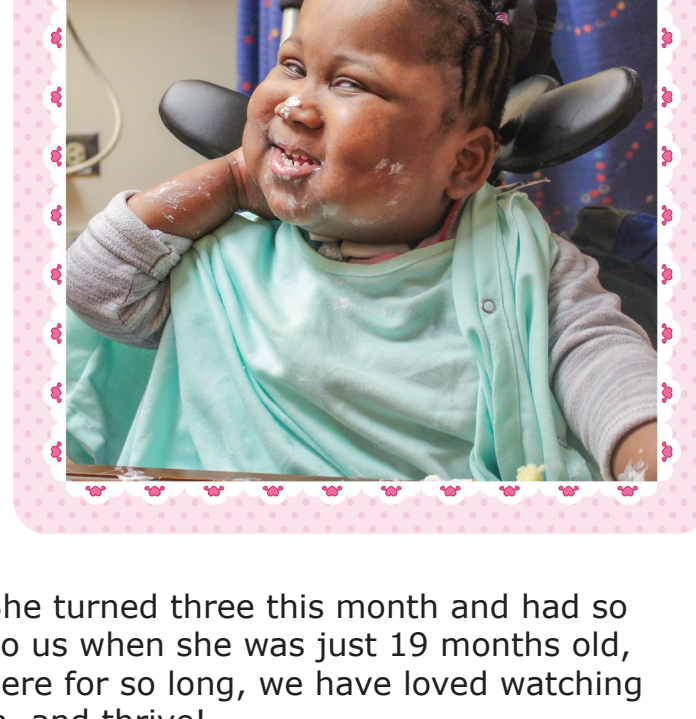


Our New President, Volunteer Month, and More!

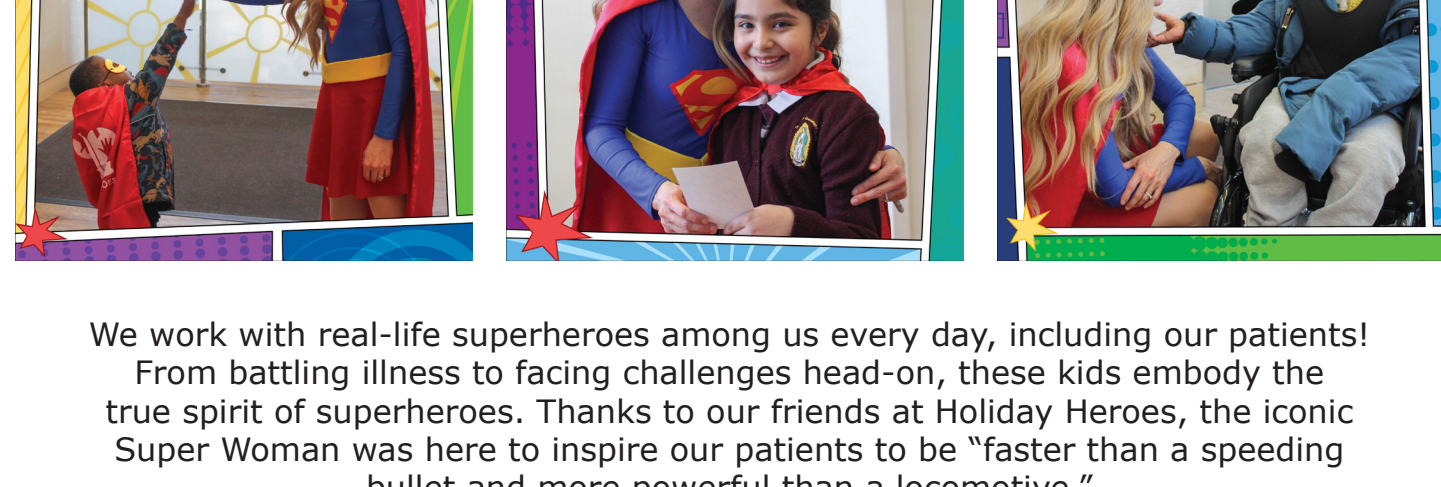
Patient Updates

Layoni Celebrates Her Third Birthday



Our little Layoni isn't so little anymore. She turned three this month and had so much fun celebrating! Layoni first came to us when she was just 19 months old, and while we wish she didn't have to be here for so long, we have loved watching her grow, learn, and thrive!

