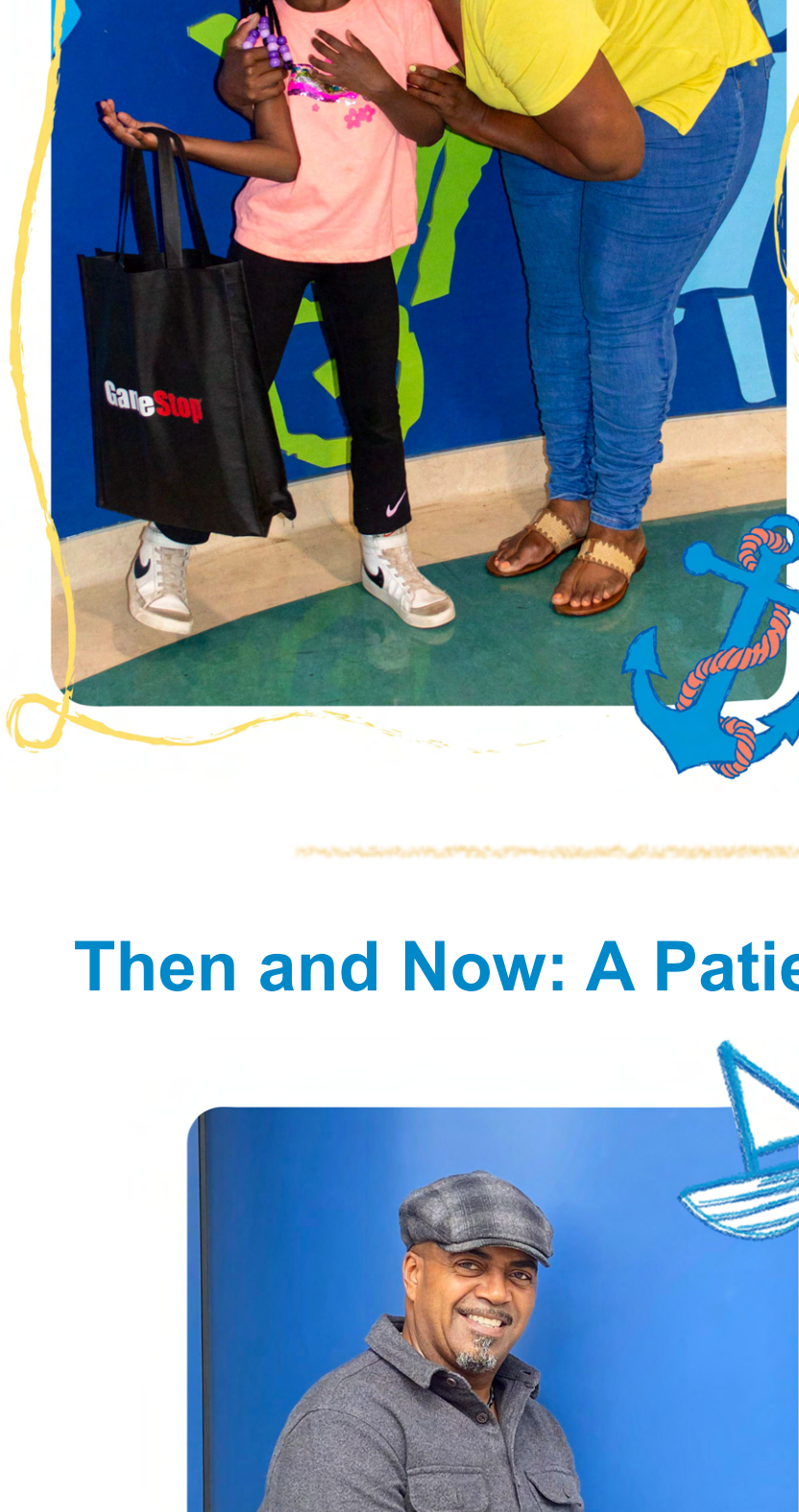


A Patient Gives Back, Summer Fun, and More!

