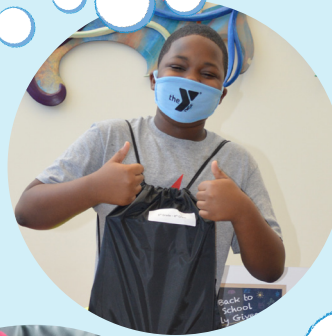


# WE ARE FAMILY

2022 Annual Report

## Dear Friends,

Throughout the decades, the care La Rabida provides has evolved. We have pivoted to meet the needs of our patient population and the communities we serve. We have always been dedicated to transforming the lives of children: uplifting, empowering and ensuring they can meet every single challenge and opportunity presented to them. This is how we raise possibilities.



We do this so well because we treat each patient like family. We also teach families how to best care for their children, educating, supporting, and empowering them so they feel comfortable and confident raising their children with complex needs.

From our nutrition, behavioral health and rehab services to our specialized car seat and after school tutoring programs, to obtaining transportation, utilities and food assistance, we help set our families up for success. Through our Launch and Ascend programs, we educate and help our kids and families to obtain optimal services when they transition to adult care.



More immediately, the redesign of our inpatient unit is well underway. This project will optimize the level of care we deliver and meet the growing needs of patients with complex medical and technology needs. Over the past few years, both the level of medical complexity and the overall demand for our services has increased. This project will ensure we continue to provide high quality, innovative, and developmentally-focused care that is centered on the needs of our children and their families. We are also expanding our capacity and adding new patients room and updating all our patient rooms with the latest technology. The highlight of the project is a new specially designed interdisciplinary playroom for patients and their families.



As for family fun, this summer we partnered with Just Roots to provide a “farmacy” in our healing garden. As families came for their appointments, they were able to take home fresh produce each week and learn cooking techniques from farmers and chefs. We have also partnered with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office to bring therapy dogs to La Rabida. Those dogs have infused our hallways with joy and brought comfort to both our children and staff.

Like all families, we are bound together by a common goal – our drive to help children reach their fullest potential, and give them access to the very best medical care. Thank you for being part of the La Rabida family.

**Gratefully,**

**Brenda Wolf**

President and CEO

**Fred Berglund**

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# STORIES FROM THE YEAR

## New Year, New Staff

Our family at La Rabida grew this year. We welcomed a new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Sarah Hoehn. Dr. Hoehn is board certified in pediatric critical care medicine, pediatrics, pediatric hospice and palliative medicine.

We also recently welcomed a new Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Administration, Brian Fredericks, who has two decades of experience in healthcare, finance and operations. He most recently served as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Finance for Medical Home Network (MHN), a health care innovations organization. He replaces Mark Renfree, who after 14 years of dedicated service to the hospital, retired. We wish him the best on his next chapter.



## Caring for Children with Disabilities

Mom Ana found out she was having a little girl with Down syndrome when she was five months pregnant. She wasn't sure what her daughter's life would be like, but she was determined to make sure it was a full one.



Navigating the journey can be overwhelming, but with the right team on their side Jennifer and her family have received the support they need at La Rabida. From speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy, Jennifer works hard every week to become more independent. With the help of her team of therapists, Jennifer has made tremendous progress.

"I have seen a lot of improvements in Jennifer since being at La Rabida," explains mom Ana. "Jennifer's speech has really improved and she is able to communicate better."

Physical therapy has also helped her with activities like jumping and going up the stairs. She has also learned to write and get dressed on her own thanks to occupational therapy.

# STORIES FROM THE YEAR

## Oral Motor Feeding Clinic

Asia was born premature with a cleft palate and an undersized jaw. After five months in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), multiple surgeries, and several weeks of rehabilitation aboard the S.S. La Rabida, Asia finally went home to her family. But her condition and the surgeries to repair her face and mouth affected her ability to eat, and her nutrition suffered.

“It got to the point that Asia wouldn’t take a single bite. She would see food and start crying,” her mom Adilene remembers. “Sometimes I would pause the tube feeds and be like, okay, I see you’re hungry. You’re going to have to eat food because I know that you’re capable of doing it.”

That’s when they turned to the team at La Rabida’s Oral Motor Feeding Clinic for support. The team of dietitians, speech therapists and social workers help families find appropriate eating methods and reduce stress at mealtimes for the entire family.



## Diabetes Clinic

Andrea, mom to Josefina, had an inkling something was wrong when her daughter was always thirsty and frequently urinating. One morning her head began slumping over while she was eating breakfast.

“Our world changed within 20 minutes,” her mom says. “She was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes that day. You don’t ever forget that day.”

The La Rabida team, from that very first day, helped pick us up as a family and walked us through each step. Each day we focused on different things. We met with the nurses, the diabetes nurse educators, the endocrinologists, the social worker, the dietitian – you name it there was a person for it.”

The goal of La Rabida’s Chicago Children’s Diabetes Center (CCDC) is to help support kids like Josefina navigate the obstacles they are facing while also providing support for their families.



# STORIES FROM THE YEAR



## Sickle Cell Clinic

La Rabida has one of the largest pediatric sickle cell programs in Illinois.

Malik, 16, and Syncere, 12, were each diagnosed with sickle cell mere days after they were born.

“I was terrified. I didn’t know what this meant for my baby. I didn’t know what sickle cell was,” says their mom Sharletta. “I’ve learned everything about sickle cell from La Rabida. I’ve learned a lot about pain, how to help the boys, and signs to look out for. The care team has also taught them how to manage their pain themselves.”

## Healing After an Accident

In 2021, two-year-old Pierre was involved in a car accident that left him unable to walk or talk. Doctors found 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,” says his mom, Jalessa. “After the accident, he lost a lot of that.”

Once Pierre was stabilized and received immediate care at a major medical center, he was transferred to La Rabida for inpatient rehabilitation. Here, he worked closely with physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, infant development and child life specialists. This holistic team worked one-on-one with Pierre and his family to help him regain the skills he lost during the accident.

He began to talk again with therapy and he started to walk again. He also used the La Rabida therapy pool to build up his strength and endurance.



# FINANCIAL REVIEW - ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

	FY 2022	FY 2021
Unrestricted Revenues and Other Support	\$ 62,850,417	\$ 61,234,818
Expenses	64,111,102	60,853,960
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(1,260,685)</b>	<b>380,858</b>
Contributions, Investment Returns & Other	13,462,140	36,017,196
<b>Revenue in Excess of Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,201,455</b>	<b>\$ 36,398,054</b>
Current Assets	\$ 12,938,298	\$ 17,746,812
Foundation	–	33,015,384
Investments and Long-term Assets	199,233,283	182,024,178
Net Property and Equipment	27,763,285	25,517,801
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 239,934,866</b>	<b>\$ 258,304,175</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 12,631,491	\$ 12,095,813
Long-term Liabilities	2,237,923	4,563,226
Net Assets	225,065,452	241,645,136
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 239,934,866</b>	<b>\$ 258,304,175</b>



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