Superheroes Among Us



We work with real-life superheroes among us every day, including our patients! From battling illness to facing challenges head-on, these kids embody the true spirit of superheroes. Thanks to our friends at Holiday Heroes, the iconic Super Woman was here to inspire our patients to be "faster than a speeding bullet and more powerful than a locomotive."

Hard Work Pays Off



Manny was recently discharged from our inpatient unit after coming to La Rabida for rehabilitation after surgery. In just a week he'll be here to pick up his walker and new orthotics in our Outpatient Center. We can't wait to watch as Manny's gait continues to improve as he works hard on his therapy.

La Rabida News

Welcome Our New President and CEO, Rolla T. Sweis



We are thrilled that Rolla Sweis has officially joined the La Rabida family this month as our new President and CEO. We are honored to have Rolla here, and are excited for her to bring her experience, passion, and vision to our "Gem on the Lake." She will not only help us continue our commitment to providing exceptional care to children and families but will undoubtedly propel us forward as we embrace new and exciting endeavors, as well.

As she embarks on this new voyage, Rolla says she's looking forward to leading a team that has long provided highly specialized and quality care to patients. She is anxious to meet and get to know everyone. While her first week was no doubt a busy one, she set aside time to do just that, hosting two meet-and-greets for all staff to come introduce themselves and say hello.

Click here to learn more about Rolla

La Rabida is a Certified Patient-Centered Medical Home



that is family-centered, comprehensive, team-driven, and holistically addresses the patient's needs.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition is just one of the many tools we have that puts La Rabida at the forefront of pediatric health care, illustrating our leadership and commitment to other institutions and organizations, as well as supporters and community partners.

We are super proud to share that La Rabida continues to maintain our Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition through the National Committee on Quality Assurance. Maintaining this recognition reaffirms that we put our patients at the forefront of care. To receive this recognition, we have continued to be committed to quality improvement and a patient-centered approach to care.

Since adopting the PCMH model, La Rabida has shown that it helps us build better relationships with our patients, improve quality, and increase the patient experience and staff satisfaction, all while reducing health care costs. Our PCMH delivers care

Advocacy at Work



Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller and Park Forest Mayor Joseph A Woods visited our Children's Advocacy Center this month to learn more about the work we do there to reduce trauma to children and families involved in investigations of child abuse and violent crime.



Deputy Governor Grace Hou came to our main La Rabida campus to learn more about all the great work we do each and every day. It was wonderful to have her here and be able to show her around the hospital. She was excited about further supporting us in our mission.

Support Our Mission

National Volunteer Month is BIG at La Rabida



We celebrated our amazing volunteers this National Volunteers Month with our annual Volunteer Dinner. This was Rolla's first (of many) Volunteer Dinners at La Rabida, and it was a wonderful evening of gratitude and camaraderie among our treasured guests.

Recently one of our former volunteers made an online donation to La Rabida and we noticed something special. Ben, who had volunteered for La Rabida back when he was in high school is now a pediatric physician at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He wrote to us with his donation that his time as a La Rabida volunteer really impacted him and is a big part of what led him to pursue a career caring for children.

THANK YOU to Ben, and to all our volunteers past and present for your boundless compassion and unwavering commitment. You have created countless moments of joy and resilience. Each interaction you have with a patient or family member – no matter how small – holds the power to brighten a child's day, instill courage in their hearts, and inspire a community to unite in support. We couldn't do it without you, and we're so grateful for everything you do.

[Learn more about volunteer opportunities.](#)

NASCAR Giveathon



We're participating in **NASCAR's Giveathon** again this year. From Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15 NASCAR will offer a multitude of bonus grants and matching gift donations as well as commemorative prizes/memorabilia for donors. Follow us on social media to donate during this online event!



Life at La Rabida

Love seeing photos from La Rabida? We've created a new Flickr album so we can share even more special moments with you. Take a look at what's been happening so far in 2024, and come back regularly for new photos, too!



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