



## Comfort, Clarity, and a Cure, Back-to-School Bash, and More!

### Patient Updates

#### Comfort, Clarity, and a Cure



La Rabida's expertise in sickle cell disease pediatric care brought comfort, clarity, and a cure to Tyrone and his family who had grown anxious with questions and concerns.

From six weeks to six years old, Tyrone III embodied resilience. Tyrone's journey at La Rabida has reinvigorated his family's connection, and the purpose of our mission with our team.

Tyrone had his first pain crisis within the first year of being born. He had symptoms of Sickle Cell Disease Type SS, which causes physical changes in the blood cells from round and squishy, to crescent-shaped and stiff.

**"We were just existing, trying to get through the days," said his dad, Tyrone Jr. "We realized how blessed we are to be taken care of at a hospital, where we can see the future and feel happiness. We are grateful Tyrone's care team understands us."**

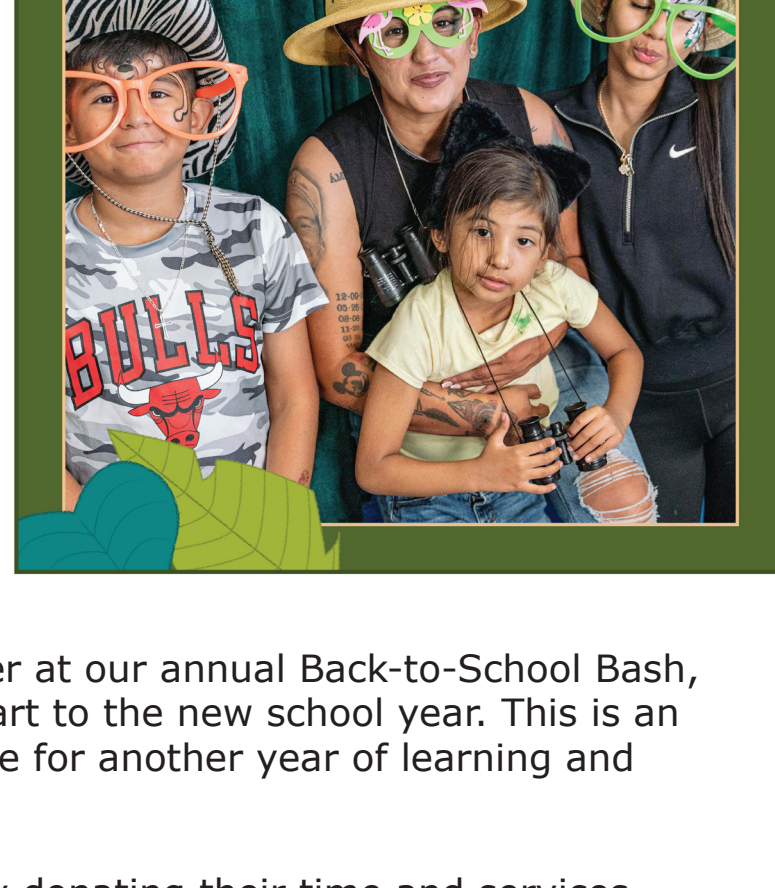
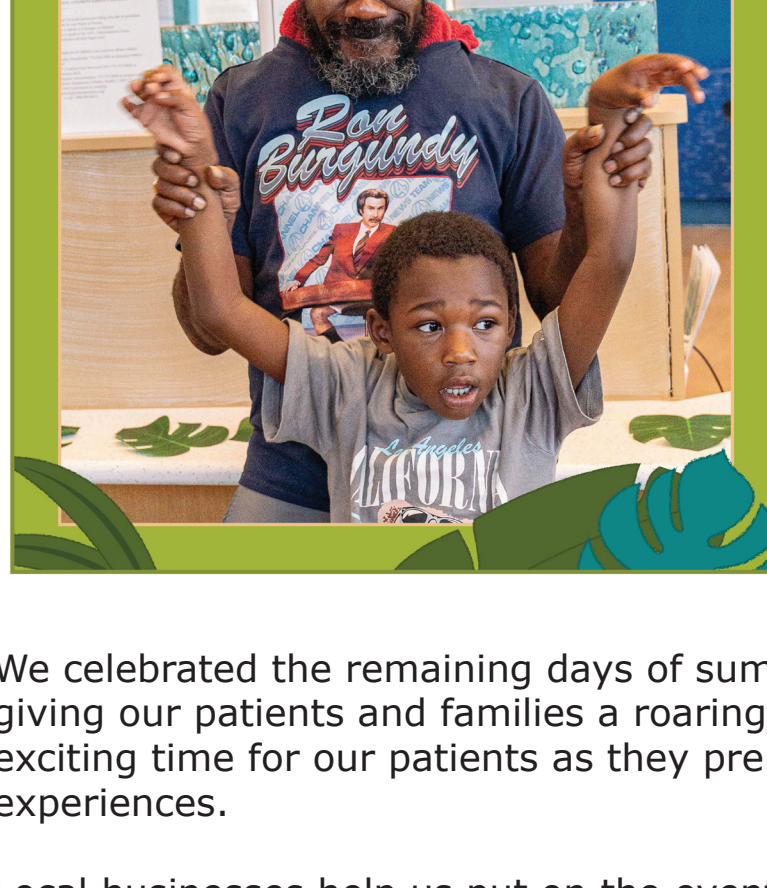
La Rabida's sickle cell team explained all the options for the family, including HLA testing to see which siblings could be a compatible donor. Results came back showing Tyrone's sister, Kynedi, is a full match as a donor for bone marrow transplant.

