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LATEST NEWS FROM NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



Fashion Gives Back



Diamond Ball



Super Duper Fun Day

Walk and Family Festival



Letter from the Interim President & CEO

During the second half of 2018, we hosted many of our signature events including Fashion Gives Back, Diamond Ball and Super Duper Fun Day, each raising significant funds that will impact the lives of the patients and families we serve.

Over the holidays, we celebrated fun-filled activities and gifting events along with several special projects at our hospital to bring the spirit of the season to our patients.

However, they often say all good things come to an end. A new year means new beginnings and fresh starts, and we open 2019 by welcoming a new president. I am pleased to announce that Michelle Boggs has joined as the newly appointed president of Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation. Before joining the Foundation, Michelle spent 12 years with the American Heart Association in various leadership roles. Our organization is thrilled to have Michelle on board, and we wish her the best as she continues to lead the Foundation towards progression.

I thank you for your support during my time as interim president and CEO of the Foundation, and encourage you to continue to help us ensure the health and happiness of children around the world.

Best regards,



Tim Birkenstock
Interim President & CEO, Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation



Upcoming Calendar

MAR 21

Coral Springs High School
Dance Marathon

MAR 22

St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Dance Marathon

APR 5

8th Annual Wine Women & Shoes

MAY 5

5th Annual Nico's Promise:
A Journey of Hope and Healing

MAY 18

6th Annual Carlin Family Prom

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MICHELLE BOGGS APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Michelle Boggs has been appointed president of Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation, the fundraising arm of Nicklaus Children's Health System. In this role, Ms. Boggs will oversee operations of the Foundation, which raises funds to support the work of the nonprofit Nicklaus Children's Hospital, the region's leading pediatric specialty hospital.



"Michelle has demonstrated her leadership and commitment to the Foundation's mission to support world-class pediatric care for the patients and families of Nicklaus Children's Hospital. We are pleased that she will lead our Foundation as we strive to create an even greater impact in the lives of the patients we serve," Dr. Narendra Kini, CEO of Nicklaus Children's Health System, said.

Ms. Boggs joined the Health System in 2018 as executive director for Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation, assuming responsibility for community relations, stewardship, annual giving and donor relations.

Before joining the Foundation, Ms. Boggs served for 12 years in various leadership roles with the American Heart Association. Most recently, she served as National Market Development Director charged with consulting to top markets across the country with revenue goals totaling \$800 million.

Ms. Boggs was also the executive director for the American Heart Association in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, leading with the responsibility of developing high-performing teams committed to understanding and achieving health, philanthropic and volunteerism goals.

Ms. Boggs graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in English. She is a member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Miami and serves as a mentor for Take Stock in Children.

12th Annual Diamond Ball – Beyond Tomorrow

More than 550 of the most philanthropic members in our community came together on October 27 to celebrate the 12th Annual Diamond Ball: Beyond Tomorrow at the JW Marriott Marquis Miami. The event raised over \$1 million to benefit the children and families cared for at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.



Diamond Ball guests mingling at the October 2018 gala.

Hosted by WPLG Local 10 news anchor Laurie Jennings, the event focused on innovation and set the mood for the induction of African stateswoman, Graça Machel into the Ambassador David M. Walters International Pediatric Hall of Fame. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed by Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation and each inductee has demonstrated a passionate commitment to ensure the health and happiness of children worldwide.

During the event, two Nicklaus Children's patients were honored; Layla A'leea Walker, 7, an orthopedic patient diagnosed with early onset scoliosis, and Manchester Isabella, 2, a girl from Honduras, who is currently receiving life-saving care at Nicklaus Children's Hospital for acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Donations made throughout the night will fund a treatment called Kymriah, also known as CAR-T. Nicklaus Children's is proud to be one of a few children's hospitals nationwide to offer Kymriah, a novel immuno-oncology treatment that uses the patient's own immune system to seek out and destroy cancer cells. This treatment provides the chance of a cure for children struggling after a cancer relapse, and holds promise as the care standard of the future for a wide range of cancers.

