

Cantron's Getting Stronger, Chicago Hounds Visit, and More!

Patient Updates

Making Strides: Cantron Getting Stronger



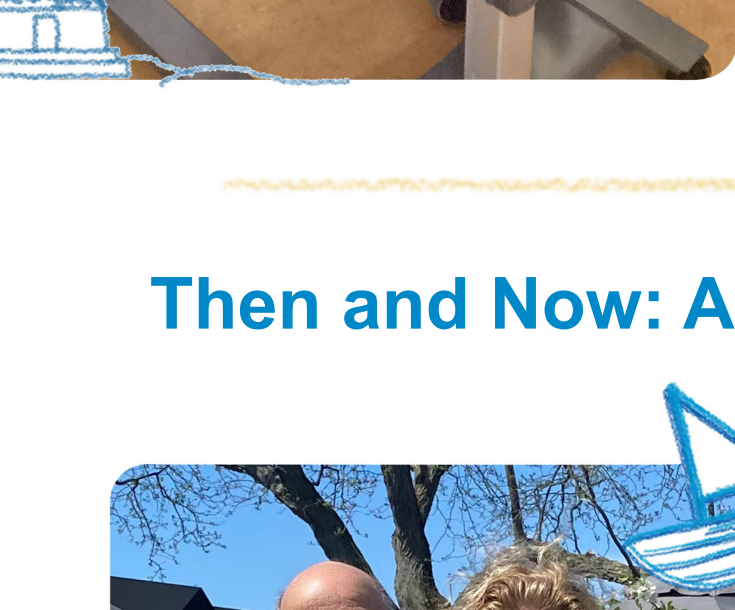
Cantron first arrived at La Rabida in March primarily to develop healthier lungs. But, as with all our patients, we do so much more for him as part of our comprehensive, holistic approach to caring for our kids.

In addition to respiratory care, Cantron receives physical, occupational, and speech therapies. He also has an Infant Development Specialist who works to ensure he's improving his social-emotional, developmental, and cognitive skills just like any other growing baby.

He currently has a tracheostomy, ventilator, and gastrostomy tube (g-tube). Because he has a speaking valve, Cantron can express himself vocally, and LOVES to make noise! Even with all this, he's an incredibly happy, sociable, one-year-old boy who loves to play and interact with his family, care team, and volunteers.

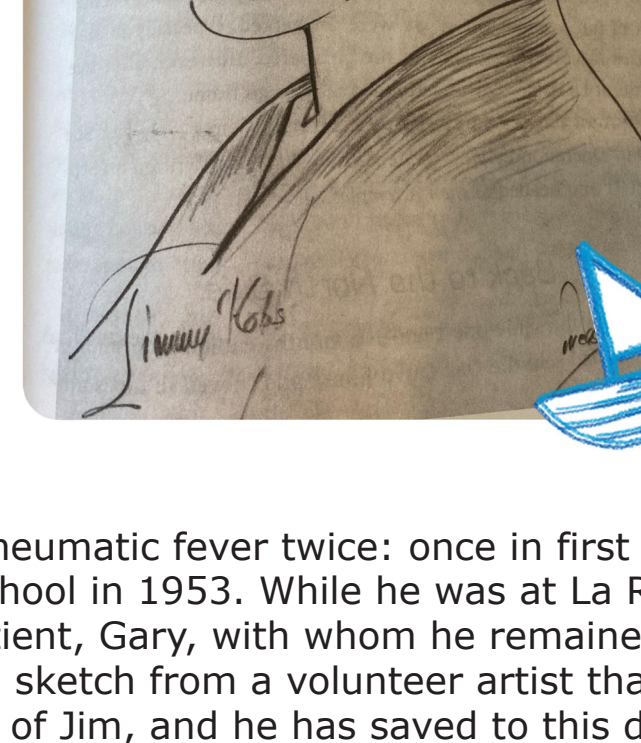
[Read more about Cantron's story here!](#)

Big Milestone Alert!