Patient Updates

A La Rabida Patient Gives Back



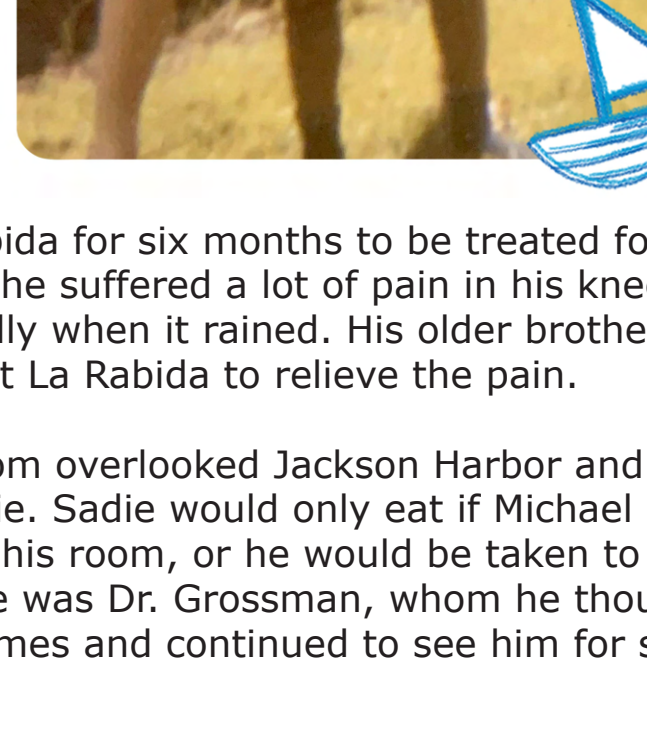
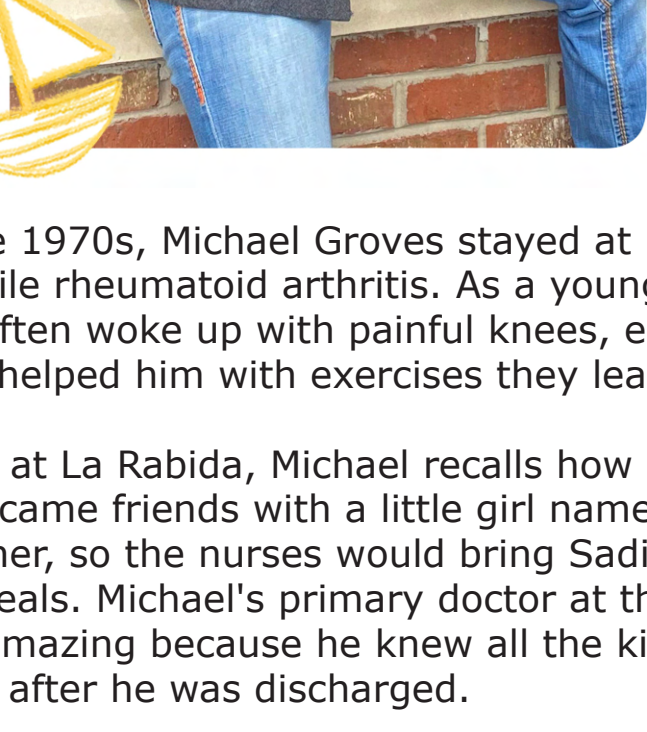
and their families.

We always enjoy seeing our patients and their families when they visit us for appointments, but we're more than honored when they visit to give back to La Rabida. Journey, a seven-year-old who has been coming here since she was only one, recently showed us how our empathy and compassion comes full circle when she accepted a challenge from a customer at her lemonade stand.

This summer, Journey ran a lemonade stand with her mother, Rashada, to help pay for a Nintendo Switch for herself. When a customer challenged her to raise even more to do something nice for someone else, she stuck to it and raised enough to buy TWO of best Nintendo Switches available – one for herself and one for our patients!

[Read more about Journey's generosity here!](#)

Then and Now: A Patient Remembers La Rabida



In the 1970s, Michael Groves stayed at La Rabida for six months to be treated for juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. As a young boy, he suffered a lot of pain in his knees and often woke up with painful knees, especially when it rained. His older brother even helped him with exercises they learned at La Rabida to relieve the pain.

