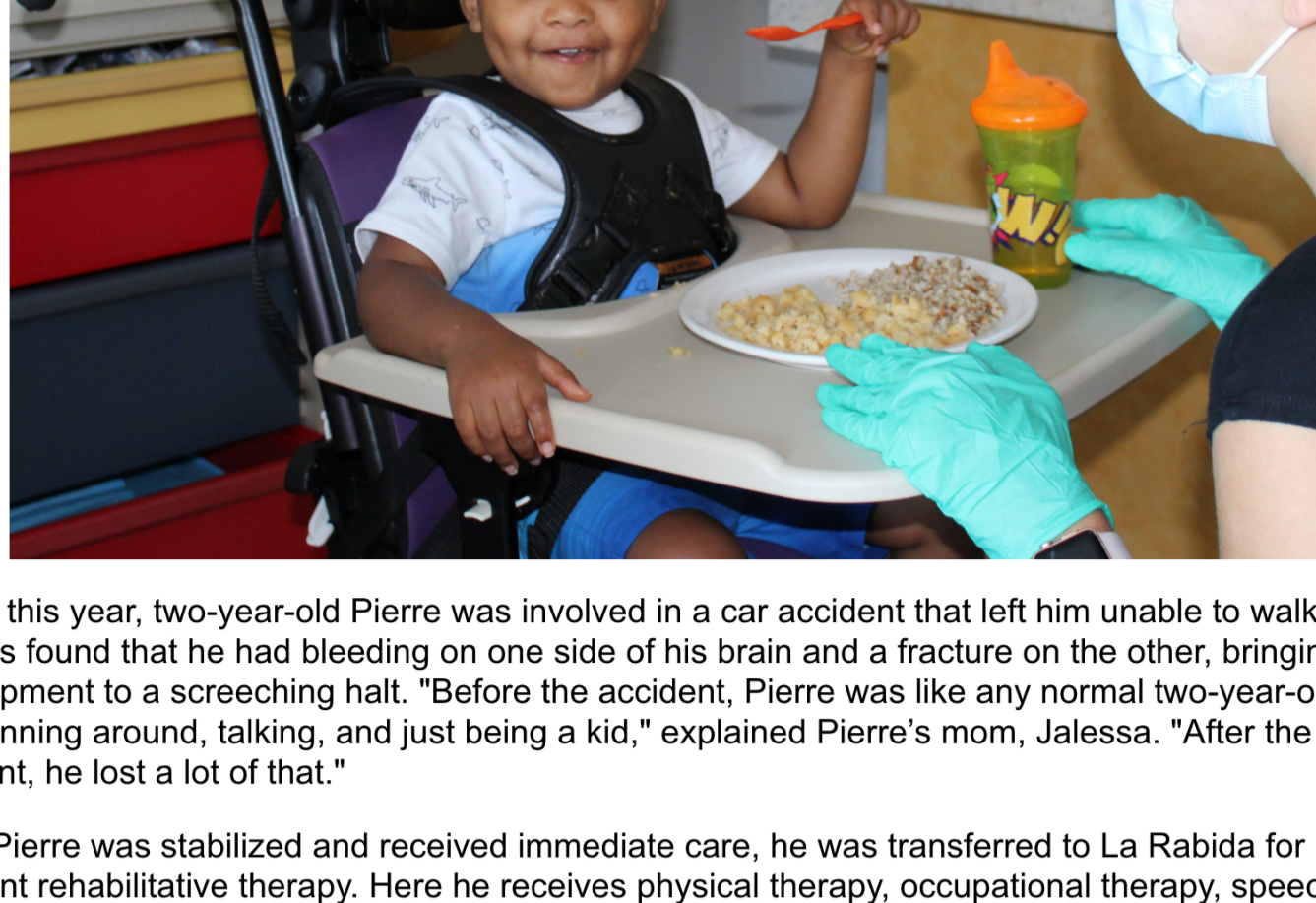


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Meet Pierre



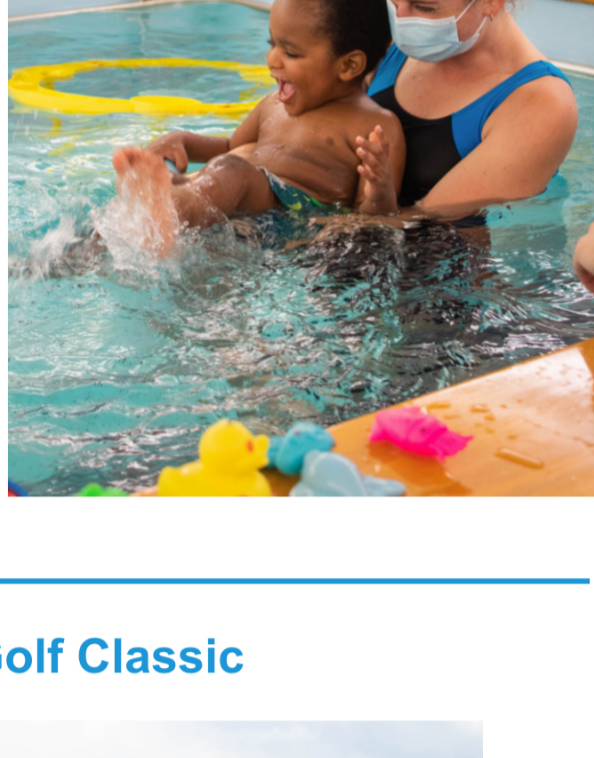
Earlier this year, two-year-old Pierre was involved in a car accident that left him unable to bring or talk. Doctors found that he had bleeding on one side of his brain and a fracture on the other, bringing his development to a screeching halt. "Before the accident, Pierre was like any normal two-year-old. He was running around, talking, and just being a kid," explained Pierre's mom, Jalessa. "After the accident, he lost a lot of that."

Once Pierre was stabilized and received immediate care, he was transferred to La Rabida for inpatient rehabilitative therapy. Here he receives physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and works closely with the infant development and child life specialists. This holistic team works one-on-one with Pierre and his family to help him regain the skills he lost during the accident.

In the two and a half months of being at the Gem on the Lake, Pierre has improved by leaps and bounds. "Before the accident, he was talking normal. Afterward, he lost his speech," shared Jalessa. "Because of therapy he's back talking again!" Pierre's mobility has also made tremendous waves. "He couldn't walk after the accident and now he's getting back to it. I saw him up and walking yesterday, using a stroller to support him. That was great to see," explained Jalessa. These are things that Pierre could not do earlier this summer.

Pierre also takes part in hydrotherapy to help build up his strength and endurance. This type of therapy can relieve pain by reducing gravity and joint stress, while also adding some resistance for patients like Pierre who are working to strengthen muscles. By working with his therapist in the pool, he is able to make progress during therapy while also having fun splashing with his therapist.