Last month, Layoni achieved a whole HOUR in her stroller! The stroller is a game-changer for Layoni, boosting her lung development, core strength, and digestion. It helps her muscles grow and lets her experience more of life! It's also great for Layoni's social and cognitive development too, giving her a stable base to use her hands effectively.

Then and Now: A Patient from the Past



When James Kobs (Jim) was a child, he had rheumatic fever twice: once in first grade and again for six months during high school in 1953. While he was at La Rabida, he became very good friends with a fellow patient, Gary, with whom he remained friends for more than 60 years. He even has a sketch from a volunteer artist that used to visit our patients. He drew this sketch of Jim, and he has saved to this day.

While catching up with Jim recently, Anne Wilson, Individual Giving Officer, learned that Jim and his wife have three children and eight grandsons. They have been loyal supporters of La Rabida for a long time, along with a couple of other health-oriented organizations. They are Cubs season ticket holders and try to make it to as many games as possible.

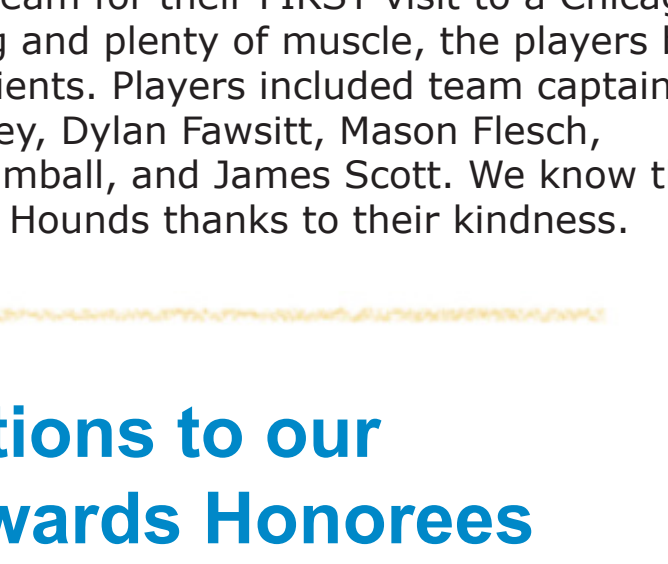
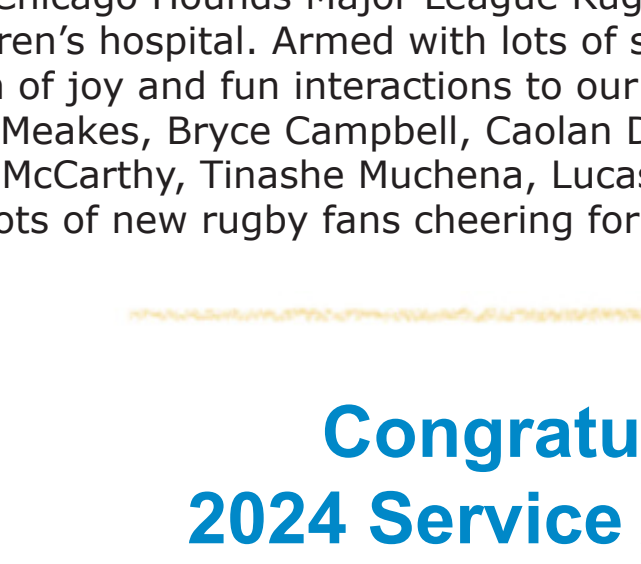
La Rabida News

