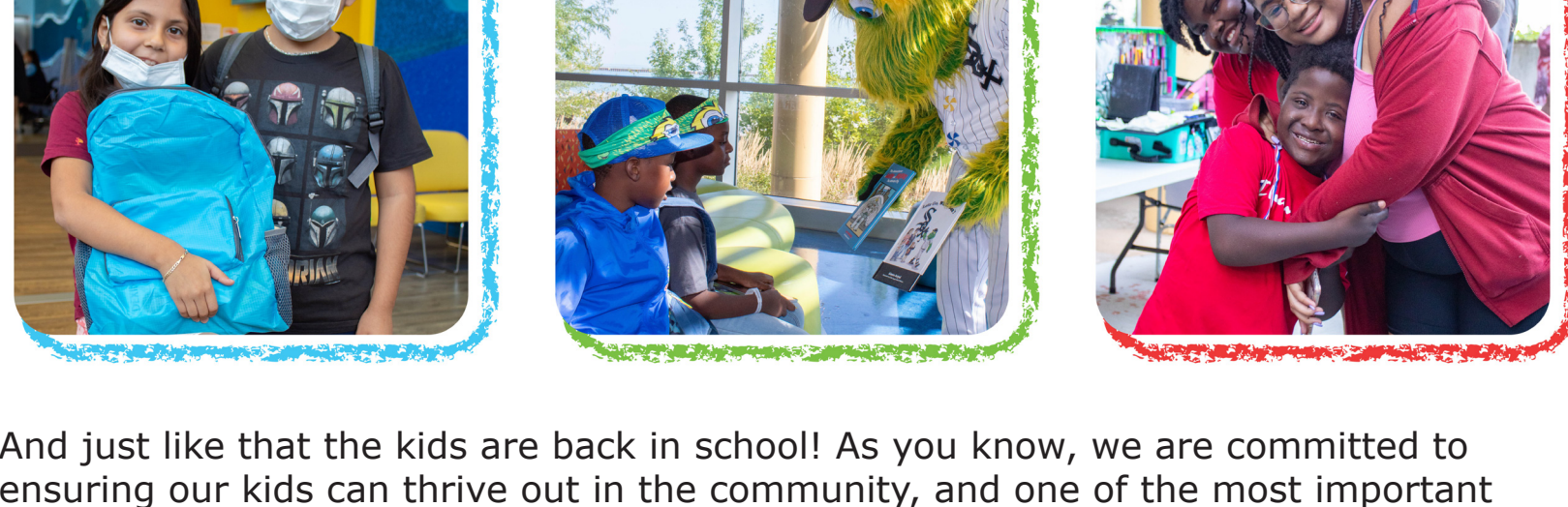


Back-to-School Season, Employee Appreciation, and More!

Patient Updates

It's Back-to-School Season



And just like that the kids are back in school! As you know, we are committed to ensuring our kids can thrive out in the community, and one of the most important environments to consider is in school because kids spend so much time there. We have been busy preparing and supporting our patients throughout August so they can start the school year off on the right foot. From our first annual Literacy Month with 'Celebrity' Readers to our Back-to-School Bash and school nurse trainings, this season truly showcases the many ways we go above and beyond for our patients.

Click below to read more about what was happening at La Rabida last month and check out our back-to-school photo album!

[Read more about our back-to-school events here!](#)

Celebrating Educational and Medical Successes!



We love to celebrate milestones here – big and small, and what could be more exciting than one of our patients finishing high school while staying with us?

That's right, our good friend Ricky recently celebrated his high school graduation at La Rabida with the help of his family and care team. Our front patio was filled with joy as Ricky marked this incredible accomplishment with decorations, gifts, and more.

Ricky has been working so hard on his rehab while aboard the S.S. La Rabida. His dedication and perseverance, paired with the support of his rehab team and child life specialists, have propelled him to reach new reach goals.

Our clinical staff form genuine, meaningful relationships with our patients, and are always happy to help plan a celebration when possible. Creating a memory like this for Ricky and his family is just as much a part of what we do as anything else.

Congratulations to Ricky, his family, and his care team for such a milestone achievement. Job well done!

La Rabida News

Employee Appreciation



Last month we held our LaRaPalooza celebration dedicated to our La Rabida crew with delicious food, fun lawn games, and even a little dancing. The sunny weather and lakeside views made it a day to remember, as we all got a chance to connect, celebrate each other, and enjoy a fun, festive atmosphere.

This picnic was a true reflection of the spirit of La Rabida—where teamwork and a commitment to community shine through in everything we do. In fact, as part of our celebration, we awarded **Lisa Hudson, CPNE this year's Heart of the Year Award** for her unwavering commitment to providing excellent service to both patients and colleagues while embodying La Rabida's core values and mission in everything she does.



Introducing Our 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment



Tell us what your community needs!

La Rabida is conducting its 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment survey and we want your opinion.

The **Community Health Needs Assessment** is meant to help us better understand and serve our community. By answering a few simple questions, you'll tell us what **YOU** think is most important.

To take the survey, scan the QR code to the right or visit bit.ly/CHNACOME. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

Don't forget to share this opportunity with others in your community who you think can provide valuable information!

Every three years, not-for-profit hospitals are required to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and then develop and adopt programs and services based on results. The survey helps us better understand the context in which our patients and families live.

While it may be required, this exercise is an important way La Rabida stays connected with to patients and community. The results help inform our plans to improve community health and positively impact the lives of the children we serve.

We've launched our survey and would greatly appreciate your participation and help in spreading the word among your personal and business constituents, employees, connections, and stakeholders. These are the people who live and work in our communities, and their insights are imperative to the success of our survey.

Support Our Mission

Looking for Volunteers



Are you looking for a way to get in on the action at La Rabida? Or, maybe you know someone who loves to hear about La Rabida. We're currently seeking volunteers for our Tutoring Program and Outpatient Greeters, and we're always looking for other volunteers to add to our roster. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and commit to a minimum of two hours per week.

Get in the Halloween Spirit

It's not too early to start planning your Halloween costume. La Rabida is again a local hospital partner for Spirit Halloween's Spirit of Children campaign. Please use the coupon below to receive 10% off your purchase AND get 10% donated back to La Rabida – WIN WIN!

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 Present coupon in any Spirit Halloween or enter promo code **CARING24** at checkout when shopping on SpiritHalloween.com

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 NOVEMBER 21 • THE RITZ-CARLTON, CHICAGO
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Life at La Rabida

Love seeing photos from La Rabida? We've created a new Flickr page 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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