Tyrone and Kynedi underwent the transplant procedure in 2022. The transplant proved to be a success and cured him of sickle cell disease.

[Read more about Tyrone's journey here!](#)

### La Rabida News

#### Annual Back-to-School Bash



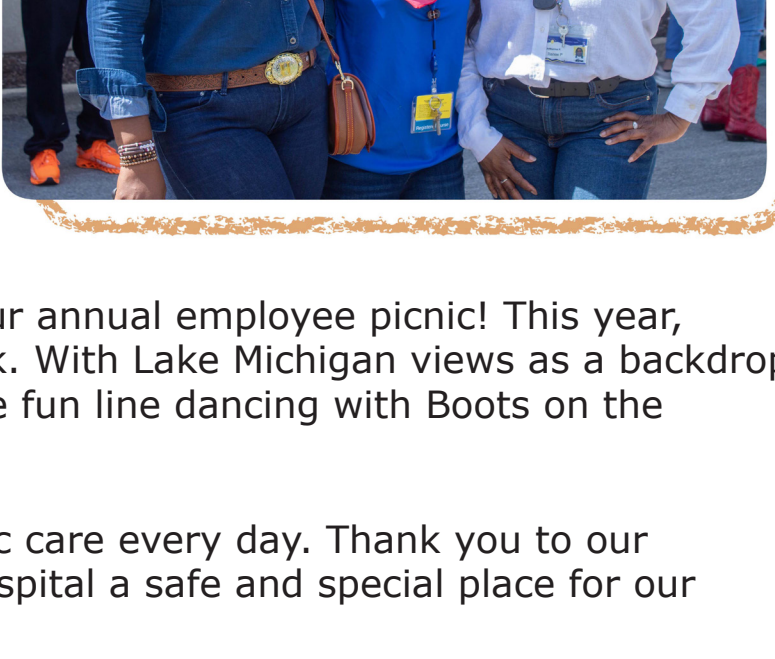
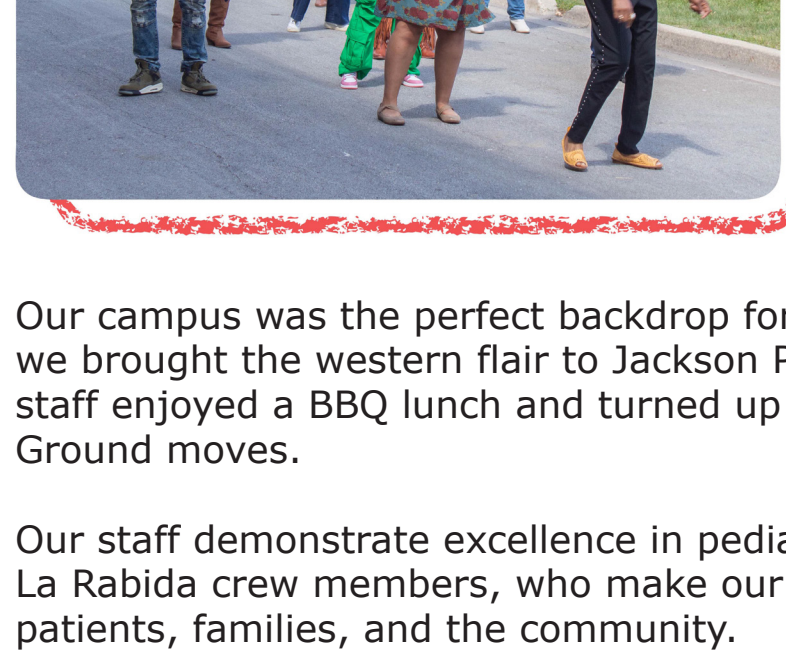
We celebrated the remaining days of summer at our annual Back-to-School Bash, giving our patients and families a roaring start to the new school year. This is an exciting time for our patients as they prepare for another year of learning and experiences.