La Rabida Receives Grant from Cook County Health



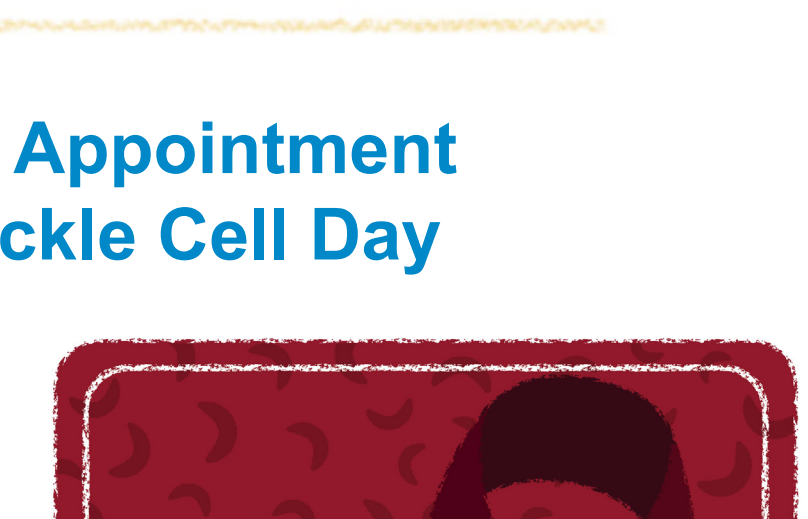
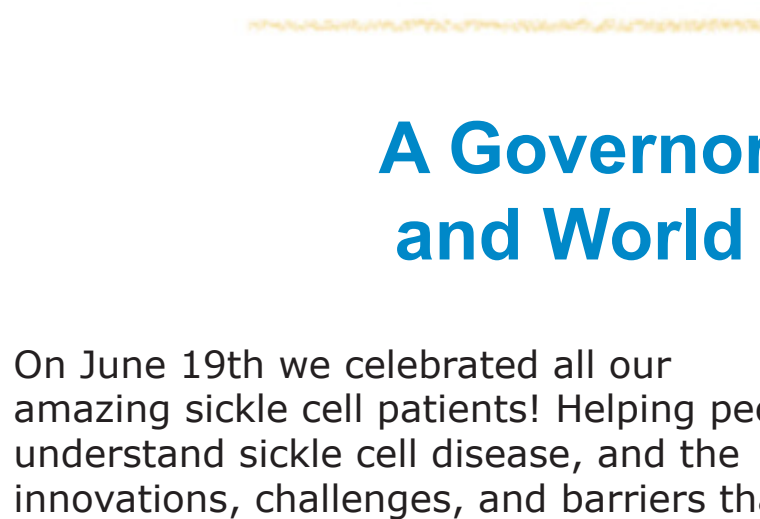
We are incredibly proud to share that La Rabida was awarded a grant as part of Cook County Health's Stronger Together Initiative, which aims to address behavioral health inequities across the region. With this grant, we can increase our efforts and wrap-around services to reduce disparity in services for children with behavioral, educational, and medical needs. The grant also allows us to hire a dedicated integrated school liaison within our outpatient care clinic that will work to empower families and help them self-advocate for their child's needs at school. La Rabida was one of 53 grants that were awarded, among 320 applicants.

Chicago Hounds Make La Rabida Their First Children's Hospital Visit



We had the privilege of welcoming Chicago's newest professional sports team, The Chicago Hounds Major League Rugby team for their FIRST visit to a Chicago children's hospital. Armed with lots of swag and plenty of muscle, the players brought a ton of joy and fun interactions to our patients. Players included team captain Billy Meakes, Bryce Campbell, Caolan Dooley, Dylan Fawcitt, Mason Flesch, Nick McCarthy, Tinashé Muchena, Lucas Rumball, and James Scott. We know there are lots of new rugby fans cheering for the Hounds thanks to their kindness.

Congratulations to our 2024 Service Awards Honorees



Congratulations to our recent service awards honorees. We honored some impressive individuals at our annual La Rabida Service Award Ceremony last month. Dedication to La Rabida and its mission is one of the things that sets our team apart from the rest. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing commitment to our mission. Special congratulations to a few members of our team reaching decades-long service: Sylvia Williams (40 years), Denise Mosinski (35 years), Dr. Qamar (30 years), and Jerry Antos (40 years).