"The team has done a lot and brought Pierre back almost to himself again. I would just like to thank them. I really appreciate everything that they have done."



La Rabida's 32nd Annual Golf Classic



On Monday, August 2nd, golfers hit the links in honor of La Rabida's 32nd Annual Golf Classic! This was the first time in this event's history that we completely sold out of foursomes. With a full flight of golfers, we were able to raise over \$230,000 for the patients and families of La Rabida.

The day's festivities included 18-holes of golf at Harborside International Golf Center, fun course contests, and a helicopter ball drop. One lucky golfer even walked away with a brand new Lexus lease after he sank a hole-in-one!

We are blown away by the generosity of everyone who turned out to support La Rabida's mission. Thank you to the golfers, volunteers, patients, and supporters who made the day one to remember!



CAB Helps Patients Head Back to the Classroom with Back to School Drive



The back to school season is in full swing! La Rabida's Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) is helping our patients kick off the new year with bags filled to the brim with school supplies. Donors from far and wide showed their support for our patients by shopping our Amazon Wishlist for items like colored pencils, notebooks, folders, and so much more. As our patients and their siblings came to the hospital for the appointments, they were able to pick up their bags of goodies in a safe, socially distant manner.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make sure our patients have the tools they need to succeed! We are wishing our kids a happy and healthy school year.