Patients with recurrent or 'refractory' leukemia have less than a 5 percent chance of remission with repetition of prior treatment and may be candidates for stem cell transplantation. With Kymriah, these same patients have a greater than 90 percent chance of remission a month after the infusion.

Ravneet Chowdhury, Chair, Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation with Graça Machel, 2018 Inductee into the David M. Walters International Pediatric Hall of Fame.



Bake a Difference

This October, dozens of caring community members set up bake stands across Miami-Dade and Broward counties as part of the 4th Annual Bake a Difference, a day-long event that raises funds and awareness for the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

When their daughter and sister, Samantha was diagnosed with epilepsy, Amy, Doug and Evie Hirschhorn saw a need and desire to

give back to the hospital that helped care for Samantha. They wanted to give anyone the opportunity to "bake" a difference and participate in a family-friendly, inclusive event. This year, volunteers baked cupcakes, brownies, cookies and other sweet treats, and collected donations totaling more than \$36,000. Altogether since 2014, Bake a Difference participants have raised more than \$100,000 to fund new equipment and less invasive surgery techniques.



Established in 2010, the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Young Ambassadors (NCYA) have taken their mission to heart. With over \$1 million raised, NCYA has played a significant role as advocates for the Nicklaus Children's mission and funded important projects all across our organization.

Every year, the Nicklaus Children's Young Ambassadors meet to determine which programs and services they will fund during the upcoming year.

Nicklaus Children's Young Ambassadors have funded:

2017

- Portable X-Ray Machine (Orthoscan)
- IVEA Patient Walkers
- Camp Roaring Sun (Diabetes Camp)
- Applied Behavior Analysis Scholarship
- Car Seats

2018

- Gait Analysis Lab
- Fetal Care Center
- Radio Lollipop
- Camp Roaring Sun (Diabetes Camp)

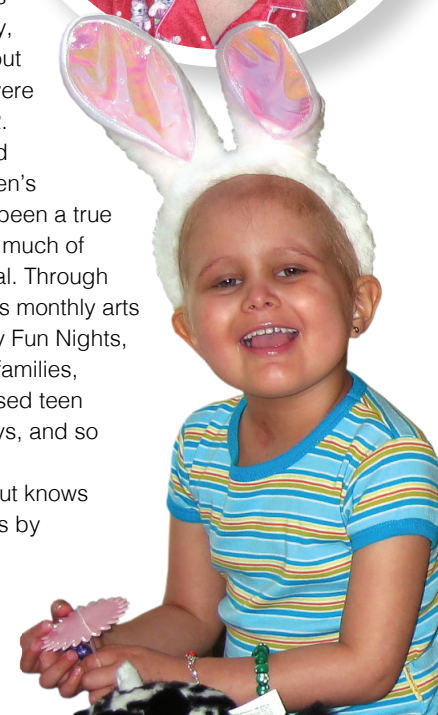
Sofia's Hope, Inc.

At only 4 years old, Sofia Isabel Blanco was diagnosed with an aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a blood cancer affecting the lymphatic system.

Sofia responded well to treatment, however, eight months later, she had her first bout with heart failure, a side effect of the chemotherapy used to treat her cancer. Once again, she responded well to treatment and was considered cured. She lived a happy, productive life for over eight years, but the damage to her heart was too severe and Sofia passed away in April 2012.

Ever so grateful for the care and support received by Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Sofia's mother, Marta, has been a true exemplary role model by dedicating much of her time to giving back to the hospital. Through her nonprofit, Sofia's Hope, she hosts monthly arts and crafts activities, sponsors Family Fun Nights, distributes kits for newly diagnosed families, provides gift cards for newly diagnosed teen patients, donates gifts for the holidays, and so much more throughout the year.

Marta misses Sofia every day but knows the best way to honor her daughter is by providing hope to others facing a childhood cancer diagnosis.



