After 120 years at its original location at 219 Bryant Street, The Children’s Hospital of Buffalo will get a new name and a new location as the Trustees of The John R. Oishei Foundation announced on September 24th, 2012 a commitment of $10 million in the name of Buffalo businessman and benefactor John R. Oishei. Mr. Oishei founded Trico Products Corporation (headquartered in Buffalo), which eventually became one of the world’s leading manufacturers of automotive windshield wiping equipment. He was devoted to the Buffalo community. It was here that he built Trico into the city’s largest private employer. His appreciation of Buffalo and its citizens, particularly those who became employees of Trico, was the basis of his strong desire that the work of the Foundation be directed to Buffalo-connected activities.

ANNOUNCING...
The John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital

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James Kaskie, President & CEO, Kaleida Health, makes a presentation to the Leadership of The John R. Oishei Foundation — Mary Martino, James Wadsworth, Ted Walsh and Robert Gioia

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“This historic and unprecedented show of support by The John R. Oishei Foundation will ensure families throughout Western New York and beyond will continue to have immediate access to specialized pediatric and women’s health services recognized as being among the best available in the United States,” said James R. Kaskie, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kaleida Health.

“Similar to how John R. Oishei sought the best technology available in his time to create the first automobile wiper blades and ultimately the Trico Products Corporation, the Foundation that now bears his name and legacy will share its resources to make advanced technologies and care available today to improve the health and lives of families throughout our community.”

Kaleida Health President & CEO, James R. Kaskie assists board members from The John R. Oishei Foundation in unveiling the rendering of the new Hospital

Amy Habib-Rittling, local attorney and mother of a child whose life was saved at Children’s Hospital, offers her gratitude to the Board of The John R. Oishei Foundation. Speaking on behalf of parents and families throughout Western New York, Ms. Habib-Rittling noted that “without benefactors, there are no beneficiaries.”

Board members and staff of The John R. Oishei Foundation stand in the shadows of the Buffalo General Medical Center and Gates Vascular Institute during the historic celebration on the site of the future John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital. From left: Edward (Ted) Walsh, James Wadsworth, Robert Gioia, Robert Bennett, Mary Martino, Florence Conti, Ann McCarthy, Larry Cook, Jackie Reisdorf, Curtis Robbins, Gayle Houck, Ruth Bryant, Paul Hogan, Blythe Merrill and Thomas Baker (missing from the photo is Chris Dunstan and William Gisell)
How We’ll Get There

The Alfiero Emergency Care Center

Former Children’s Hospital Chairman of the Board, Sal H. Alfiero, together with his wife Jeanne and son Chris announced a $5 million commitment to support The John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital. The Alfiero Emergency Care Center will be named in honor of the family. Mr. Alfiero is a long-time community leader, supporter of Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, and successful businessman who was founder and former Chairman of Mark IV Industries. His many roles and forms of support for the hospital include serving as its Board Chair. He was also one of the six founding directors of the Kaleida Health System, subsequently serving as its second Board Chair. Philanthropic support that spans more than three decades includes the Alfiero Family Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Alfiero Family Helipad which has provided critically ill and injured children immediate access to vital medical care.

“We are indebted to the people and institutions of our Western New York community,” said Mr. Alfiero. “Over the decades that we’ve resided and worked here, we have participated in the everyday life and active membership in the governance of some of its educational, commercial, and medical institutions. Women & Children’s and Kaleida are of special meaning from both a very personal, and equally, a capability perspective.

Mattel/Fisher-Price

Fisher-Price Executives, David Allmark, Executive Vice President, Fisher-Price Brands and Tina Zinter-Chahin, Senior Vice President, Global Brands Creative, were acknowledged by Kaleida Health President & CEO, James R. Kaskie during the Festival of Trees Gala. Mattel & Fisher-Price announced a gift of $3 million to The John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital which will fund the Mattel & Fisher-Price Family Resource Center. This gift brings together supportive resource programs like Child Life and Stone’s Buddies as well as a Meditation Center, Chapel and Family Centered-Care. Fisher-Price, a locally founded Toymaker, has been a sponsor of the Annual Festival of Trees since its inception in 1978.
The lobby of the Gates Vascular Institute, overlooking the site of The John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital on Ellicott Street, was the location of the first donation – a $2 million gift - made by the Board of Directors of The Children’s Guild Foundation.

