LA RABIDA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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Tamarrion's Journey, Meet La Rabida's New CMO, and More!

Patient Updates

Uncertainty Turns to Possibilities for Tamarrion



November 2026 – Nine years ago, one-year-old Tamarrion had his first visit to La Rabida with his then-foster mother, Marcy. He was tiny for his age, legally blind, and diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder that affects movement, muscle development, and balance. Marcy wasn't sure what Tamarrion's future would hold, if he would ever be able to play, eat, or communicate with others.

"He couldn't walk or even sit up on his own," says Marcy. "He had a feeding tube, which I was learning how to use. I had a lot to face with being his parent."

Marcy immediately came back to La Rabida – the same hospital that provided care for her daughters with sickle cell disease more than 30 years ago. The moment she walked through the doors, Marcy had a whole team to support whatever she and Tamarrion needed.

Read more about Tamarrion's amazing progress at La Rabida

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

La Rabida News

Meet La Rabida's New Chief Medical Officer



La Rabida is thrilled to welcome Dr. Andrew Van Bergen, a nationally recognized pediatric cardiologist, researcher, and healthcare leader, as our new Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Van Bergen's extensive experience leading clinical trials, advancing quality improvement, and championing better outcomes for children will help strengthen our mission and expand our impact on families near and far.

Dr. Van Bergen began his full-time role in October.

Ringling Brothers Visit









Joy is part of the healing journey at La Rabida, and recently, Ringling Bros. helped us bring more smiles to our halls.

From the outpatient clinic to the inpatient unit, patients watched the circus acrobats perform cool tricks by juggling and jumping rope, and visited with a special robotic dog, Bailey, for a morning of unforgettable moments!

Support Our Mission

Only a Few Tickets Remain for our 40th Friends of La Rabida Gala



For more information, contact our Director of Special Events and Corporate Development, Anne Mullen, at amullen@larabida.org.

Do you have a Donor Advised Fund (DAF)?

Did you know you can recommend a grant to benefit La Rabida Children's Hospital?

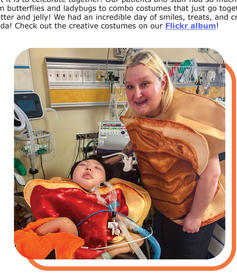
You can make a difference by recommending a grant to La Rabida or naming the hospital as a beneficiary of your fund.

Visit our website, click on Donor-Advised Fund, and search for your fund to get started. It's a simple way to support the compassionate, specialized care we provide to children and families every day. If you have any questions about Donor-Advised Funds, contact our **Annual Giving Manager, Mary Kruse**, at mkruse@larabida.org.

Life at La Rabida

Halloween Happenings at La Rabida

How sweet it is to celebrate together! Our patients and staff had so much Halloween spirit, from butterflies and ladybugs to combo costumes that just go together like peanut butter and jelly! We had an incredible day of smiles, treats, and creative fun at La Rabida! Check out the creative costumes on our **Flickr album**!



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