Fashion Gives Back

Some of the most fashionable young professionals in South Florida got together in September for the 7th Annual Fashion Gives Back. The event took place at The Moore Building in the Miami Design District and was hosted by the Nicklaus Children's Young Ambassadors (NCYA). NCYA is a group of young professionals who aim to raise funds that benefit the children and families at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

The fashion-forward crowd of over 400 sipped on crafted cocktails while watching the season's latest fashion from Saks Fifth Avenue Brickell. Amongst the models was 9-year-old Nicklaus Children's patient, Gabriela.

Born with cleft lip and palate, Gabriela has undergone five surgeries to correct the anomaly with more to come. A true fighter in every sense of the word, and a supporter of other children, Gabriela was selected as the honored patient of the night. All funds raised that night directly benefited the craniofacial program at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

1- (Left to right) Morgan Waisner, Development Associate Community Outreach at Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation and Gabriela Valencia, 2018 Fashion Gives Back honored patient present awards to Zak Mann and Ricky Patel, NCYA members and event hosts. 2- Saks Fifth Avenue model showcasing an outfit from the World of Saks fall selection. 3- Honored patient Gabriela Valencia walks the runway. 4- Fernando Diez of Planet Groove providing some jazzy tunes prior to the fashion show.



Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation hosted its first ever SuperDuper Fun Day – Walk and Family Festival presented by FedEx in Coconut Grove on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

The event gave current and former patients and community supporters the opportunity to create teams and raise funds to give back to the many departments and medical services available at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Children and families enjoyed a one-mile walk with interactive stations and music along Bayshore Drive before pouring into Regatta Park for rides, games and activities. The festival included roller coasters, fun slides, rock climbing, tug of war, face painting, visits from princesses and superheroes, a mega dance party hosted by iHeartMedia's number one hit music station Y100 and much more.



Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

As the exclusive Children's Miracle Network Hospital in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe counties for over a quarter century, Nicklaus Children's Hospital receives all funds raised locally by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals partners.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital would like to send a special thank you to: Publix for raising an astounding **\$1,051,652.72** across 160+ stores in Miami Dade, Broward and Monroe counties during their campaign in June.

Walmart & Sam's Club for raising an incredible **\$362,290** during their campaigns this past September.

The 30th Annual **Hardware Conference in Marco Island** for bringing in over **\$40,000** this past September.

Marriott for hosting three incredible events for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals:

- **Taste of Harbor Beach** raised nearly **\$60,000**.
- The **Torch Relay** raised over **\$20,000**.
- **Sand Tree Lighting** event raised almost **\$1,000**.



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#GiveMe5

Ring in a healthy new year by teaching kids the importance of healthy eating. As with any part of raising children, role modeling is key. You can help raise healthy eaters by doing your best to:

- Serve balanced meals and snacks that are age-appropriate with a variety of nutrient-rich foods such as whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meats and low-fat dairy products.
- Provide calm, pleasant meal times where adults and children can talk and share stories. Traditions are formed around the dinner table.
- Remove distractions such as television, phones and tablets so that your attention is on each other.
- Share an appreciation for healthy foods by learning and educating on the health benefits of the foods at the table.
- Make food safety, such as hand washing part of every eating occasion.
- Make family meal times a priority. If dinner time is difficult for all family members to sit together, set aside time for a weekend breakfast or lunch.
- Get kids involved. Every trip to the supermarket can be a nutrition lesson. Encourage them to choose new foods that they want to try. Older kids can help in menu planning and even meal preparation.
- Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Two servings of fruits and three servings of vegetables daily will provide your body with the antioxidants you need to stay healthy.
- Make a plan to increase physical activity. The goal is 60 minutes per day, five times per week.

** Adapted from eatright.org "Kids Eat Right" Academy of Dietetics and Nutrition.*

THE VICTOR CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF JEWISH GENETIC DISEASES

The Nicklaus Children's Hospital Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases is a thought leader in the prevention of genetic diseases. Science-based and mission driven, the Victor Center leverages advances in genetic technology to identify carriers of severe and often fatal childhood diseases more prevalent in the Jewish community.