While at La Rabida, Michael recalls how his room overlooked Jackson Harbor and how he became friends with a little girl named Sadie. Sadie would only eat if Michael was with her, so the nurses would bring Sadie into his room, or he would be taken to hers for meals. Michael's primary doctor at the time was Dr. Grossman, whom he thought was amazing because he knew all the kids' names and continued to see him for several years after he was discharged.

Today Michael is a council supervisor at an oil refinery and gives back to La Rabida regularly out of gratitude for his wonderful care.

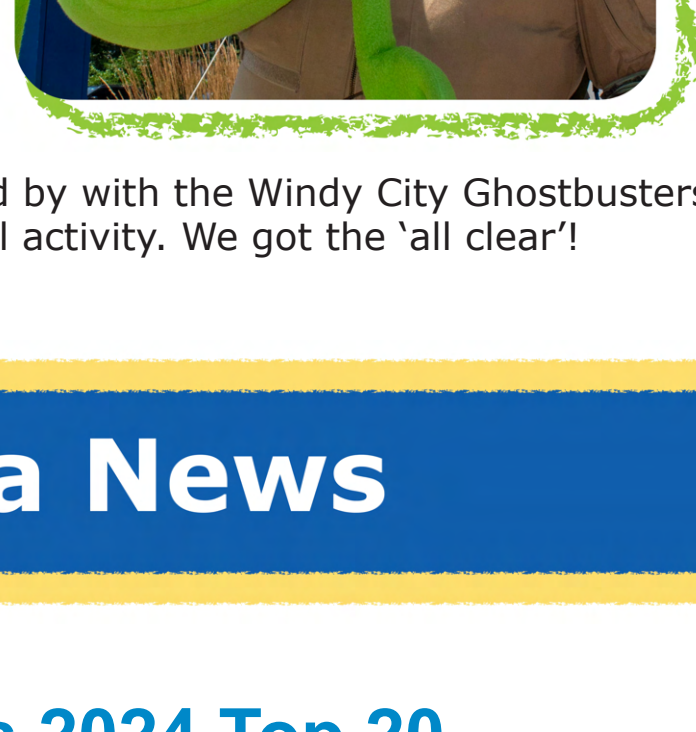
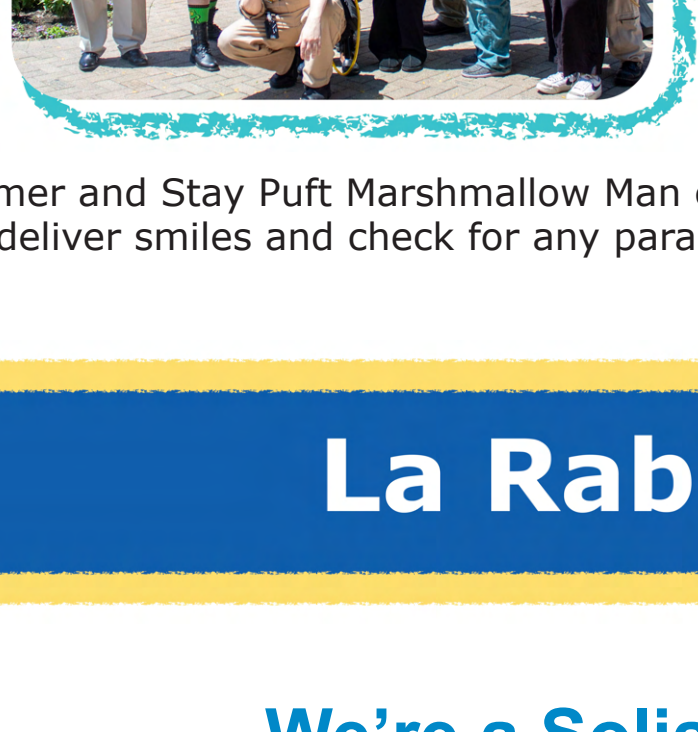
Summer Fun at La Rabida



Our inpatient team hosted a special premiere screening of Inside Out 2 in our playroom with lots of swag thanks to our friends at Disney and Starlight Children's Foundation.



