

We Have A Lot to be Thankful For!

Giving Tuesday was This Week - There's Still Time to Donate!

There is still time to make a contribution to this year's Giving Tuesday campaign. All donations made this week will be **DOUBLED** thanks to the support of an anonymous donor!

Let's make these last two days count!

DOUBLE THE GIFT, DOUBLE THE JOY!

LA RABIDA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GIVING TUESDAY



2023 Friends of La Rabida Gala



Thank you to all who made the 2023 Friends of La Rabida Gala a success. With your help, we raised more than \$735,000 to provide comprehensive, holistic care to children with chronic and complex conditions, no matter their financial circumstances. We are so grateful for our supporters, new and old, for helping us continue in our mission. Special congratulations to our award winners, the Alvin H. Baum Family Fund and Ariel Investments.

Another round of applause for our sponsors:

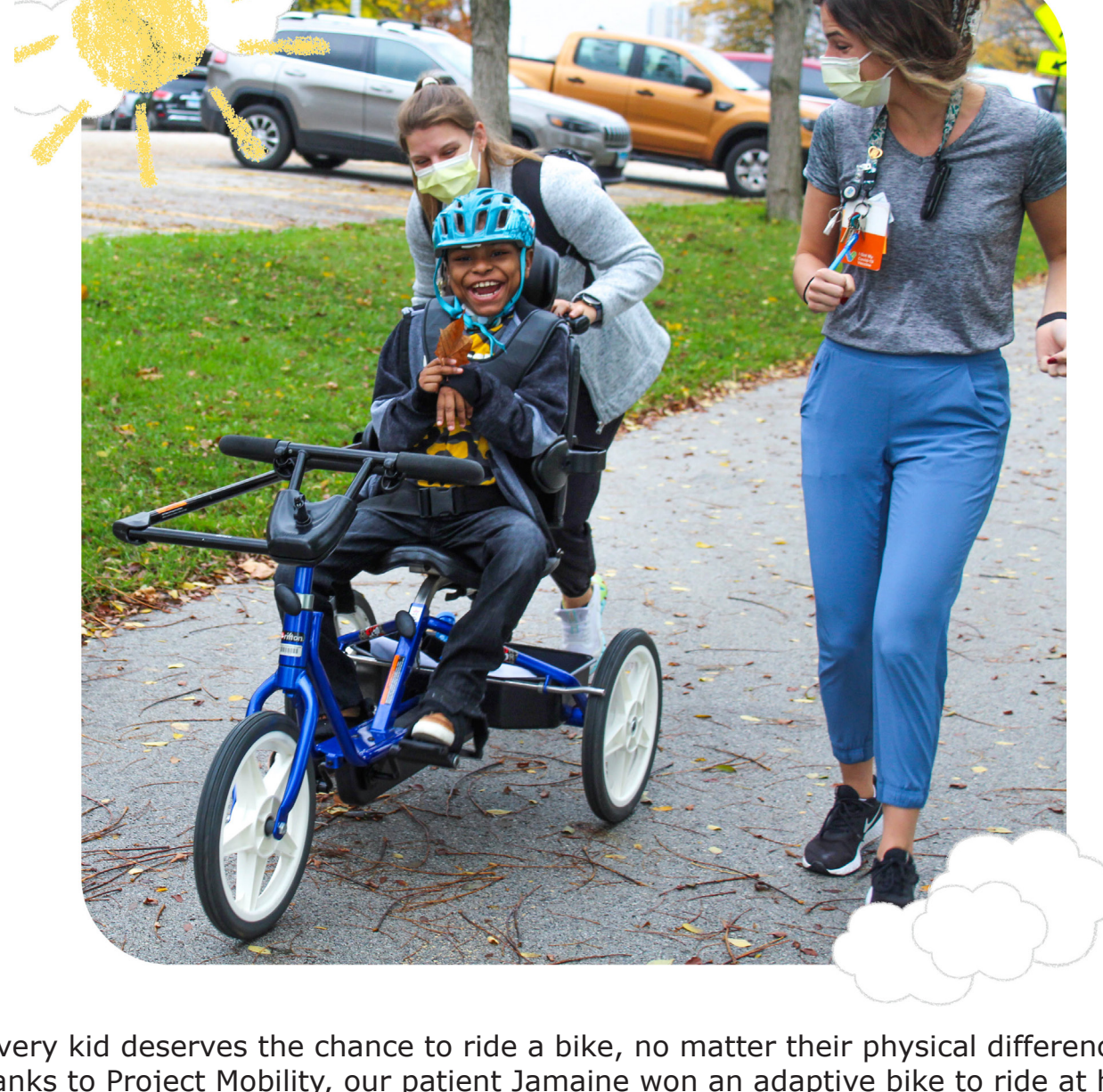
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Go Jamaine Go!