Since its inception, the Victor Center has hosted over 60 screening events, and have found statistically that one in two of its participants are carriers for at least one gene mutation of over 200 different disorders. This past September, Jaret Davis, Chair of the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Board of Directors, led the Genes and Cocktails event at the Greenberg Traurig law office in Miami. With nearly 100 guests in attendance, Mr. Davis shared updates on what is new in 2018 with regards to genetic testing and personalized medicine.

In November of 2018, the Victor Center welcomed Shari Debowsky as its new Senior Outreach Associate. Shari will now serve alongside long-time Victor Center outreach coordinator and genetic counselor, Debbie Wasserman.

For more information about the Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases, or to schedule a screening, visit www.victorcenter.org



Hospital Highlights



NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S VERIFIED AS LEVEL 1 PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Nicklaus Children's Hospital has been verified as a Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and is the only hospital in South Florida to achieve Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center verification.

The Miguel "Mike" B. Fernandez Family Pediatric Trauma Center at Nicklaus Children's is one of only two freestanding pediatric trauma centers in the state of Florida and the only freestanding facility in South Florida dedicated exclusively to the care of children and young adults. Our trauma physicians are board certified in pediatric surgery and the clinical staff is comprised of certified pediatric trauma clinicians. The trauma center includes four treatment bays capable of treating up to eight traumatically injured patients. Nicklaus Children's Hospital has a longstanding history of providing pediatric trauma services to children in our community and is home to one of the busiest emergency rooms in the nation. The trauma center is supported by the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit (PICU), a critical care unit that provides life-saving monitoring and treatment for critically ill children, utilizing the most advanced therapies and technologies.

The PICU was recognized with a Gold-Level Beacon Award by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HEALTH SYSTEM NAMED 2018 CHIME HEALTHCARE'S MOST WIRED RECIPIENT

Nicklaus Children's Health System has been named the 2018 Most Wired Hospital by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME). Nicklaus Children's is recognized as the No. 1 ranked hospital amongst a list of more than 250 across the nation.

This award recognizes hospitals and health systems that are at the forefront of using healthcare IT to improve the delivery of care, have maximized the benefits of foundational technologies, and are embracing new technologies that support population management and value-based care.

"This award is a testament to our commitment to using the latest cutting edge technology to improve patient care and deliver the best outcomes. It is thanks to our entire team's tireless efforts that we continue to lead the way in healthcare innovation," Edward Martinez, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Nicklaus Children's Health System, said.



"Healthcare IT has the potential to revolutionize care around the world, but to meet that potential it must be used strategically," said Russell Branzell, president and CEO of CHIME. "The technology is important, but leadership and a strategic vision are equally important. The diversity of the organizations that earned Most Wired status this year shows quality care can be achieved almost anywhere under the right leadership. By sharing the best practices in Most Wired, we hope quality care will one day be available everywhere."

HealthCare's Most Wired, now in its 20th year, traditionally tracked the adoption of healthcare IT in hospitals and health systems. This year, CHIME revised the survey questions and methodology to highlight strengths and gaps in the industry. The goal is to identify best practices and promote the strategic use of healthcare IT to elevate the health and care of communities around the world.

NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WINS DNV GL HEALTHCARE'S INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nicklaus Children's Hospital has been awarded DNV GL Healthcare's Innovation of the Year award for the development and implementation of an automated crash cart management solution that has dramatically enhanced patient care and efficiency at the 309-bed freestanding children's hospital and its network of outpatient centers.

The value of checking crash carts extends beyond compliance with regulatory standards. As a healthcare organization, having life-saving equipment, medications and supplies in order and reviewed daily saves lives. This crash cart solution was born at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, through its continuous focus on leading industry innovation. This automated process was created with key stakeholders from multiple departments such as nursing, information technology, pharmacy and accreditation, in collaboration with Nesa Solutions, a leading provider of workflow automation and information management services.