According to Foundation Board Chair, Wendy T. Stahlka, “this is the largest single gift given by the Foundation in its more than 102 year history. Funding of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit will have a direct and positive impact on the children who start their lives with developmental and physical challenges.”

Since its beginning in 1910, The Children’s Guild Foundation has stayed true to its original purpose and passion of helping children with special needs. The Children’s Guild Foundation has supported Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo since the early 1900s.
Hyundai Hope on Wheels

A Grant Full of Hope — During National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Week, it was fitting that Hyundai Hope on Wheels present a gift, their largest donation to Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo to date. Dr. Matthew Barth accepted the “$250,000 Hope Grant” to further his research in pediatric cancer, specifically pediatric lymphoma. Local Hyundai dealers and Hyundai Hope on Wheels underwrite important pediatric cancer research programs at Women & Children’s Hospital.

Building Controls & Services

Leaders from Building Controls & Services (from left) Robert Galdys and Scott Drabek, present their pledge of $50,000 to James Foster, MD Chief of Anesthesia and George Armele, Manager of Plant Operations at Women & Children’s Hospital.

Wine Women & Shoes

Foundation Board Member and 2012 Wine Women & Shoes Chairman, Gerry Buchheit, at his residence overlooking beautiful Lake Erie, notified more than 250 guests in attendance that proceeds from the private wine tasting and signature event would be donated to help build a new Children’s Hospital.

Tops Friendly Markets... has been providing support directly to children and their families through the Tops Friendly Markets Ambulatory Surgery Center at Children’s Hospital. Each year, as part of their annual Charity Golf Tournament, Tops invites “miracle” children and families to take part in the Celebrity Putting Contest which is the event’s official kick-off.

▲ Tops Friendly Markets President, Frank Curci brings a smile to the face of Kaleida Health President & CEO, James R. Kaskie as he presents another spectacular donation from the annual Tops Charity Golf Classic

▲ Andrew Brocato from Tops Friendly Markets presents a $50,000 donation to Hospital President Cheryl Klass and Mother Baby Unit Nurse Managers

▲ Emma and her family join Tops Senior Manager of Community Relations, Andy Brocato and Emily Arlotta, creator of the “Amazing” Balloon, to accept their donation of more than $400,000

▲ Celebrities join patients and Tops leaders during the annual and very popular Celebrity Putting Contest
Kohl’s Cares for Kids

Kohl’s Department Stores continue to work hand-in-hand with Women and Children’s Hospital to present the Kohl’s health and wellness education programs for children throughout the community. Annual donations, representing proceeds from in-store promotions, will provide education materials about healthy eating and proper portion control, and offer portion control size cups, plates and bowls to further enhance the program. Information is available to the public at www.whob.org/kohls.

Praxair Observation Unit

Representatives from Praxair joined hospital leaders in the Praxair Observation Unit to present the first of two $12,500 contributions. The grant totaling $25,000 helped create an Observation Unit dedicated for emergency patients who require additional medical attention, but are expected to return home within 24 hours or less. It is intended to improve the comfort and satisfaction of patients and families who experience prolonged emergency room visits.

Thanks for the Smiles Western New York

The Smile Cookie promotion, an event of Tim Hortons Café & Bake Shop in partnership with the Kiss Cares for Kids Radiothon, has raised more than a half million dollars for Children’s Hospital since its inception. Restaurant owners were proud to complete their pledge one year ahead of schedule to establish the Tim Hortons Children’s Care Center for Injury Treatment and Prevention.
The Office of the Foundations of Kaleida Health was the site of the annual Women’s Board & Auxiliary Reception hosted by Kaleida Health President & CEO, James R. Kaskie. The event was catered by Oliver’s Restaurant.