Every kid deserves the chance to ride a bike, no matter their physical differences. Thanks to Project Mobility, our patient Jamaine won an adaptive bike to ride at home after being nominated by his dedicated La Rabida occupational therapist, Justyna and speech therapist, Jenny.

In addition to improving endurance and general fitness, adaptive bikes allow children like Jamaine to participate in recreational activities just like their peers.

Ever since he began using an adaptive bike, Jamaine has been more focused and attentive during therapy sessions. Now that he has one of his very own, Jamaine can work on his cycling skills any time! His favorite way to bicycle so far? Fast!

National Diabetes Month



November was National Diabetes Awareness Month. As Chicago's premier pediatric diabetes provider, we have a team of specialists who work together to create a custom treatment plan for each child we see. The La Rabida Chicago Children's Diabetes Center (CCDC) is the first pediatric program to receive recognition from the American Diabetes Association (ADA) for its holistic care approach. Our CCDC has also been recognized by Medtronic's Diabetes Division as a Center of Excellence and the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators and Clinical Site for nurse mentoring. We have clinics in Chicago, Homer Glen and St. John (Northwest Indiana).

Our staff is made up of board-certified physicians in pediatric endocrinology, advanced-practice nurses, RNs, registered dietitians, licensed social workers, child psychologists, and certified diabetes educators. Our team is passionate about treating diabetes and participates in volunteer activities with the ADA, JDRF, and Chicago Public Schools. Our providers are also on the board of many of these organizations and lead educational efforts to increase awareness and knowledge of diabetes in the community.

La Rabida Leads Trauma Trainings



Catharine Thomann and Theresa Valach from La Rabida's Chicago Child Trauma Center led a session at the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Conference on how to incorporate trauma informed practices into their practices. Participants were also encouraged to develop healthy coping skills to deal with high stress situations, build social supports at work, and practice mindfulness to reduce stress. Because of our leading expertise in trauma-informed care, La Rabida's trauma team provides training like this to organizations across the region - from schools to hospitals, and even insurance organizations.

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All Dressed Up



La Rabida's annual Dress Event with Frankie's on the Park was a huge success! Our tweens and teens, along with their siblings, had the opportunity to choose the perfect holiday outfit with the help of staff from Frankie's. Participants were pampered with manicures from members of our Corporate Advisory Board before modeling their new looks in a mini fashion show.

A very special thank you to Frankie's on the Park for generously providing their time, styling expertise, and beautiful clothing for such a fun event.

La Rabida's Annual Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Feast



On Thanksgiving Day, La Rabida staff and volunteers, along with folks from ABC7 Chicago, distributed more than 295 meals prepared by volunteer chefs from around the city to our families during our annual Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Feast.

The Drive-Thru Feast is one of the many 'extra' things we do at La Rabida that make life a little better for our families. It's all part of our mission.

"I appreciated the amount of delicacy, attention to detail, and time invested to make this moment special for families like mine. "It's not easy being a caregiver to a child with medical needs but moments like these make the journey bearable." - La Rabida patient's mom

This longstanding tradition is well-loved by volunteers and families alike, and its impact is not easily forgotten. Thank you to all those who helped make it happen.



La Rabida Employee Recognized by IEHA



La Rabida Environmental Services Manager Marilyn Clifton recently won the 2023 Harry Kendrick Humanitarian Award from the International Environmental Healthcare and Hospitality Association (IEHA) for her volunteerism and commitment to excellence. Marilyn won this award while attending certification classes at an industry event.

Congratulations Marilyn on this much deserved recognition. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to making La Rabida the best it can be.

Trick or Treat!



Halloween at La Rabida was spooktacular! Our patients and staff were decked out in some boo-tiful costumes.

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