The crash cart module digitalizes daily workflows and automates asset management by sending instant notifications to the responsible departments to better manage replenishment processes and promote

sustainability. This solution has decreased risk while enhancing a culture of patient safety, standardization and simplification that has provided significant cost savings to the health system.

The Healthcare Innovation of the Year award was presented at the 2018 DNV GL Healthcare Symposium: The Future of Accreditation, attended by hundreds of healthcare professionals in quality, accreditation and leadership throughout the United States. Dr. Narendra Kini, CEO of Nicklaus Children's Health System, accepted the award via video link. Dr. Kini has been the inspiration for the hospital's steadfast pursuit of innovation and the latest technology to advance patient care.



SPIRIT HALLOWEEN CELEBRATES ANNUAL SPIRIT OF CHILDREN HALLOWEEN PARTY

Nicklaus Children's Hospital, in partnership with Spirit Halloween, hosted a Halloween party through the Spirit of Children program for patients and their families complete with costumes, games and crafts. The party was extremely uplifting for children who otherwise would not have been able to participate in typical Halloween celebrations.

Since the partnership between Spirit Halloween and Nicklaus Children's Hospital began in 2010, Spirit of Children has raised more than \$750,000 in critical funding for the Hospital's Child Life Department. In 2018 alone, Nicklaus Children's received a total of \$82,154. Funds for Spirit of Children are raised via donations from customers at local Spirit Halloween stores and SpiritHalloween.com, in addition to contributions from vendors and business partners.

One hundred percent of funds raised each year stay in South Florida and are donated to Nicklaus Children's Hospital.



THE TAFT FOUNDATION

The Taft Foundation was established in 2004 by Don Taft, a businessman and philanthropic leader in Broward County. The charitable organization's mission is to improve the lives of children and adults with serious medical conditions and intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities – primarily in Florida and New York. The Taft Foundation aspires to utilize a creative, strategic and disciplined grant-making approach and to invest in organizations that promote social innovation. Since 2014, Nicklaus Children's Hospital has received nearly \$600,000 from the Taft Foundation in support of programs such as the Red Nose Docs (Clown Care) and Children's Experiences therapeutic activities.

The Red Nose Docs offer the magic of healthcare clowns to alleviate the stress for young patients, their families and their circle of caregivers. Using an array of circus and theater skills, the professional, specially trained performers work in teams of two to create spontaneous, joyful encounters, reintroducing play and fun as natural parts of the hospital experience.



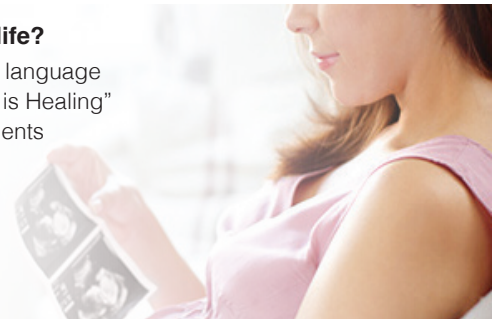
NEW LITERACY INITIATIVE WITH THE FETAL CARE CENTER

Did you know that 80 percent of a child's brain development occurs in the first three years of life?

As part of an initiative for the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Fetal Care Center and the development of early language and literacy for newborns, Saima Aftab, MD, Director of the Fetal Care Center has launched the "Reading is Healing" campaign. For every \$20 donated towards this campaign, a box of new books will be delivered to the patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. The most recent event to benefit this initiative raised roughly 1,000 books, which will enrich the quality of life and health of our patients by providing their family members the opportunity to read and nurture their children.



For more information about the Fetal Care Center or any of its community outreach programs, visit: www.nicklauschildrens.org/fetalcarecenter



Anne Geddes

World-renowned children's photographer Anne Geddes hosted her first official gallery exhibition in the United States at The Moore Building in the Miami Design District. Her work was on display and for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Nicklaus Children's Hospital's Fetal Care program.

In 2017, the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation inducted Anne into its Ambassador David M. Walters International Pediatric Hall of Fame for her dedication to the health and well-being of children worldwide.