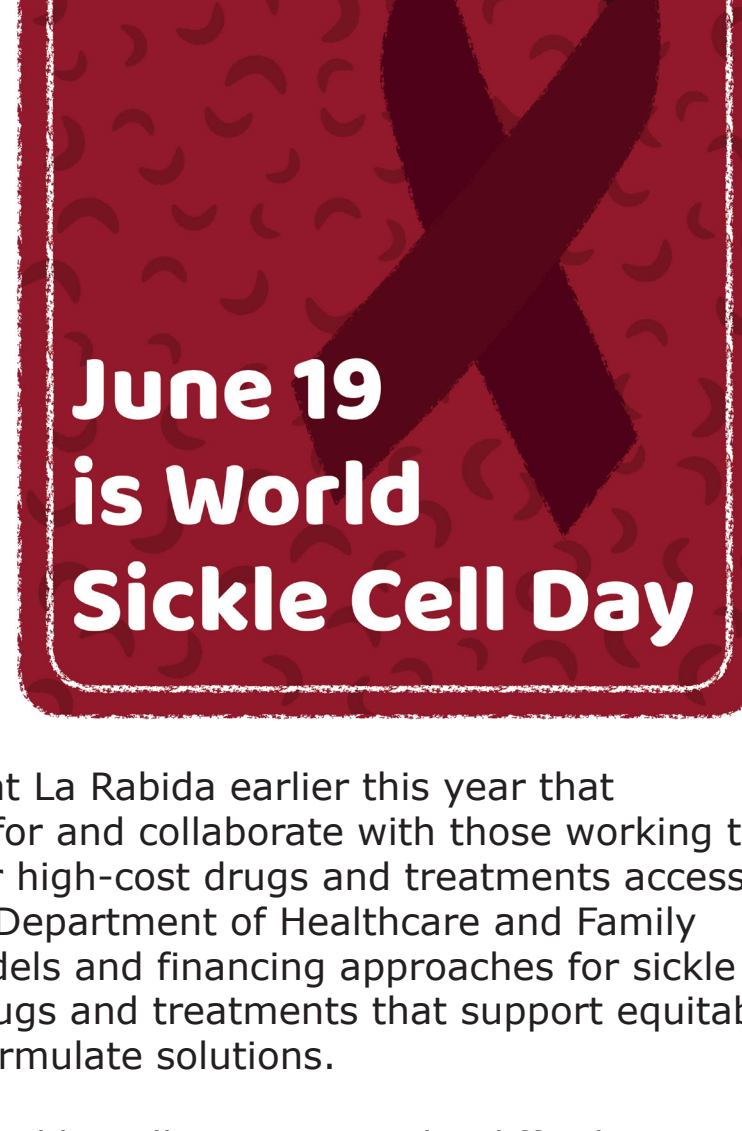
A Governor's Appointment and World Sickle Cell Day

On June 19th we celebrated all our amazing sickle cell patients! Helping our patients understand sickle cell disease, and the innovations, challenges, and barriers that clinicians, patients, families, and caregivers face is a big part of our mission.

The cost of managing sickle cell disease is substantial and can be overwhelming for our families, which is why we treat our patients regardless of ability to pay. We are making strides toward finding a sustainable solution to finance and ensure equitable access to sickle cell disease treatments and other high-cost drugs in Illinois. In fact, our very own Dr. Peddinti, who leads our Sickle Cell program, was recently appointed to the governor's Advisory Council on Financing and Access to Sickle Cell Disease Treatment and Other High-Cost Drugs and Treatment.

Governor Pritzker signed an executive order at La Rabida earlier this year that established the council to provide leadership for and collaborate with those working to make sickle cell disease treatments and other high-cost drugs and treatments accessible. The group will also help to advise the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services on the development of payment models and financing approaches for sickle cell disease treatment and other high-cost drugs and treatments that support equitable access and contribute to national efforts to formulate solutions.