TWIG (Together With Individual Goals) lend their annual support for priority capital equipment needs and major projects. In 2012, the combined contribution totaled $100,000 which was presented in support of Surgery, the Pediatric ICU and Neonatal ICU. Child Life also received support – a tradition since the group’s founding.

Officers of the Women’s Board of Children’s Hospital, Roberta Heasley, Gail Adema, Sharon Mampe, and Joy Bristol present a $115,000 donation to James Kaskie, President & CEO and Allegra Jaros, Children’s Hospital Vice President & COO during the group’s annual luncheon.

Members of the Josephine Goodyear Committee announce a multi-year commitment in support of a new Children’s Hospital during their annual holiday luncheon.

HighPointe on Michigan Women’s Board Members at their new facility.

The DeGraff Auxiliary served over 450 dinners during their annual Spring Chicken BBQ. Funds raised will help purchase a blanket warmer for the Emergency Department.
A Time to Celebrate

Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and the Foundations of Kaleida Health were proud to host a luncheon in celebration and in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Women’s Board. The event took place September 14th at Transit Valley Country Club, site of the organization’s very first gathering.

Former presidents and members throughout the past five decades were present sharing memories, milestones and achievements. A 50-year pin, special video and memory book were highlights of the celebration.

Since its inception, the Women’s Board has provided $4 million to Millard Suburban Hospital. Their financial support began with a commitment to the Building Fund Drive and has continued to include such projects as the Mother Baby Unit renovation in 1999 and 2008; a $500,000 commitment to the hospital expansion project; and numerous equipment upgrades, including the most recent $250,000 gift for a 3D Mammography system.

At the luncheon, the Women’s Board demonstrated their graciousness once again by presenting a check for $100,000 to Hospital President, Chris Lane, in support of a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital.

Congratulations Women’s Board.
32nd Annual Pro/Am Golf Tournament

And the Children’s Hospital Winning foursome is.......the team of Tony Favorito, Bob Clerici, Frank Ciminelli, II, Eric Mabee (pro golfer) and Bob Weissflach shown here with Anthony Giardina.

It’s all About Kids - Joey Gorino, was the youngest guest to enjoy the Auction Party along with his mother Judy. The annual Pro/Am Golf Tournament in its 32nd year, was founded to support the care and treatment of children.

Henry Gorino, Owner of Oliver’s Restaurant and 20-year Pro/Am benefactor, accepts his “White Coat” and the appreciation of Kaleida Health President & CEO, James R. Kaskie.

Event Co-Chairs - New Era Cap President, Pete Augustine and Delaware North’s Tony Giardina, take a moment to welcome Tournament Miracle Child Annie Leeds during the pre-event Auction.

Tournament Co-Chair, Anthony Giardina, presents Closest to the Pin honors to Phil Blavat from MillerCoors and Alison Derrick.

The Children’s Hospital Pro/Am committee was proud to welcome golfers from the Western New York Section PGA for the first time in tournament history. The top three professionals were recognized during the post-golf reception.

B&L Wholesale Supply

B&L Wholesale Supply continued their 16-year tradition Golf Tournament. Miracle Child Natalie Berg accepts the gift of $47,000, another record donation for the incredible and compassionate team at B&L. Event proceeds are committed to building The John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital.

Creekview Restaurant

Stone’s Buddies member Stella Usiak presents David Schutte with a gift for his ongoing support of Children’s Hospital through the annual Creekview Restaurant Charity Golf Tournament. Stella shared her story and some of the beads that represent phases of her care at the hospital. Congratulations to everyone who helped raise nearly $12,500.
Thank you to the volunteers who help make Tee-off-for-Tots a success each year to benefit HighPointe on Michigan’s Pediatric Unit.

