



Sensory Superstars, World Sickle Cell Day, and More!

Patient Updates

Harvesting Healthy Living



Bags full of fresh fruits and vegetables, means LaTiffanie's children know what they're having for dinner. Eight-year-old "Chef" Edward, who once had a picky palate, is now the king of the kitchen!

"When he's part of the cooking process, he will eat anything," says LaTiffanie. "He gets excited to try new recipes."

Exploring and trying new things is part of how we help our patients, like Edward, who has Down syndrome and was born with congenital heart disease. Both of his sisters are La Rabida patients as well, visiting our Chicago Children's Diabetes Center.

"We were here for an appointment when it first started, and we were surprised to see the set up," said Tiffanie. "Every year we register and are excited to see the program come back!"

Many of La Rabida's patients and families face healthcare disparities and inequities that make getting quality, specialty care difficult. Things like housing insecurity, lack of health insurance, language barriers, transportation difficulties, and food insecurity also have an impact on healing, growth, and development.

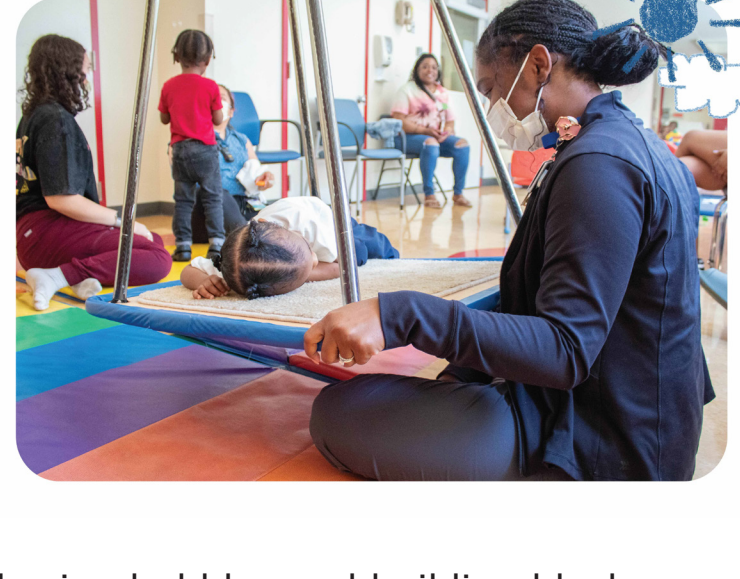
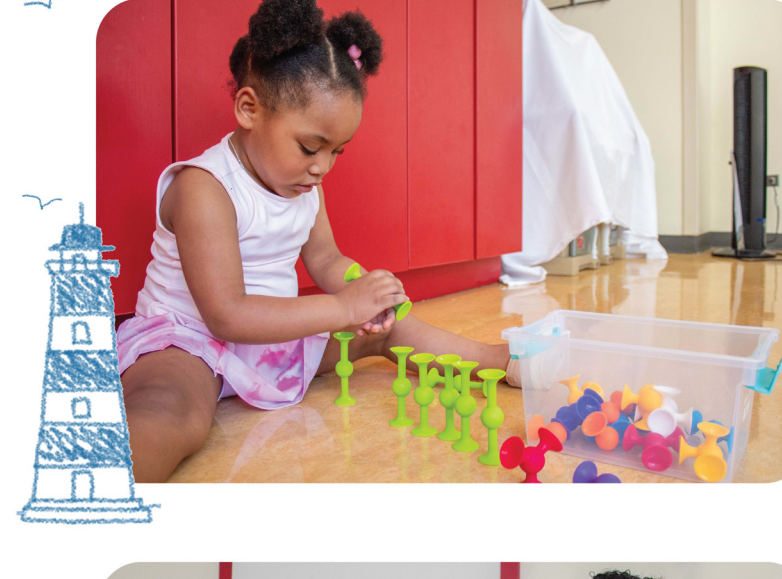
"When we are talking with our families food insecurity is a big part of the conversation," said Care Coordinator, Ana Camacho. "When we are able to offer a support for more than just their medical needs, you see relief and hope in their eyes."

Since 2021, La Rabida has partnered with Just Roots, a local organization with two community farms supplying fruits and vegetables for our families to take home. They also share kid-friendly cooking demonstrations in our outpatient clinic once a month. The food and education this partnership provides are resources our families need to ensure better health outcomes. *This program is made possible in part by Dunkin' for Joy in Childhood Foundation.*

[Read more about the Fresh Food Farmacy program here!](#)

La Rabida News

Sensory Superstars



Blowing bubbles and building blocks are not just toys for playing, but tools our physical and occupational therapists use to help our kids learn and develop!

Our Sensory Superstars Early Intervention therapeutic program is six weeks of supporting our patients' developmental journey and giving caregivers an opportunity to learn ways to help their child progress at home.

Our rehabilitation specialists educate families by sharing insight into certain games and activities to help their sensory growth. The group offers a safe environment for caregivers to bond and connect through shared experiences and conversation.

World Sickle Cell Day



We help our patients stay equipped and prepared. Members of our Sickle Cell Disease team, including Dr. Radhika Peddinti, Tanisha Jones, and Katrina Wadlington, filled bags with kits and resources useful for managing the disease. As part of our mission, it's important to educate and empower our patients while navigating the journey together.

Award Winning Team

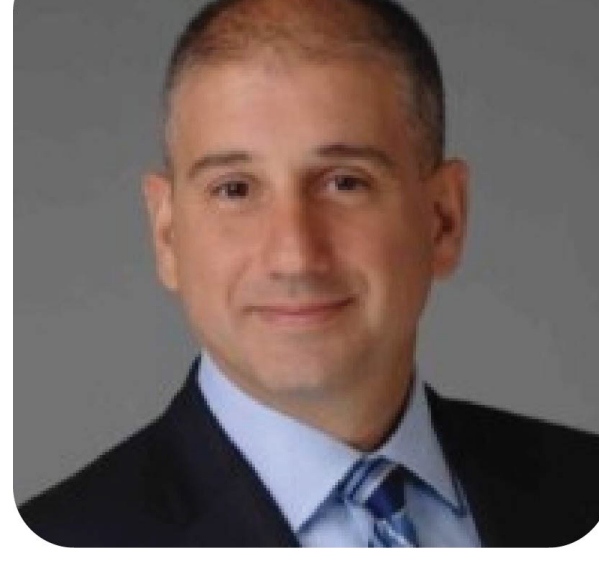


Our **Behavioral Health and Community Programs team** won The Institute of Medicine of Chicago's **2025 Innovation in Health Care/Delivery Award!**

Our Behavioral Health and Community Programs team is committed to helping our patients and families through trauma-informed care, focusing on healing, resilience, and growth.

Support Our Mission

Welcome Paul Tenuta



Welcome to the La Rabida family!

We are grateful to have Paul Tenuta join our Board of Trustees! As a seasoned consulting executive, he brings passion for service and knowledge of serving the healthcare industry through his professional work at Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC). The La Rabida Board of Trustees confirmed Paul at their June meeting.



Annahallia lines up the perfect shot. Will you?

Grab your clubs and join us at Harborside International with your foursome to tee off just like our patient Annahallia!

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Back to School Supply Drive

July 1 - August 1

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!

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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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