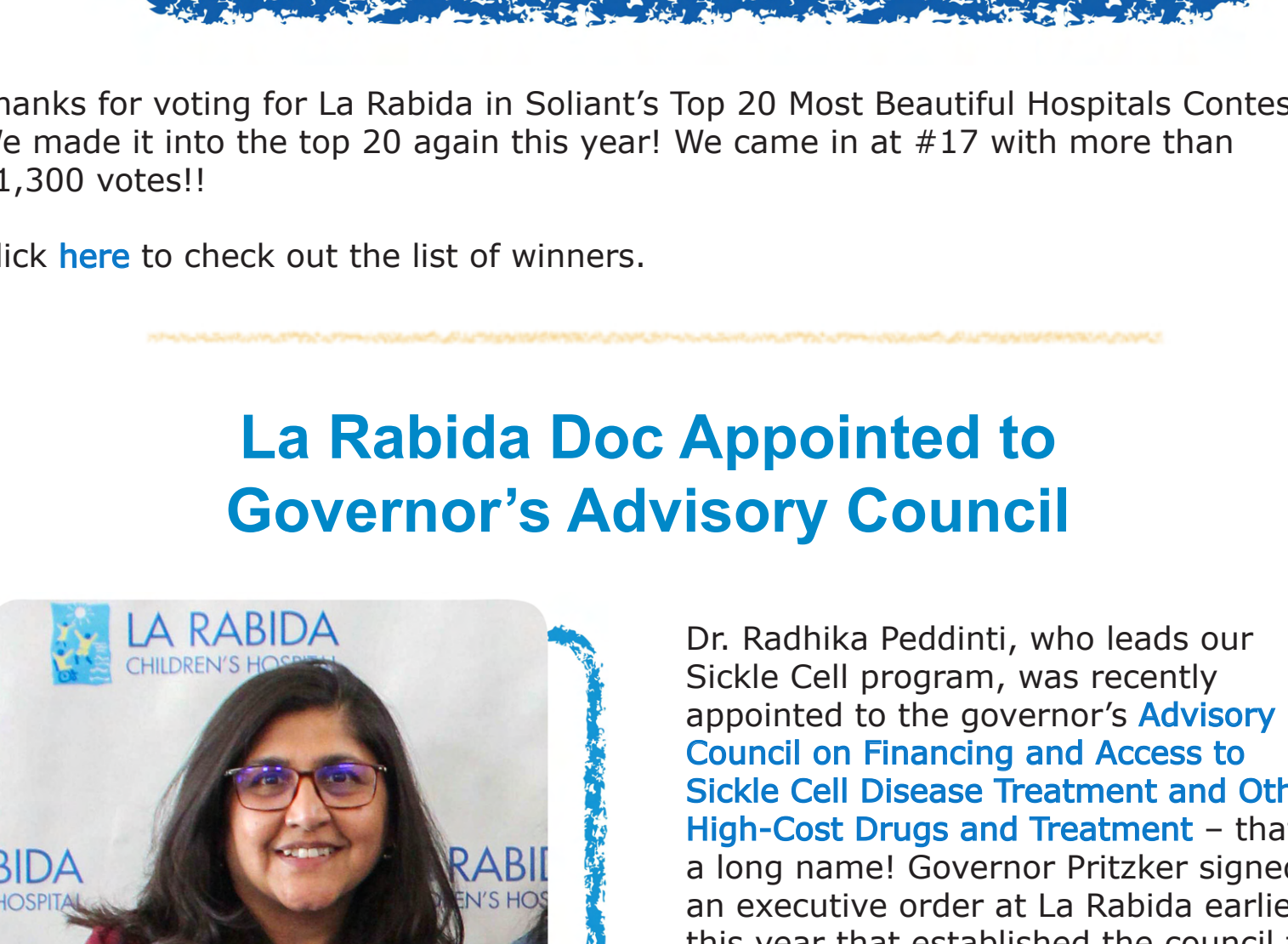
Mirabel Madrigal brought the magic of love and support to La Rabida this month. Thanks to Holiday Heroes for keeping us filled with fun and laughter!



