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COVER: 4-year-old Kyrie White with his surgeon, Dr. "K," at the 2016 Radiothon. As the 2016 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Champion Child (of which Hasbro Children's Hospital is a part), Kyrie will serve as our hospital's ambassador at local CMNH partner fundraising events.



Margaret M. Van Bree

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President, Rhode Island Hospital and
Hasbro Children's Hospital

Ask yourself what makes for a great children's hospital, and your list will likely include some of the expected things: stellar caregivers, state-of-the-art tools, and innovative programs that bridge the research laboratory, the treatment clinic and the community at large.

And, then there are the unexpected things that extraordinary philanthropy helps make possible—those less tangible factors that make a great hospital even greater. From programs that help children when they are most vulnerable, like the Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Program, to a waiting area conceived of and made possible by grateful parents in the aftermath of a devastating loss, it is the generosity of a caring community that has propelled Hasbro Children's Hospital to even higher levels of child and family-centered care. You'll read about these—and many others—within these pages.

Along with our annual honor roll of donors, this very special issue shines a spotlight on all the good that is possible when so many come together around a life-affirming goal: ensuring the health of our children. We also wish Godspeed to pediatric surgeon-in-chief Thomas F. Tracy, MD as he leaves Hasbro Children's Hospital to start a new chapter in his career in Pennsylvania. Dr. Tracy has been a trusted colleague and a wonderful, caring ambassador to our patients, families and our entire community. He will be deeply missed.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Hasbro Children's Hospital and for being part of the community that helps us to provide the region's best pediatric medical care, education and research.

In the flurry of activity that accompanies my role at Hasbro Children's Hospital, I seldom get the chance to reflect on what it means to be at the center of such an amazing system of caring professionals and volunteers and the generous cadre of individuals and businesses that support our work through their philanthropy.

The stories I am proud to share with you in this Honor Roll issue of All for One are representative of our "All for One" commitment to the children and families who rely on us—both within the walls of the hospital and out in the community. They are also reflective of how fortunate we are to be right here in southern New England, which arguably is home to some of the most compassionate supporters anywhere in the country! Thanks to you, we are able to innovate, educate, and advocate in ways that, without your support, might not be possible.

I'd also like to recognize and thank Dr. Thomas F. Tracy for all he has done for Hasbro Children's Hospital during his 19 years as pediatric surgeon-in-chief. His leadership has left an indelible mark on the pediatric surgical programs that will continue to help sick and injured children for years to come.

I am forever grateful for your generous support of our healing mission. Thank you for caring.



Phyllis A. Dennerly

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The Izzy Foundation and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Team Up Again



Isabelle Wohlrab

Imagine exhaustion has given way to intense anxiety as you wait for the surgeon to emerge from the operating room following your child's procedure. As you look around the nondescript surgical waiting room on the 2nd floor of Hasbro Children's Hospital, you see that same look of panic on the faces of fellow parents.

For Drs. Kyle and Tina Wohlrab, it's a scenario they don't need their imaginations for. It is what inspired their most recent commitment to our hospital, pledging \$200,000 from their foundation and securing another \$100,000 gift from Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) to transform the surgical waiting room.

"We want to focus on the family experience as you're waiting for your child to come out of surgery," says Tina. "Our family spent a lot of time in the surgical waiting room; it's a space where it is important to feel supported—everyone copes differently when they're nervous."

The Wohlrab's daughter, Isabelle, known affectionately as Izzy, was diagnosed with a rare connective tissue cancer

just after her first birthday, losing her fight with the disease two years later. The family established The Izzy Foundation to honor her memory and provide support to families with children battling debilitating diseases. They partnered with CMNH in 2013 to renovate the 5th floor family room, which was renamed the Izzy Family Room. It is a welcoming home-away-from-home for families during their child's hospitalization.

Kyle and Tina have since set their sights on transforming the surgical waiting room into a similarly warm and comfortable respite. The current surgical waiting area is actually two rooms that are adjacent to each other, each featuring comfortable chairs and televisions. To create a more fluid and functional space, the rooms will be combined, and elements being discussed include the addition of a café-like eating area, play space for siblings, a computer and reading nook, sitting lounge, and a renovated restroom. The project will also create more private space for families to consult with their child's surgeon or physician. And, the Izzy Foundation has again enlisted the help of acclaimed New York City architect Tom Morbitzer, who donated his services to design the Izzy Family Room 3 years ago.