Kaleida Classic

1. The Winning Foursome for the 2012 Kaleida Classic: representing Great Lakes Imaging is from left John Bellomo, Chuck Lannon, Russ Anderson and Ken Pearsen, MD

2. Foundation Board Vice-Chairman Barry Swartz recognizes the Chipping Contest Winner by presenting Jonathan Campbell with a $500 Pro Shop Gift Card


4. Thanks to the Buffalo Building & Construction Trades Council for participating as Breakfast Sponsor at the Kaleida Classic. Representing the Council is the foursome of Jud Payne, Tom Halligan, John Hope and Jay Bauer

5. Kaleida Classic Chair, Angelo Veanes with his teammates Kevin Mislin, Dale Peters and Ron Markowski

Jessa’s Quest Golf Tournament

Barbara Webber accepts the “White Coat” from Kaleida Health President & CEO, James R. Kaskie for her labor of love – the Jessa’s Quest Golf Tournament, a benefit for Children’s Hospital. Barbara’s daughter, Jessa, lost her 7-year battle with brain cancer, but her memory lives on in support of the children and families in the Hematology/Oncology Unit.
Kaleida Ball 2012 is in the history books. More than 760 guests enjoyed food and wine pairings representing the flavors of Spain with hand-selected wines, hors d’oeuvres and dinner entrees. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Spirit Award to Donald Hickey, MD, Director of Surgical Intensive Care at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and Lucy Campbell, MD, Director of Critical Care Units at Buffalo General Medical Center — in appreciation of their significant and spirited support of Kaleida Health as they seek to improve the health of the Western New York community.

Spirit Award Recipient Donald Hickey, MD

Spirit Award Recipient Lucy Campbell, MD

Thanks to First Niagara Bank, Presenting Sponsor of the Kaleida Ball. Scott Fisher, Senior Vice President, Retail Banking (left) with his guests from First Niagara Bank

Thanks to Maple-Gate Anesthesiologists for their annual support of the Kaleida Ball and priority projects at Kaleida Health

Kaleida Ball welcomes the Building & Construction Trades Council as the Costa Brava (Beautiful Coast) Sponsor

Stephanie & Kerry Saunders, Madeline Cramb & Thomas Aikin and Dr. Katie & Shawn Grimm
The 35th Anniversary Festival of Trees came to life at the Hyatt Hotel on Saturday, November 17th during a Black-Tie Gala Dinner Dance for 700 guests.

Special thanks to Gala Co-Sponsors Mark IV Industries Foundation for 30 years of support.

Leaders from Fisher-Price celebrate a $3 million commitment.

Festival Gala Co-Chairs, Kim & Pete Augustine.

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Kiss 98.5 Personality & Mistress of Ceremony Janet Snyder with the Snyder Family.

Chefs John and Ann Burden (center) with members of the Culinary Federation, longtime Festival of Trees partners.

Children’s Hospital President, Cheryl Klass recognizes Festival Leadership.
Anthony’s Room — A Special Dedication

The Mannino Family, friends and staff gathered at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital to dedicate “Anthony’s Room” — a hospital room for young adults dealing with cancer.

The room is a partnership between Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and the Anthony V. Mannino Foundation (AVM). The room was constructed and decorated with the primary focus on providing a calming atmosphere for both the patient and family. It is outfitted with a flat screen TV, games, a sling box, WiFi and special furniture to accommodate overnight visits.

Anthony V. Mannino passed away in March 2009 after a 22-month battle with cancer. Throughout his ordeal, the Mannino Family struggled with his care. Pediatric cancer patients, like their adult counterparts, have options when it comes to hematology and oncology care. Young adults, in the 18-26 range, often have clinical, financial, social and emotional needs that often go unmet.

“We are proud to partner with the Mannino Family and the AVM Foundation,” said Chris Lane, Suburban Hospital President. “This room will provide young adults with the proper care and respite needed as they battle this terrible disease.”

The dedication was held on Anthony’s birthday.