Local businesses help us put on the event by donating their time and services. The music, food, and activities are all provided in support of our mission.

Our patients spent the evening dancing, getting their faces painted, and connecting with each other. All the smiles and the energy our patients brought to our hospital reminded us of the joy that comes from building strong community connections.

Thank you to Shannon Gail Events for bringing the Safari to La Rabida! We also appreciate the partnership of our local businesses: Okyne Media Lab, Inc., Blue Plate Chicago, Lazuli Party, Lubica's Fun Face Painting, Gerber + Scarpelli Photography, and ShutterBooth Chicago.

#### Tipping Our Hats to our Heart of the Year and Staff



Our campus was the perfect backdrop for our annual employee picnic! This year, we brought the western flair to Jackson Park. With Lake Michigan views as a backdrop, staff enjoyed a BBQ lunch and turned up the fun line dancing with Boots on the Ground moves.

Our staff demonstrate excellence in pediatric care every day. Thank you to our La Rabida crew members, who make our hospital a safe and special place for our patients, families, and the community.



Congratulations to our Graphic Design extraordinaire, Cheyanne D., who won our Heart of the Year Award! Cheyanne truly embodies our core values, showing grace and poise in her work with staff, patients and families.

### Support Our Mission

#### Corporate Advisory Board (CAB): Summer Social



We're excited to have new faces on our Corporate Advisory Board! Join us in welcoming this group of passionate professionals who are ready to make a lasting impact on our mission. If you're interested in learning more about CAB, please contact Anne Mullen at [amullen@larabida.org](mailto:amullen@larabida.org)

Welcome Dayton Calhoun, Aubry Mayberry, Melad Qodsi, Grechen Sherwood, Kelly Cronin, Caroline Flaherty, Leslie Buckner, Collette Duffy, Yvonne Redmond, BriAnn Whitfield, Jenna King, and Zoe Saphir to our La Rabida family!