1- World-renowned children's photographer Anne Geddes hosting her first ever gallery exhibition in the U.S. 2- (Left to Right) Tim Birkenstock, Anne and Kel Geddes, and Narendra Kini, MD.

NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Located in the heart of downtown Naples, the Nicklaus Children's Resource Center showcases the programs, services, technology and innovations at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. On-site staff is available to assist with referrals for second opinions and access to other pediatric medical resources.

Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and other esteemed community members joined Narendra Kini, MD, President and CEO of Nicklaus Children's Health System, as well as other system leaders, for the grand opening of the Nicklaus Children's Resource Center. The ribbon was cut by two Nicklaus Children's Hospital patients and Naples residents, Sarah Goebel, 14, and Saylor Sperandeo, 7.

For more information about the Nicklaus Children's Resource Center, stop by 659 5th Avenue South, Naples or contact **Julie Pedretti** at julie.pedretti@nicklaushealth.org or (239) 263-2223.



NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION NOW IN PALM BEACH

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation is proud to announce its new home in Palm Beach County.

Since 2010, Nicklaus Children's has been present in Palm Beach County, treating children at its urgent care and outpatient centers in the area. However, it's time to do more. Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation supports the hospital by providing the opportunity for members of the local and global community to invest in our children's future.

If you'd like to learn more about Nicklaus Children's Hospital and its mission, stop by our new location at 1645 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd Suite 380, West Palm Beach.

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FRENCH STREET ARTIST, SETH GLOBEPAINTER, UNVEILS FIVE-STORY MURAL IN UPCOMING HEALING GARDEN

French street artist, Seth Globepainter unveiled his five-story mural, which illustrates two children swinging from a vibrant tree while one of them waters it with colorful droplets. The piece took 10 days to paint, and was inspired by the determination and the drive of the patients served by Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

A full view of the artwork is visible from 20 rooms, allowing patients to look out at the bold and colorful artwork, much like those that grace the Wynwood Walls, in order to boost their spirits and accelerate healing.

The unveiling concluded with a final stroke of the mural as a collaborative effort between Seth and Carlie Frullo, mother of one of the patients in the cardiac intensive care unit.



Patient Stories

Justin

The moment Justin was born, his mother and father were faced with the most daunting and challenging experience any parent can imagine. Just hours after birth, Justin was airlifted to Nicklaus Children's Hospital for more specialized pediatric care.

Having been diagnosed with pulmonary atresia and tetralogy of Fallot, he required immediate attention before it was too late.

Fast forward 13 years later, and Justin is still receiving the same quality care from the exact same team who received him in the NICU the day he was born. From reconstructive surgery to multiple catheterizations and constant follow-ups, Redmond Burke, MD, pediatric cardiac surgeon, Danielle Madril, MD, pediatric cardiac anesthesiologist, and Justin's core team at Nicklaus Children's Hospital have been there every step of the way.



Gabriela

Following an emergency C-section, Gabriela's mother, Katherine, was shocked to see that her new baby was missing part of her face. Gabriela was born with a cleft lip and palate.

Katherine researched for hours to find the best doctors to fix her daughter's condition and came upon the craniofacial team at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. She knew Nicklaus Children's was the right place for her baby daughter and entrusted her in the care of S. Anthony Wolfe, MD, Mislen Bauer, MD, and Marta Mejia, MD. Gabriela had two surgeries at Nicklaus Children's Hospital by the time she was 18 months old, and after her second surgery, her mother said it was like the doctors handed her a whole new baby.

Now a typical 8 year old who loves painting and playing with her friends, Gabriela's scars are hardly noticeable, but the lessons she has taught her family will last a lifetime.



Mateo

When Mateo was just two years old, his parents were shocked to discover that their toddler developed leukemia. They met with the hematology and oncology specialists at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and began a treatment protocol that brought Mateo back to health—along with some entertainment from his spirited little sister! Mateo, now 10, is a healthy, typical kid who loves running around with his friends.



