

Starting the School Year in Style

2023 Golf Classic



This month we hosted our SOLD OUT 34th annual La Rabida Golf Classic at Harborside International Golf Center. It was a beautiful day during which our golfers hit the links to support our patients and families.

The day included 18 holes of golf, a helicopter ball drop, auctions, raffles, and contests to raise funds for La Rabida. And, of course, everyone was welcomed by our favorite greeter, Melanie! **This year, we raised more than \$275K** (just more than a 15% increase from last year) to fund services and programs at the hospital.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support La Rabida!

Dare2Tri



La Rabida is partnered with Dare2Tri to offer adaptive cycling practices. Throughout the summer, Dare2Tri made several visits to La Rabida's Outpatient Unit to give some of our patients a chance to ride an adaptive bike.

As a community partner, Dare2Tri helps our patients get access to adaptive cycling. They provide the opportunity to try out recumbent arm and leg propulsion bikes that are a fun and different way to work on strengthening and cardiovascular endurance while enjoying the outdoors.

Most of our patients may not get an opportunity to ride an adaptive bike without this partnership. And while it is certainly fun, getting to use these adaptive bikes is a terrific change of pace for our patients. It also gives our therapists a chance to work with them in a different way.

Even though it was HOT out, Jayden and Bryan got to take a ride along the shore of Lake Michigan.

Back-to-School Dance Dance Dance!



Just because summer is coming to a close does not mean the fun has to stop. One of our favorite traditions at La Rabida, our annual back-to-school dance, was back for the first time since before the COVID pandemic! This month we hosted a nautical-themed celebration with music, food, games and more for our patients and families.

This tradition is just another example of how La Rabida goes above and beyond to serve its patients every day, and it wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our sponsors:

- Shannon Gail Weddings and Events – planning, execution and decor
- Blue Plate Chicago – food and beverages
- fig Media – DJ, music and entertainment
- Gerber and Scarpelli – photography
- The BMP Film Co. – videography
- Shutterbooth Chicago – photo booth
- Lubica's Fun Facepainting
- Peek-a-Boo Facepainting
- 99 Haus Balloons

School Supply Drive



You can't start school without the right supplies, right? Thanks to everyone who supported our back-to-school supply drive. Backpacks have been packed by our volunteers and have been distributed in our Outpatient Clinic to our patients and families. We love to see the smiles on their faces as they get excited for a new school year! Here's to a great year!

Interested in After School Tutoring?



La Rabida is looking in-person tutoring sessions. Throughout the summer, Dare2Tri made several visits to La Rabida's Outpatient Unit to give some of our patients a chance to ride an adaptive bike.

Tutoring takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 PM and runs from 10/3/23 through 5/7/24.

If you are interested, please contact George Hardin, Manager of Volunteer Services.

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La Rabida Honors

CONGRATULATIONS to our diabetes team for being recognized at last month's JDRF Annual Board Meeting

Our team of specialists work together to create a custom treatment plan for each child, and to teach families how to manage diabetes, avoid complications and help their child lead a healthy, happy and well-balanced life.

Among the work that we do with JDRF, La Rabida offers educational programs to the public, trainings for caregivers, and national continuing education seminars for school nurses on the care team of the child with diabetes in the school setting. In fact, Chicago Public Schools uses our program to train all of its delegated care aids (DCAs).



Did you know that La Rabida is part of the Medical Home Network (MHN) ACO?

In fact, we recently won the MHN Cup for the HIGHEST Transitions of Care completion rate! This means that La Rabida exceeded expectations regarding patient/family contact during and after inpatient admission, medication reconciliation and follow-up appointments. We think that's pretty amazing. Congratulations to our Care Coordination Team!



Learn more about what it means for La Rabida to be a Patient-Centered Medical Home here.

We did it! Thanks to everyone who voted for La Rabida in Soliant's Most Beautiful Hospitals Contest.

We were named in the Top 20 again this year, and couldn't be more proud. Check out all the winners here.



Help Us Help Our Kids

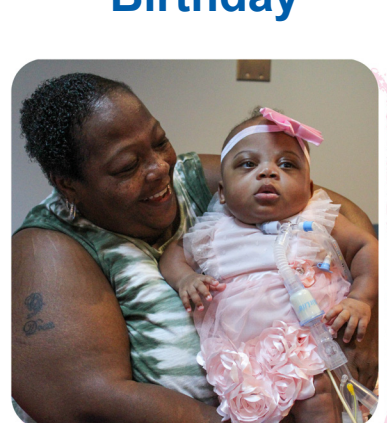
At La Rabida Children's Hospital, our mission is simple: we're dedicated to improving the quality of life for each of our patients who live with complex conditions, disabilities, and chronic illnesses. Children don't choose their circumstances, and we never let those circumstances impact the care children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

Help support our mission today by visiting larabida.org/donate.

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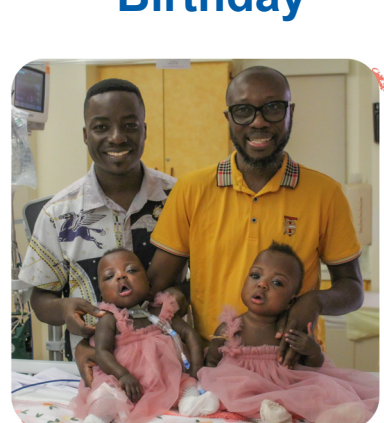
Let's Celebrate

Keimani's 1st Birthday



Keimani celebrated her 1st birthday surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Holly's 1st Birthday



Holly turned one, as well. She celebrated with a special visit from her twin sister, Hayley.

Employee Picnic



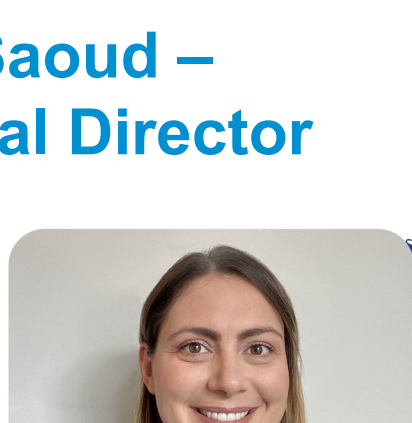
La Rabida staff celebrated together again at our annual employee picnic. Our very own volunteer coordinator, George Hardin, was the DJ for our annual employee picnic.

Meet Dr. Kathleen Saoud – New Outpatient Medical Director

La Rabida is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Kathleen Saoud, DO as the new Outpatient Medical Director. With an impressive background in both inpatient and outpatient pediatric medicine, Dr. Saoud has a passion for caring for children with complex conditions with a variety of health care needs and socioeconomic disparities.

Her dedication to improving the well-being of children, combined with her commitment to delivering the highest quality of care, aligns seamlessly with the hospital's mission.

In her role as Outpatient Medical Director, Dr. Saoud will be responsible for overseeing and enhancing the hospital's outpatient services, which play a vital role in the health continuum for children battling chronic and complex conditions in the community – often facing significant barriers to accessing quality care. She will collaborate closely with medical and administrative staff to ensure seamless coordination of care, implement best practices, and introduce innovative approaches to La Rabida's pediatric outpatient services.



Save the Date: 2023 Friends of La Rabida Awards Celebration