Home Depot

Home Depot is at it Again... 25 area Home Depot volunteers joined Dr. Colin McMahon, Pediatric Medical Director at HighPointe on Michigan, to create a handicap accessible retreat for pediatric residents, families and staff. A gazebo, stand-up flower beds, vegetable garden, planter benches and a wheelchair accessible sand box are part of the retreat.

The children enjoy a beautiful new indoor home environment, but Dr. McMahon recognized that they were missing an opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities. “These children deserve a chance to experience outdoor play-time in a safe, accessible environment.” said Dr. McMahon. “We found all the right people to help make this happen.”

Clam Bake Benefits DeGraff

The Clark Family of Twin City Ambulance have been long-time friends of DeGraff Memorial Hospital and Kaleida Health. The family (pictured here) enjoy the annual Chamber of the Tonawanda’s Clambake, a Hawaiian-themed event. A portion of the proceeds will support the purchase of an ultrasound machine for central IV lines.

Mark A. Monaco Memorial Foundation

The Monaco Family stands proudly in the new Gates Vascular Institute while presenting a $15,000 donation. Thanks to the support of family, friends and colleagues, the annual tournament held in memory of their son, Mark, funded a specialty room in the Intensive Care Unit.
Variety Kids Telethon Celebrates 50 Years of Giving

Together Again — After many years away from the spotlight – Channel 7 celebrities Tom Jolls, Irv Weinstein, Rick Azar and Phil Beuth – returned to Buffalo to celebrate 50 years of Variety Kids Telethon. An Anniversary Gala was held in honor of Telethons gone by at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens preceding the Telethon.

“For Kids’ Sake - FUNdrai$er!”

This is a Letter to Everyone who has been a Part of the “For Kids’ Sake FundRaiser - FKSX” The intent of this letter is to formally thank you for contributing to the Annual “For Kids’ Sake - FUNdrai$er!” – as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. Its purpose is to support a vital organization in our Western New York community - The Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. Because of you... FKSX was a huge success!

Thanks to the staff and facilities at WCHOB, our son, Nicholas turned 11 on August 8th. Hosting this charity event and giving all proceeds to Children’s is our special way of celebrating Nick’s birthday! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support.

This year’s proceeds realized through admissions, donations, and activities, exceed $8,500! Our 10-year total donated to Children’s Hospital - over $64,000!

The continued generosity and investment of family and friends is another vote of confidence in the “For Kids’ Sake - FUNdrai$er!” and the pediatric care at Women and Children’s Hospital.

On behalf of our family, the organizational committee, and the Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, thanks once again for contributing to “For Kids’ Sake!”

The Roland Family
Dan, Andrea, Nicholas, Alexandra and Alaina

The Roland Family

Tara Young, Nicholas Roland and Juliette Mader
TEAM HOME DEPOT does it again... The team at Home Depot in partnership with the Festival of Trees Committee and Child Life Staff donated 15 hand-made media carts that house a flat screen television, DVD player and PlayStation 3. Each unit is color coordinated by hospital floor, movable and built to last. Thanks to the wonderful donors at the Festival of Trees for helping to make this “made with love” project possible.

Dunkin Donuts Field Marketing Manager Eric Stensland and Franchisee Doug Spolyar present Dr. Steve Turkovich and JoJo, a young patient, with a donation from the Dunkin Donuts Iced Coffee Day, to help build the new hospital.

Dress down day for the employees at American Coradius International resulted in a donation of more than $8,000 presented by ACI officers Marie DeMarco, Brian Peek and Bob Duggan.

Members of Ironworkers Local 6 and their guests celebrate another successful Motorcycle Run with a $2,500 donation.

Kiss 98.5 personality Nicholas Picholas and Jeff Piazza, owner of Jack Astors, get ready to judge the Bartender Competition.

Tom Loughran accepts his “White Coat” during the Donor Reception on behalf of the Loughran’s 5K Run – a 17-year tradition.

