

Nourishing Care, Feeding Creativity, Building Community Healing through Craftsmanship, and More!

Patient Updates

Nourishing Care, Feeding Creativity



March 2026 - Questions flooded Jessica's mind as she wondered what would come next. She came to La Rabida in November following a medical emergency caused by a paraduodenal hernia, a rare, congenital hernia in the small intestine. This life-threatening condition led to an abdominal infection and required Jessica to spend months in the hospital while her intestines healed and her body recovered.

For more than six months, the 13-year-old was unable to eat by mouth or even through a feeding tube. Jessica's care team, led by Clinical Pediatric Dietitian Manager Robyn Felten, knew exactly how to help and was ready to provide the answers and care that Jessica and her family needed.

They created a plan to ensure Jessica had enough nourishment to not only meet her daily functional needs but also support healing with additional proteins, vitamins, and minerals. She underwent procedures to put in a jejunostomy tube, or a "J-Tube,"

to help nutritional feedings bypass the affected part of her intestines. To increase fluid and other essential nutrient intake, Jessica was also placed on Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), a method of delivering these nutrients directly into the bloodstream.

When a patient's journey begins on our inpatient unit, we work to ensure their hospital stay is a comforting experience. For Jessica, the inability to enjoy a meal made the days and weeks difficult. During her stay, Child Life Specialist Megan C. sought resources and activities to create a comfortable environment for Jessica and her family.

[Read more about the creative force fueling Jessica's journey](#)

La Rabida News

Building Community Healing through Craftsmanship



It's bright and big, and more than just a dollhouse. This is a beautiful display of craftsmanship, community, and healing.

Thank you to Imagination Dollhouses for Children. Our La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center (LRCAC) specialists have yet another way to help our patients feel safer and more comfortable before a forensic interview.

The LRCAC serves victims of all types of child abuse and trauma from 30 municipalities in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. The LRCAC conducts nearly 500 forensic interviews each year.

Support Our Mission

Lighting the Path to Creative Learning



The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, a professional organization for women educators of color, donated crates of puzzles and books to our La Rabida Lighthouse Library.

We appreciate NSPDK members Rosetta Garrett and Cynthia Revels-Young, who met with Anne Wilson, Director of Planned and Individual Giving, to drop off the donations. The organization's generosity will help our patients engage their minds in learning!

FY25 Annual Report



IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES
2025 La Rabida Annual Report
Fiscal year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

We are pleased to share **La Rabida's 2025 annual report**. Our annual report highlights La Rabida's notable milestones from the past fiscal year (July 2024 - June 2025).

We are grateful for your continuous support and look forward to a happy and healthy 2026!

[Click here to read the 2025 Annual Report!](#)

Life at La Rabida

Our hearts are still full of encouragement! Thank you to Throwback 100.3 and the community for the beautiful handmade valentines, and for helping our patients and families feel your support! Take a look at the [Flickr album](#) from the Valentine's Day card delivery to see the smiles on our patients' faces!



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