



Tru's Making Strides, South Side Celebrations, and More!

Patient Updates

Tru's Making Strides



Each patient is unique, and we are with them every step of the way – especially when they're taking their first!

Tru rounded the corner, and in that moment, his mom watched her son achieve a new personal record. Walking a full lap around the south end of the S.S. La Rabida, Tru has doubled the distance of his first guided walk. With Each stride, he gained more confidence and became more comfortable with having his vent and trach wheeling behind him.

Tru has been here for several months and has persevered through his complex cardiac history, and he's come a long way. Tru had a Glenn procedure to reroute blood flow from the upper body to his lungs a while back. He also faces a condition called subglottic stenosis (a narrowing of the airway just below the vocal cords), which means he relies on a tracheostomy and ventilator to breathe.

Tru has been excited to move around in – and OUT – of his cabin. After a lot of hard work with his care team walks are now regular part of his therapy regimen, developing his motor skills by working the larger muscle groups to control his body. While on his walk with mom, Tru saw and felt the energy of the familiar faces encourage him with cheers and smiles.

Playgroups

Playtime never ends! At least, when you're on board the S.S. La Rabida. Our patients love having the opportunity to play, shake, and move about during our weekly playgroups. Our therapy teams schedule play time so our patients can see and learn from each other. Socialization and interactions with different surfaces, objects, toys, and surroundings are a big part of a child's development. The opportunity to get out of their cabins and play with others helps bring some normalcy to their lives, as well. The smiles on their faces tell us – they're enjoying this learning process.



La Rabida News

La Rabida Annual Golf Classic

A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME WE STILL HAVE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

The 35th Annual La Rabida Golf Classic is a couple of months away and we still have sponsorships available!

EAGLE - \$4,500	BIRDIE - \$3,500
One Foursome (includes four lunch tickets)	One Foursome (includes four lunch tickets)
Logo on Four Hole Signs and in Digital Program	Logo on Two Hole Signs, one per course
Mention on Social Media	

LA RABIDA'S 36TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

AUGUST 4, 2025

HARBORSIDE INTERNATIONAL

11004 SOUTH DOTY AVENUE EAST, CHICAGO, IL 60628

South Side Celebrations

La Rabida is participating in two parades and we want to see you out there. Our La Rabida float makes its debut on **Independence Day (July 4th)** for the **4th on 53rd Street Parade in Hyde Park**, and on **August 4th** we'll be participating in the **Bud Billiken Parade** through the Bronzeville neighborhood to Washington Park.

After the Bud Billiken parade stop by our table, where our staff will be spreading the word about the specialized support and care we offer at La Rabida.

Support Our Mission

Support the future of La Rabida with a Legacy Gift

We invest in our patients every day at La Rabida, focusing on their healing and their goals. You can help us in this work, by making a gift now or in the future by including La Rabida in your estate plans.

Connect with us to start a conversation about planning a gift with lasting impact.

[Click here](#) or call Anne Wilson, Director of Individual and Planned Giving at 773.256.5718 for more information.

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 2025, and come back regularly for new photos, too!



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