Another Kohl’s Celebration... In honor of Opening Day at the Olean Kohl’s Department Store, management and staff were presented with a special memento of the celebration and recognition of their ongoing service to patients and families at Women & Children’s Hospital.

Gary & Margaret Server were recognized at the Donor Society Reception for their work in bringing the annual Clarence Haunted Hollow to the community in support of Children’s Hospital.

A Cut Above – Good Guys Landscaping owner, Joe Hathaway donated a $1000 gift to the Hospital. $1 from each lawn he cuts is targeted to support the new hospital.
It’s official - Fredonia Walmart Store #1949 is #1 and the 2012 recipient of the coveted “Rob Ray #32 Jersey.” Displaying the Jersey is an honor and recognized throughout the district for having achieved the highest numbers in support of Children’s Hospital. Store managers and associates were presented with the Jersey by Rob Ray and the Rumfola Family, whose son Garrett is a Children’s Hospital patient. The tradition lives on...

Hospital physician leaders, Drs. Veetai Li and Colin McMahon, host the annual celebration and kick-off for local Walmart and Sam’s Club employees and managers. A gift from the 2011 campaign was presented in support of priority programs that benefit miracle children like Isaiah and Natalie who, with their families, took part in the festivities.

Re/Max friends, vendors and business associates join Miracle Child, Julia Bermingham at the conclusion of the 2nd annual golf outing to benefit the Hospital

Dr. Maude Dull presents Mike Guo with a memento of appreciation and recognition of the annual Photogenic Baby Contest, an event of the American Performing Arts Network

Rob Augustine, Jr. presents his dad Rob Augustine, Sr. and Brian Taylor, Rite Aid Regional Managers, with a special memento for their good work in planning the annual Rite Aid Tournament - an 8-year tradition in support of kids

Paul Busby, Walmart Regional Director and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Foundation Board Member with his family at the Donor Society Reception

Local Log-A-Load Sponsor, Ed Wright from W.J. Cox, makes his annual visit to Children’s Hospital. Log-A-Load, a network of forestry organizations, is part of the national Children’s Miracle Network in support of Children’s Hospitals nationwide...
Thanks to Senior Airman David Gadzo (USAF) who donated tickets for Buffalo Bills games. With each ticket, he included a letter of introduction and acknowledgement of the bravery of each Stone’s Buddies member.

Cheer Camp...Stone’s Buddies patients enjoyed cheer camp sponsored by Sub Zero All Stars. The girls learned a routine, while moms were treated to food, massages and make-overs.

Stone’s Buddies members joined Buffalo Sabres Jordan Leopold and Nathan Gerbe for a boat ride with members of the United States Coast Guard. Following the ride, everyone stayed for a cookout.

Thanks to Paul Glieco and students from West Seneca East High School who stocked the family lounges with great products.

The Buffalo Zoo...Stone’s Buddies members enjoyed a spectacular day at the Zoo courtesy of Xerox Corporation. Employees brought lunch and arts and crafts activities for the families.

Thanks to Uniland Development and The Brian Moorman PUNT Foundation for hosting Stone’s Buddies members in a suite during the Buffalo Bills Kids Day game.

The Board of Directors of the Italian Heritage Festival hosted Stone’s Buddies members and families for a wonderful day at the Festival. Fun for Everyone Shows, Inc opened the rides an hour early so members would have easy access in the cool morning hours. Sorrento Cheese, Daddio’s Pizza and Coca-Cola donated food and beverages.

Fantasy Island once again opened its doors to welcome Stone’s Buddies members. It was opening day at the park, the weather was super and everyone had a great time.

The Stone’s Buddies families were very busy this summer enjoying all that Western New York has to offer thanks to the kindness and graciousness of so many wonderful sponsors and benefactors.

Buffalo Sabre, Jordan Leopold, his wife Jamie and their children treated members to a night in a suite at the Buffalo Bisons game. Special thanks to the Buffalo Sabres, Buffalo Bisons and to New Era Cap for donating caps for all the guests.