Luife

What began as a routine checkup during her 36th week of pregnancy, turned out to be a surprisingly daunting diagnosis for Sylvia, and her unborn baby, Luis Fernando, nicknamed Luife.

While he was still inside his mother's womb, Luife was diagnosed with transposition of the great arteries, a congenital heart defect, where the large vessels that carry blood from the heart to the lungs and to the body, were improperly connected. His heart, as described by Redmond Burke MD, Director of Cardiovascular Surgery at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, was like a "jigsaw puzzle with all the pieces put together backwards."

Sylvia was living in Venezuela and her doctors recommended she seek treatment in Miami. Shortly after birth, Luife was taken by ambulance to the cardiac team at Nicklaus Children's. With little time to lose, doctors took Luife's heart apart, piece by delicate piece, and successfully, put it back together.

Today, Luife is a healthy, active and outgoing 8-year-old boy who wears his "Scar of Honor" (which his mom says he earned because he's a warrior!) with pride. He enjoys spending time with his family as well as playing soccer, tennis, and running.



Charlie

As an unborn baby, Charlie was diagnosed with a congenital pulmonary airway malformation (CPAM) and underwent an in utero intervention to allow for a full and healthy gestation period. Once born, the LifeFlight® team from Nicklaus Children's Hospital transported Charlie from West Palm Beach to Miami for what would be a life-saving medical procedure.

At just a few days old, Charlie underwent surgery at Nicklaus Children's Hospital to correct the anomaly by removing part of his right lung. Without this thoracotomy, Charlie would have only had a 5 percent chance of survival.

Thanks to the specialists and care he received at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, today, Charlie is a 7-month-old healthy baby and the pride and joy of his entire family.



A Child's Journey



A Child's Journey

This winter, a half-hour TV special, "A Child's Journey," aired across Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach and Naples, highlighting three Nicklaus Children's Hospital patients, their families, doctors and care teams.

The program featured the stories of Olivia, a 5-year-old born with a heart condition; Lucky, who's spine was shaped like a number 7; and Daniela, a girl who was diagnosed with brain cancer. All of these young children had to overcome serious medical conditions at very young ages, and did so thanks to the support and incredible medical teams at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. The TV special wraps up with a message from Jack and Barabra Nicklaus, encouraging viewers to make a donation to help continue the world-class care available at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

Spread Joy Toy Drive

Being a kid in the hospital is never easy, especially during the holidays. However, this year, an overwhelming number of people contributed to our **Spread Joy Toy Drive**, making this a record-breaking year for our Nicklaus Children's Hospital patients.

Thanks to the generosity of so many caring community members, nearly **13,000 toys and gifts** were donated to our patients, valued at **\$314,800**, plus volunteers gave nearly **330 hours** of their time to make it all happen. Each patient woke up on Christmas morning with a bundle of gifts, tailored to their age group and interests, and enough extra toys were collected to celebrate every patient's birthday throughout 2019.

While this year's Spread Joy Toy Drive was a tremendous success, our patients need and depend on the generosity of others all year long, not just during the holiday season. Help spread joy throughout the year by joining Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation's **Monthly Giving Circle**. By investing in the health and happiness of children on a monthly basis, you can make an impact on countless lives.

Visit nicklauschildrens.org/monthly to make a monthly gift that will bring better health to our children, and give you the deep satisfaction in knowing your contribution is making the difference in the life of a child.





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Thank You!

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little **Tad**, who was born with a severely underdeveloped heart... just celebrated his first birthday.



Gabriela, born with a cleft lip and palate... walked the runway in her first fashion show.



Luife, who had a complicated heart surgery as a newborn... is a running, jumping, kicking soccer star.



Mateo, diagnosed with leukemia at age two... is living life cancer-free.



Baby **Charlie**, who had his lung operated on days after birth... just celebrated his first Christmas at home, with his family.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN 2018.

Our Nicklaus Children's Hospital patients depend on your generosity, kindness and caring to live healthier, happier lives.

Cheers to a prosperous 2019!