Living with a complex medical condition like Sickle Cell Disease can be difficult, but La Rabida is here to help our patients live up to their fullest potential, working one-on-one with families to determine the best treatment for each child and advocating for change to help every child who faces these challenges.



Support Our Mission

Community Education Nights: Summer Safety Series

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Internet & Cell Phone Safety 101: Teach Your Children How to Use Technology Responsibly & Safely
July 10, 2024 · 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

- What you will learn:
- How to monitor your child's digital footprint
 - How to recognize red flags in text and direct messages
 - 21 apps parents should know about
 - Cyberbullying
 - App navigation: parental controls & security

Child Sexual Abuse Material Prevention 101: How to Keep Your Children from Becoming Victims of Child Porn
August 14, 2024 · 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

- What you will learn:
- What is child sexual abuse material (formerly known as child porn)?
 - Tools to educate your child on how to respond to requests for pictures and/or videos
 - How to recognize the grooming, recruitment, and exploitation process
 - How to support your child if they have been identified a victim

We know the most important and hardest job for caregivers is keeping our kids safe. That's why our Children's Advocacy Center is hosting a FREE Virtual Summer Safety Series. In June we hosted "Child Trafficking 101: How to Keep Your Children & The Community Safe," and we're looking forward to our next session on July 10 - "Internet and Phone Safety 101."

With today's unprecedented access to technology, especially through mobile devices, there is the possibility of children being exposed to inappropriate content and individuals masking their true identities. We invite you to learn all about keeping your children safe online. We'll cover important topics like protecting your child's personal information, sextortion, and setting parental controls.

There is one more session on August 14 about Child Sexual Abuse Material Prevention. Each session takes place virtually from 5:45 - 6:45 pm. To register visit www.eventbrite.com/o/la-rabida-childrens-advocacy-center-84787807933

Don't let these sponsorship opportunities fly by!

Eagle - \$4,500
One Foursome
(includes four lunch tickets)
Logo on Four Hole Signs and in Digital Program
Mention on Social Media

Birdie - \$3,500
One Foursome
(includes four lunch tickets)
Logo on Two Hole Signs, one per course

The 35th Annual La Rabida Golf Classic is one month out and we only have a couple of spots available at our Eagle and Birdie sponsorship levels.

Want to join us out on the links?
Click here for more information and to secure your spot.