Bandits Nite-Out for the 4th Year in a Row - Thanks to the Jaros Family who invited Stone’s Buddies to join them for a night of family fun in a suite at the Buffalo Bandits LACrosse game. Suites were also donated by Battenfeld Grease and Oil Corp. of NY, New Era Cap and Kaleida Health.

The Stone’s Buddies at the Bills Game

Buffalo Zoo Day

Bandits Night Out
National Child Life Month recognizes the important role of educating children (and family members) prior to their procedures to eliminate fear. The Child Life Department offers emotional support, educates the children prior to procedures and offers procedural accompaniment to patients. The department is specifically trained to work with children on a developmentally appropriate level and helps them cope with their hospital stay through education and fun activities.

Services Offered:

- Patient and family support and information
- Pre-procedural teaching
- Procedural accompaniment
- Pre-admission hospital tour
- Pre-surgical video
- Medical Play
- Developmentally appropriate activities
- Group activities in playrooms
- Activities provided at bedside
- Art for Life Art While You Wait Program
- Special guests and entertainment
- Holiday/birthday celebrations
- Volunteer opportunities
- Internships for Child Life Certification

Kudos to the Child Life Specialists at our Children’s Hospital

1. A performance by Tariq Harb, a semi-finalist in the Falletta competition at the Buffalo Philharmonic, plays for our kids
2. Welcome McCarthy School of Irish Dance
3. Harlem Globe Trotter, Flight Time Lang, gives patients ball-handling tips
4. Miss Buffalo Lana McCoy visits with excited Hospital patients
5. Buffalo Sabres enjoy their regular visits
6. US Sailors distribute “special issue” caps during “Navy Week” in Buffalo
7. Darrin and Janet Wilson, owners of Tall Trees Toyworks in Mississauga, Canada delivered 300 plush Boston Terrier Wugadogs for every patient
8. Patients learn Native Dance
9. It’s Christmas in July at Children’s Hospital courtesy of Assemblymen Ray Walter and Kevin Smardz
Happy Birthday Emma... For the second year in a row, Emma Zabel asked friends and family to make a donation of toys and gifts for patients during her birthday celebration.

Eleven-year-old Kaley Sorrentino of Tonawanda, donated $60 raised while hosting a lemonade stand. Kaley says she wanted to help kids just like her and asked that proceeds help build the new hospital.

Michele Constantino, Drama Group Director at Jamestown High School, presents Child Life Specialists Dena Sterns and Tara Young with a gift of $2,700. Michele was accompanied by cast members Cinderella and the Snow Queen who later visited patients.

Intensive Care Nursery Director, Dr. Anne Marie Reynolds attended the 2012 Model Reception to kick off the American Girl Fashion Show. Models participate in “Fun-Raising” in anticipation of their debut as an American Girl Model and presented Dr. Reynolds with the results of their work - a donation of $20,935.

Models get ready for the 2012 American Girl Fashion Show.
Students at Niagara Falls High School teamed up to raise over $1,000 for Children’s Hospital. Members of the boy’s basketball team, led by coach Sal Constantino, received $5 for each basket they scored. A tour of the Hospital was provided so the team could see firsthand how their efforts help patients.

Rising teenage golf star, 17-year-old Jacqueline Kim from Clarence entered the Birdies for Charity program through the American Junior Golf Association to raise money for Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. Jacqueline donated $750 during a presentation at the Clarence School Board meeting with High School Assistant Principal, Sharon Webber.

Joe & Robin Frank raised $6500.00 in honor of their son Lyam J. Frank for the NICU.

Emily and Amanda Geiger present Karen Panek with a memento of appreciation for donating a “wagonload” of pumpkins annually to a neighborhood project in support of Children’s Hospital. Thanks to Emily and Amanda Geiger, Grace, Jack and Kyle Heinrich and Grace King for their good work.