Slimer and Stay Puft Marshmallow Man cruised by with the Windy City Ghostbusters to deliver smiles and check for any paranormal activity. We got the 'all clear'!

La Rabida News

We're a Soliant's 2024 Top 20 Most Beautiful Hospital Again



Thanks for voting for La Rabida in Soliant's Top 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals Contest. We made it into the top 20 again this year! We came in at #17 with more than 11,300 votes!!

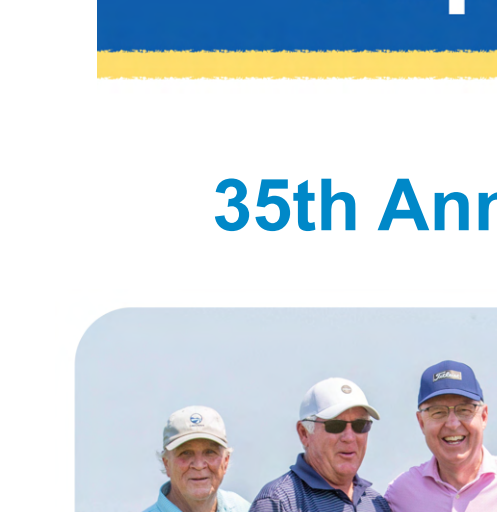
[Click here](#) to check out the list of winners.

La Rabida Doc Appointed to Governor's Advisory Council



Dr. Radhika 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 – that's a long name! 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. Dr. Peddinti 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.

Everybody Love a Parade

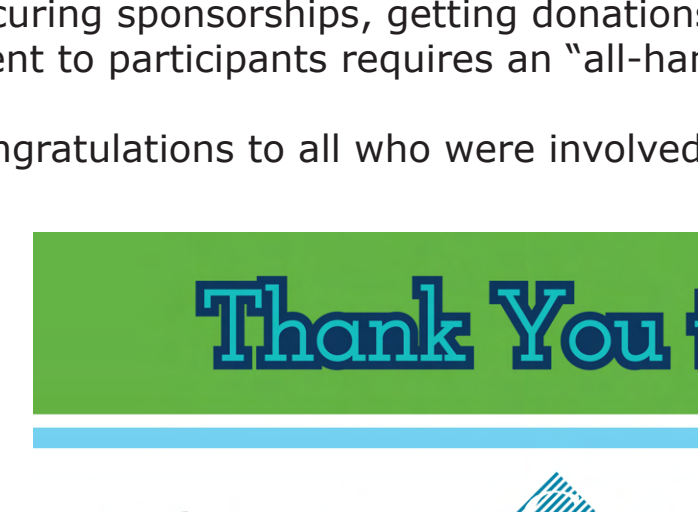


We celebrated Independence Day at the 32nd Annual 53rd Street Independence Day Parade in Hyde Park for the first time this year! It was a beautiful day and a great opportunity to engage with the local community, sharing what makes La Rabida so amazing. Our employees and their families donned their best La Rabida colors and a ton of flag waving energy and enthusiasm during the parade. It was an honor to be part of the parade because it showcases the best of the Hyde Park community.

Look for us at the Bud Billiken Parade on Saturday, August 10. Our friends at ABC7 will be broadcasting live from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Support Our Mission

35th Annual La Rabida Golf Classic

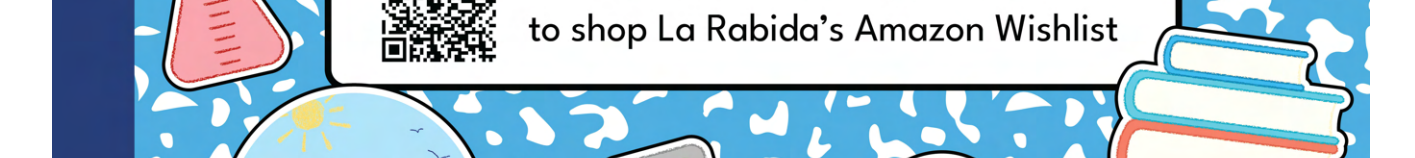
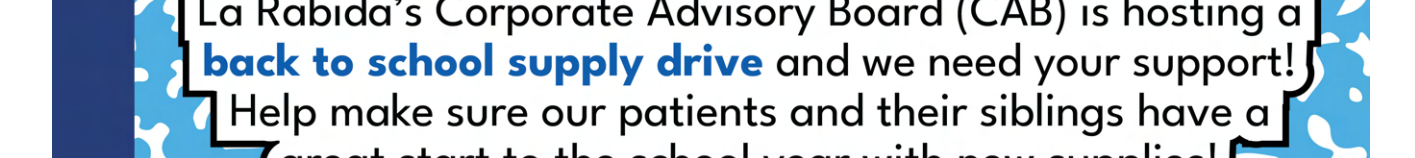


