



## Golf Classic Recap, Meet 'Dory', and More!

### Patient Updates

#### Former Diabetes Patient Gives Back, Inspiring Hope by Playing Hoops



**August 2026** – At 11 years old, Cooper Farrall learned he had type 1 diabetes. The Valparaiso, Indiana, elementary school student didn't have to go far to find help. From the moment he stepped through the doors of La Rabida Chicago Children's Diabetes Center (CCDC) in St. John, he felt completely supported on his journey.

"One of the most challenging components is the mental health aspect of diabetes," says CCDC Medical Director Dr. Anita Swamy. "There is a significant burden and burnout. Both children and their families experience this as a true chronic condition, and there's no vacation from it."

Dr. Swamy and the CCDC team of pediatric clinicians, social workers, and psychologists build strong relationships with La Rabida patients, like Cooper, and work with families every step of the way to navigate the condition. "These bonds mean such a

great deal to me. They reinforce the entire reason I chose to become a pediatric doctor," says Dr. Swamy. "I love celebrating our patients' successes with them and seeing them grow and mature."

With the support and tools from the CCDC team, Cooper has shown that a chronic condition doesn't define what's possible for the future. Ten years later, the now 21-year old with dreams of playing college basketball is now living that dream.

[Click here to read more about Cooper's wins on and off the court](#)

### La Rabida News

#### 37th Annual Golf Classic

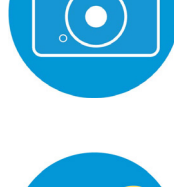


We had another successful event on the links for our patients this month! Thank you to everyone who participated in the 37th Annual La Rabida Golf Classic.

**With your support, we raised \$270,000 for the kids at La Rabida!** Every dollar goes toward providing best-in-class comprehensive pediatric care.

A special thank you to course sponsors **PwC** and **William Blair**, and the teams who came out to support our mission.

We're looking forward to teeing off with you all again in 2027!



Check out more moments on the course in our Flickr album [here](#)!



Do you have a comment or story to share? Contact Jerrica Valtierra, Communications Specialist, at [jvaltierra@larabida.org](mailto:jvaltierra@larabida.org).

#### Providing Timely and Accurate Diagnoses with Dory



Meet Dory, the newest tool in La Rabida's Radiology department. This portable X-ray machine will help Diane, radiology manager, and her team be more agile, provide timely and accurate diagnostics, and enhance the overall patient experience.

Dory is wrapped in vibrant colors and decorated with aquatic animals, making it more kid-friendly. Our radiology team can transport Dory from our inpatient unit cabins to our outpatient clinic, making visits easier for our patients.

"It's smaller, brighter, and not intimidating," says Diane. "This helps make it a seamless process for our patients and families."

We are excited to continue investing in the most advanced technology so we can provide best-in-class care for our patients."

### Support Our Mission

#### Tutoring Volunteers



Volunteer to have an impact on a child's life through one-on-one tutoring sessions! La Rabida is looking for mentors who can be a positive influence and support our patients and their siblings in math, reading, and/or writing.

The after-school tutor program runs from October to May. Apply at [larabida.org/volunteer](https://larabida.org/volunteer).



For more information, contact our Manager of Volunteer Services and Community Engagement, George Hardin, at [ghardin@larabida.org](mailto:ghardin@larabida.org).

#### Pack the 'Pack

### PACK THE 'PACK FOR LA RABIDA!

Pack the backpacks to help La Rabida patients and their siblings get a great start to the school year. **La Rabida's Corporate Advisory Board (CAB)** is hosting a school supply drive to support the hospital's mission and raise the possibilities for a lifetime.

From pens to planners, the children will have the tools they need to show up on the first day with confidence to take on another year of learning.

**Take a look at the list to help us pack the 'pack!**

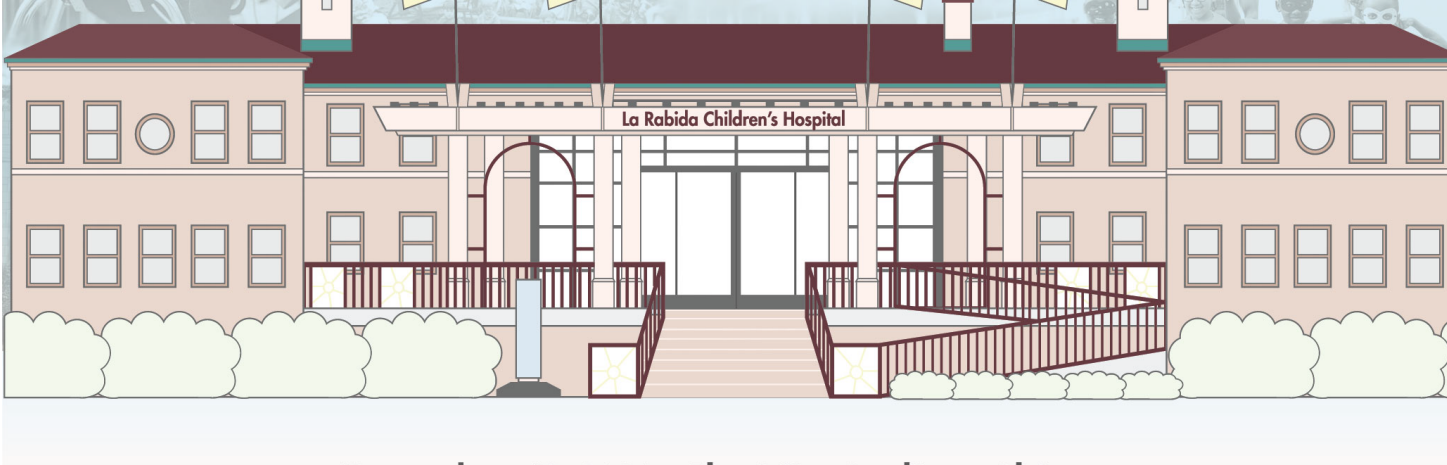




Additional questions? Reach out to our Director of Special Events and Corporate Development, Anne Mullen, at [amullen@larabida.org](mailto:amullen@larabida.org).

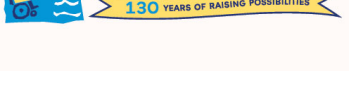
#### Friends of La Rabida Gala: Save the Date

## 40th Annual Friends of La Rabida Gala



November 19, 2026 • The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago  
Reception 6 p.m. | Dinner 7 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Gala and the 130th anniversary of La Rabida Children's Hospital!



### Life at La Rabida

Check out more powerful mission-driven moments from the golf course to the basketball court in our [Flickr albums](#)!



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