

Successful Patient Outcomes on Display, Calling All Golfers, and More!

Patient Updates

Tools and Testing Help Our Patients Breathe Easier



June 2026 - Andrew had severe asthma attacks about three times a week. Tony, his younger brother, would be by his side every sleepless night to help, while struggling with the condition himself.

La Rabida's respiratory therapists have tools and tests to help identify environmental triggers that cause breathing issues, including spirometry testing available through our Asthma Clinic. Spirometry accurately assesses lung function, helping our board-certified pulmonologists create an action plan for patients like Andrew and Tony.

Testing led to effective care plans that helped Andrew and Tony better manage their asthma. Andrew went from needing a rescue inhaler to becoming active and self-motivated. He's in the school's marching band, plays the tuba, and works out to stay strong enough to perform. Tony plays basketball and hangs out with his friends at the library.

"I've seen my boys turn to men," says Anthony, grandfather and guardian. "The action plan helped them to act in their own life, and they're happier and healthier for it."

See *La Rabida News* for more about their story as part of an award-winning presentation.



Do you have a comment or story to share? **Contact Jerrica Valtierra, Communications Specialist at jvaltierra@larabida.org.**

From Cabin to Castle and Celebrating Firsts!



Emma got the much-deserved princess treatment for her first birthday! **DecMyRoom** turned her cabin into a castle and helped support several outfit changes during the celebration.

With the expertise of our rehabilitation team, Joseiris, Emma's mom, celebrated her daughter's birthday with smiles, cupcakes, and memories that will last a lifetime.

La Rabida News

Successful Patient Outcomes on Display



Congratulations to the **Asthma Clinic staff, Dr. Luis Torero, and Respiratory Therapist Manager, Tesnim H., and the team, Rachel B., Angela D., and Kiarri N.,** on winning **third place** at the **2026 Chicago Asthma Consortium** Poster Session for outstanding presentation and contribution.

While it may look like data and numbers, it represents La Rabida's commitment to innovation and best-in-class care, all for our patients, like Andrew and Tony, whose success story was featured on the poster presentation display.

Pinning a Successful Patient Experience



More than 60 people were recognized for contributing to an excellent patient experience, and their efforts did not go unnoticed.

La Rabida's Patient Experience Committee hosted a successful Patient Experience Pinning Ceremony, during which staff received a certificate and an "I'm a 10" pin.

The pin may seem small. But what it represents is anything but small," says Chief Nursing Officer Rosana Kwiatt. "It represents intention, compassion, accountability, and consistency. These are the individuals who transform care."

The ceremony highlighted peer submissions of incredible moments that significantly impacted our patients' journeys at La Rabida. All submissions were sent in by colleagues.

Congratulations to those recognized for providing a 10-out-of-10 patient experience for our patients and families!

Support Our Mission

Calling All Golfers



Make a difference on and off the green and join us to celebrate 130 years of care for children and raising possibilities for a lifetime.

Sign up for La Rabida's 37th Annual Golf Classic and know that with every swing, you're supporting children like Fernanda, who live with complex, chronic, or acute health conditions.

Check out this [fun recap of last year's event](#) and visit larabida.org/golf-classic to **save your spot.**

Celebrating 130 Years



This year, La Rabida Children's Hospital celebrates 130 years of compassionate care for children.

Founded in 1896 in a building vacated following the World Columbian Exposition, La Rabida opened as a free, fresh-air sanitarium for sick children, regardless of their family's ability to pay. As the needs of children changed, so did La Rabida, evolving from a free, fresh-air sanitarium to a leader in the fight against rheumatic fever and ultimately to the specialized pediatric hospital it is today.

While our services have transformed over the past 130 years, our commitment to caring for children and families, regardless of their financial circumstances, remains the same.

In honor of this milestone and our legacy of care for children in the community, **consider a recurring gift of \$130 a month**, less than \$5 a day, to provide steady support for the children and families who rely on us every day.

Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference to the children at La Rabida Children's Hospital.



To give, visit our [giving page](#) and select "Make this a recurring gift," or contact La Rabida Annual Giving Manager, Mary Kruse, at mkruse@larabida.org.

Life at La Rabida

Take an inside look at who scored a 10 out of 10 in patient experience during the pinning ceremony. Plus, flip through more moments on our [Flickr albums](#).



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