#### After School Tutoring

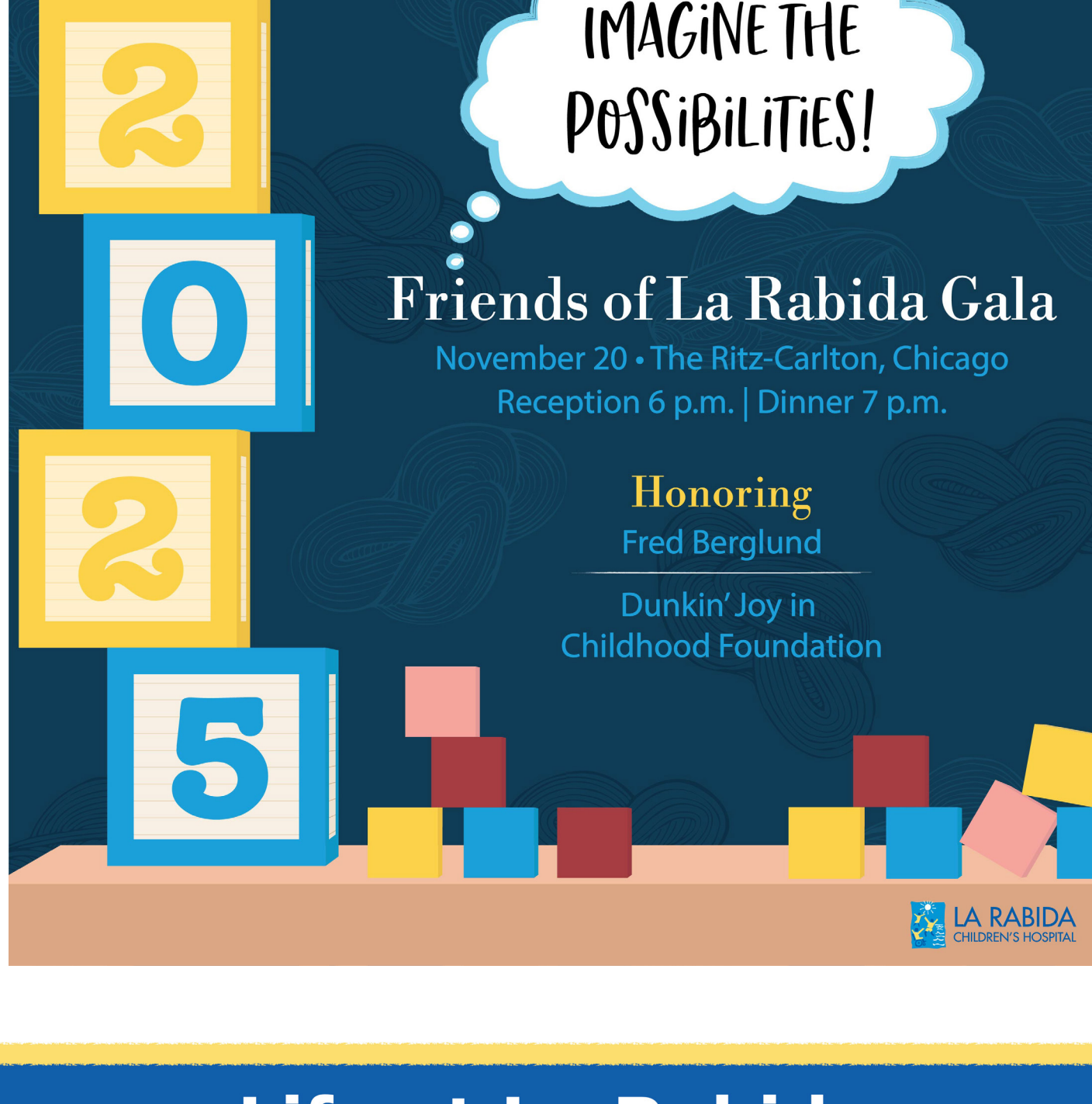


Raising the possibilities of a lifetime for our patients is at the heart of our mission. To do that, we need your support in empowering our patients through education. Our goal is to enrich each child's learning experience with one-on-one time, mentorship, and positive role models. Learn more about the program [here](https://www.larabida.org/after-school-tutoring) or contact George Hardin at [ghardin@larabida.org](mailto:ghardin@larabida.org).

