

Willie's Story



years old. Diagnosed with Rheumatic Fever in 1967, he spent 8 months on the inpatient unit. He was told just before his transfer from Michael Reese Hospital to La Rabida that he may never walk again. He credits the care, support and therapy from the team at La Rabida for his complete recovery. Now 60, Willie recently reconnected with La Rabida, saying "I'm here today because of the care I received at La Rabida, and the amazing nurses and their care." He now serves as a Chaplain at Community First Medical

Difficult moments in our lives often leave lasting memories, especially when they happen to us as children. It's no surprise that Chicago resident Willie Cobb still remembers his stay at La Rabida when he was just 5

Center on the northwest side, giving back and supporting others during their time of need. Willie remembers the nursing staff helping him exercise his legs every day, regaining his strength and learning to walk once again. He says the nurses that held his hand during those first steps from his wheel chair to his

bed made all the difference. He also remembers how the nurses had a tough side too. His Uncle Thomas would visit and sneak him candied orange slices, and how the care team would promptly confiscate them! "My entire life is owed to La Rabida," Willie added. "Those nurses loved me, cared for me and treated me like family."

Thank you Willie, for sharing your story and those difficult but cherished memories of La Rabida Children's Hospital.

Easter Bunny Hops by the S.S. La Rabida



The Easter Bunny wasted no time hopping from room to room, delivering Easter baskets and stuffed animals to our kids. La Rabida Board of Trustees Member Al Kutchins reprised his role as the Easter Bunny. Special thanks to the Kutchins Family for their continued support and for donating toys for our patients and

Some bunny was hoppin' up and down the halls this Easter! La Rabida was excited to welcome the Easter Bunny back to visit our children in person after only being able to visit virtually the last couple of years.

their siblings. Our thanks also go out to the Order of the Eastern Stars - Armeetah Chapter #5 for the Easter baskets and items and Inland Bank for the Build-A-Bear toys. We appreciate your help making this Easter

eggs-tra special for our kids.

This Month on Social

Mattea's Joy Snackbox Donation





A Virtual Visit from the **Happy Patient Access White Sox** Week



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memorabilia and toys to our patients, families, and staff.

to Liam, his wife Kristi, and the White Sox organization for delivering treats,

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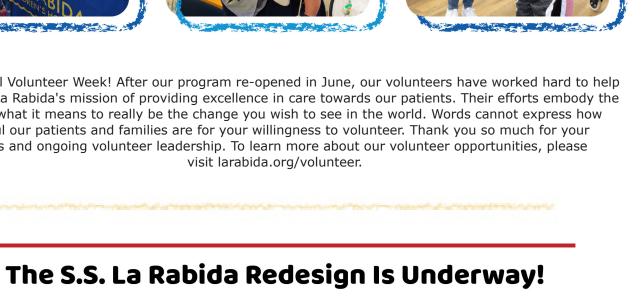
Help Us Help Our Patients

At La Rabida Children's Hospital, our mission is simple: we're dedicated to improving the quality of life for each of our patients who live with complex conditions, disabilities, and chronic illnesses. Children don't choose their circumstances, and we never let those circumstances impact the care children receive. We treat patients regardless of their family's financial circumstances. We are able to do this because of the support of individuals like you.

National Volunteer Week





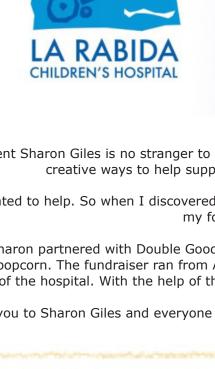


Over the next several months, we will be transforming our inpatient space to create an even more welcoming environment for our patients and their families. This construction project will create a new in-unit playroom for patients with unique and complex medical needs, rest and relaxation spaces for families, collaborative work environments for the care teams, and increase the number of private patient rooms. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a supporter of this important project, please reach out to Anne Wilson at (773)256-5718. Your support of this vital project means we will be able to provide our

> patients and their families the space and support they need to grow, thrive, and reach their fullest potential.

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