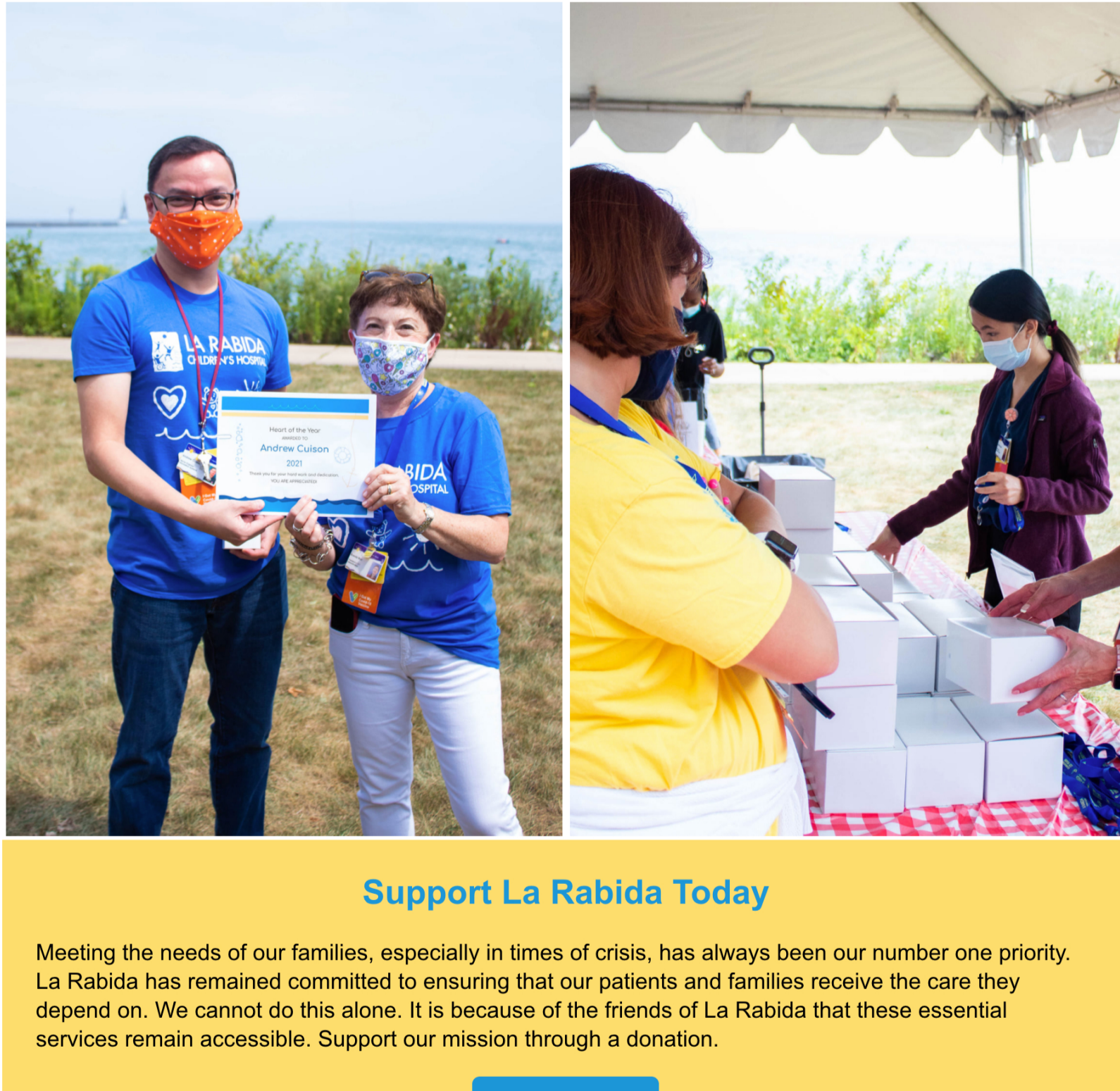
Celebrating Our Dedicated Staff During La Rabida's Annual Employee Picnic



La Rabida is able to change the lives of children and families because of our incredible team and their dedication to providing top-notch care and creating a safe, nurturing environment for all. Every summer, we gather together to celebrate this hard work during the employee picnic. The annual celebration looked a little different this year to ensure everyone's safety. Our staff took part in a socially distant picnic on the hospital's lakefront lawn where they picked up to-go gourmet boxed lunches from Virtue Restaurant and ice cream from Shawn Michelle's Homemade Ice Cream.

La Rabida's Heart of the Year was also awarded during the employee picnic. The Heart of the Year award is presented to a staff member who goes above and beyond, showcases a positive attitude, and acts as a role model to those within the hospital. This year's award was presented to Andrew Cullson, a System Support Technician on the Information Services (IS) team at La Rabida. While very talented in providing quick and attentive technical support, Andrew is known around the hospital for his upbeat attitude and eagerness to help solve any problem. Congratulations Andrew!

The last year was challenging to say the least, and we are so grateful for the commitment of our staff to ensuring that our patients and their families continued to receive the care they need. The annual picnic is just one small way we can express our gratitude to our team for their hard work. Thank you for all that you do!



Support La Rabida Today

Meeting the needs of our families, especially in times of crisis, has always been our number one priority. La Rabida has remained committed to ensuring that our patients and families receive the care they depend on. We cannot do this alone. It is because of the friends of La Rabida that these essential services remain accessible. Support our mission through a donation.

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Come Volunteer with Us!

La Rabida's crew of volunteers are back aboard the S.S. La Rabida and we want you to join us! Our volunteers play an integral role in bringing our mission to life each and every day. We strive to match volunteers to programs around the hospital that match their interests to ensure they can get the most out of the experience while also making a difference in the lives of our patients and families. Learn how you can become a La Rabida volunteer [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE – Friends of La Rabida Awards Celebration