Yesterday marked our 35th Annual La Rabida Golf Classic. For three and a half decades, we have had the joy of hosting our generous supporters for a beautiful day of golf, food, and FUNdraising. With the help of our amazing volunteers, we were able to raise **more than \$255,000** to support our mission at this year's SOLD OUT event!

The development team did a fantastic job planning and executing one of our favorite fundraising events of the year. Believe it or not, work was underway months ago. Securing sponsorships, getting donations for the silent auction, and promoting the event to participants requires an "all-hands-on-deck" effort, and it certainly paid off.

Congratulations to all who were involved!

Thank You to Our Sponsors



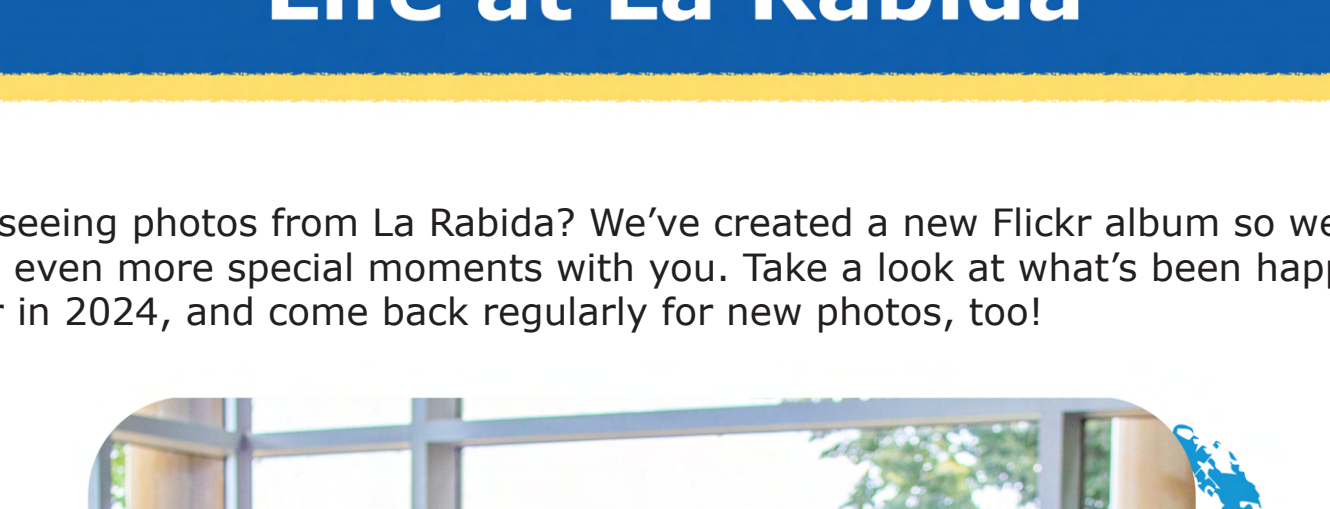
Backpacks, pencils, glue, crayons...Help us make back-to-school a little bit easier for our patients and their families with all the things they need for a great school year. Check out our Amazon Wish List to support our Corporate Advisory Board's initiative.

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



2024 Friends of La Rabida Gala

NOVEMBER 21 - THE RITZ-CARLTON, CHICAGO
 Reception 6 p.m. | Dinner 7 p.m.

HONORING
 Brian Gaspardo
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Life at La Rabida

Love seeing photos from La Rabida? We've taken 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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