#### Ghosts, Goblins, and Good Deeds

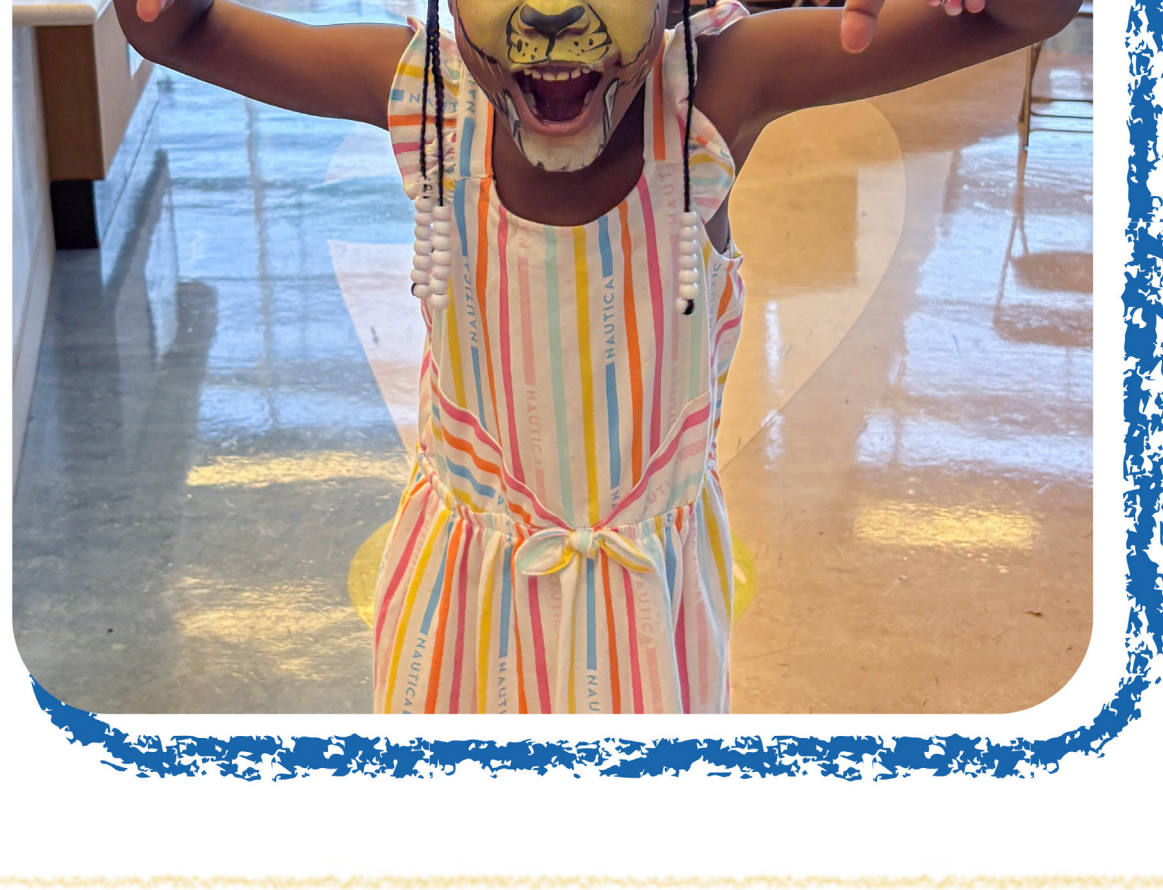


Getting into costume is always an adventure and now it can make a difference too! La Rabida is once again the local hospital beneficiary of Spirit Halloween's Spirit of Children campaign. Whether you dress up as your favorite superhero, animal, or celebrity, your purchase will help support La Rabida. Present the coupon below at checkout to receive 10% off and Spirit Halloween will donate an additional 10% to La Rabida.



### Life at La Rabida

Go on safari through the Back-to-School Bash photos in our [Flickr album!](#)



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