The Miles for Smiles Annual Wine Tasting event was held at Rich Atrium in support and service to the Craniofacial Center of WNY and the comprehensive Oral Health for Disabled Youth Program at Women & Children’s Hospital. Funding provides valuable educational materials, medical information and most importantly items of comfort to help families throughout their hospital stay. A donation of $13,900 was made. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 10th Anniversary Celebration on July 15th, 2013.
It was a special day for members of the Jacobs Family when Kaleida Health paid tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Lawrence D. Jacobs by unveiling an honorarium at the Gates Vascular Institute. The tribute will serve as a legacy to the remarkable character and compassion of one physician who dedicated his life to the research, care and treatment of people with Multiple Sclerosis.

The Foundations of Kaleida Health Annual Donor Society Reception was held at the brand new Gates Vascular Institute. Remarks by Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins, III kicked off the celebration which culminated with the presentation of the “White Coat” to honorees.

2011 WCHOB Inductees
Pete & Kim Augustine
Robert J. A. Irwin, Jr. / The Baird Foundation
Paul & Mary Grace Bauer
Michael Berger, Esq.
David C. Schutte / Creekview Restaurant
Mary Sue Grodek
Dr. Gary & Natalie Grosner
Kevin & Justine Grover
Hyundai Hope on Wheels
Mark Campanella / Just Pizza, Inc.
The Seymour H. Knox Foundation, Inc.
Ellen E. Koessler
Thomas A. Loughran / Loughran’s Run
McLain Foundation
Henry Gorino / Oliver’s Restaurant
The John R. Oishei Foundation
James J. Panepinto / Pinto Construction Services, Inc.
Jeff & Pam Peterson
Rich Products Corporation
RTI Packaging Company
Dennis & Jean Seeley
Gary & Margaret Server / Clarence Haunted Hollow
Tim Hortons
Walmart / Sam’s Club
Barbara Webber / Jessa’s Quest

L. Nelson Hopkins, III, MD and honored guests at the spectacular opening of the Gates Vascular Institute and UB Clinical & Translational Research Center on the Buffalo/Niagara Medical Campus
A Future for Millard Fillmore Gates

At a press conference on August 28th, leaders from Kaleida Health announced that Chason Affinity would develop the former Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital site. A project advisory committee led by former Kaleida Health Board Chair Edward F. (Ted) Walsh Jr. has been working for the past 18 months to promote communication between the community and the hospital reuse process. The committee includes neighbors, block club leaders, local business leaders, planners, community activists and other interested parties.

Chason Affinity’s proposal calls for a new “School of Veterinary Medicine” with selective demolition, adaptive reuse, and historic preservation, for a total estimated project cost of $65 million. The proposal is based on observation of shortages of veterinarians nationwide and lack of veterinary school slots. “Chason Affinity’s proposal is visionary, is a good reuse of the hospital and can bring tremendous economic impact to our community,” said James R. Kaskie, President and CEO of Kaleida Health. “While there is much work still to be done by the developer, we are very excited for the community about this unique opportunity.”

Lt. Governor Robert Duffy attended the announcement and spoke on Governor Cuomo’s behalf. “This is a great day, not just for Buffalo, but for all of New York. This initiative will help strengthen Buffalo’s economy while preserving its rich history and making New York a leader in addressing a nationwide shortage of veterinarians. I commend Kaleida Health and Chason Affinity for their hard work on this critically important project for our future.”

Children’s Hospital Ranks Among Leaders Again

US News & World Report in its “Best Children’s Hospitals” edition was ranked in the top 50 among 200 hospitals invited to participate for Gastroenterology in 2012. Led by Susan Baker, MD, PhD and Robert D. Baker, MD, PhD, Medical Directors of Gastroenterology, the Division of Gastroenterology is affiliated with the Department of Pediatrics of the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. A qualified and diverse staff provides evaluation and diagnosis for infants, children and adolescents with diseases involving the gastrointestinal tract, pancreas and liver, as well as nutrition support services. The Division of Gastroenterology follows over 9,000 patients and performs over 1,000 specialized procedures per year.
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