August 8, 2024

Harborside International
1000 South Dohy Avenue East - Chicago, IL 60628

Back to School Supply Drive

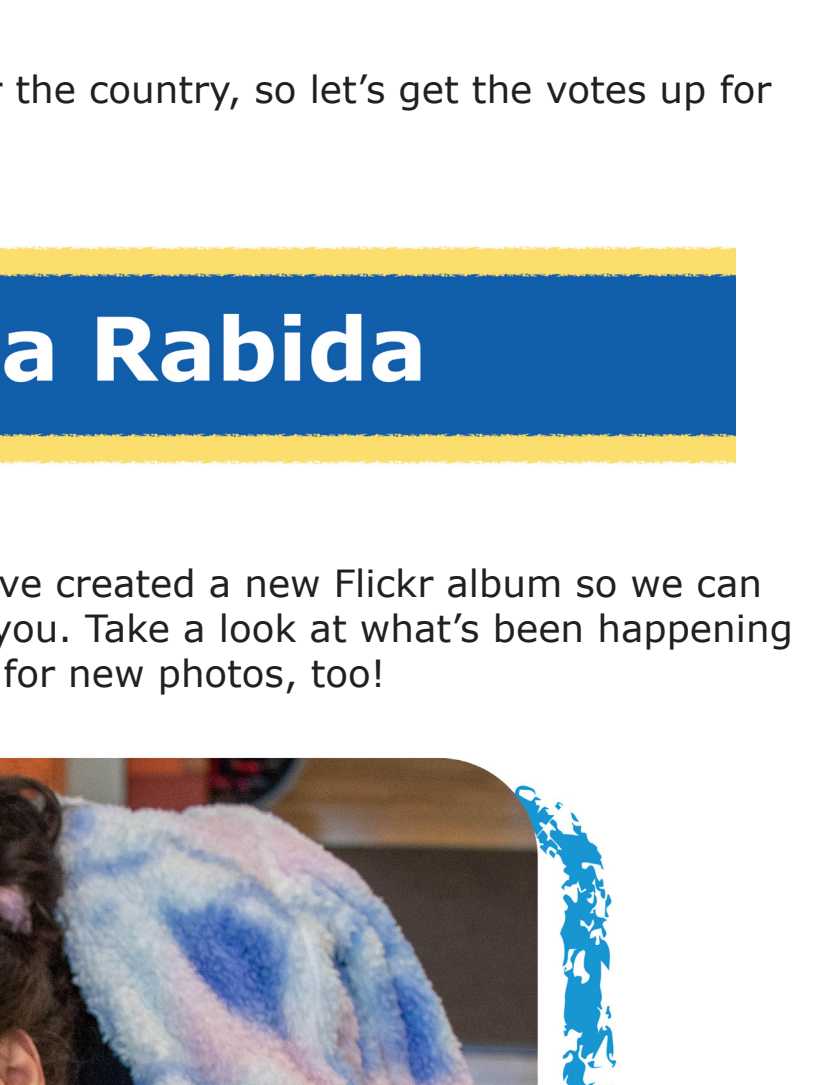
July 8 - August 9

La Rabida's Corporate Advisory Board (CAB) is hosting a back to school supply drive and we need your support! Help make sure our patients and their siblings have a great start to the school year with new supplies!

Click here or scan the QR code to shop La Rabida's Amazon Wishlist

Soliant Most Beautiful Hospitals Contest

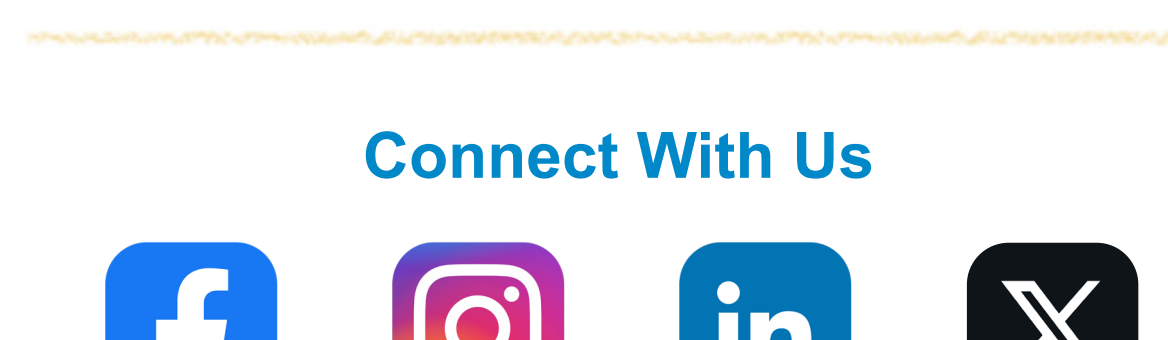
It's time to remind everyone why La Rabida Children's Hospital is the Gem on the Lake, and we need you to help us spread the word that voting just started. This year, La Rabida is nominated for Soliant's "2024 Most Beautiful Hospitals" designation! This vote is open to the public until July 25, and you can vote as many times as you want. Your vote for us will help us earn a \$5,000 grant that we can use to help better the lives of our patients! Remember, you can vote as many times as you want through July 25. Be sure to share with your networks, as well! Click this link to vote now: <https://www.soliant.com/most-beautiful-hospital-contest/la-rabida-childrens-hospital/>



We're in competition with hospitals all over the country, so let's get the votes up for our Gem on the Lake!

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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