"As surgeons ourselves, and knowing everything we and Izzy went through, we're extremely sensitive to families needing space to speak with their child's doctor and process the information they receive," says Kyle.



Fletcher, Tina, Hadley, Garrett and Kyle Wohlrab

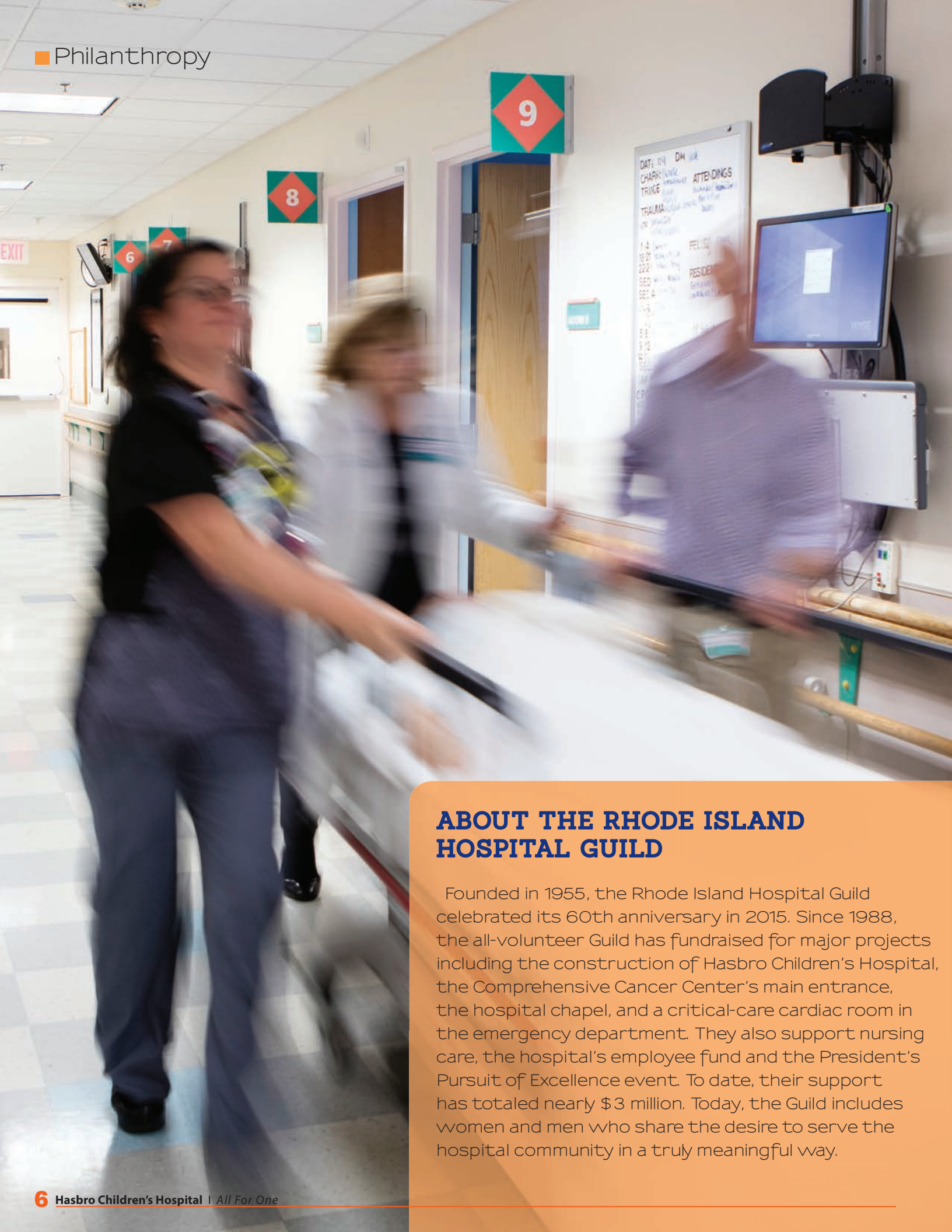
"While the time a family spends in the surgical waiting room may be short, no parent waiting for their child during surgery ever forgets those anxious moments—no matter what type of procedure their child is undergoing," says Thomas F. Tracy, Jr., MD, Surgeon-in-Chief. "Once completed, the new room will provide the space families need to alleviate their anxiety and gather strength before being with their child in recovery."

"This project is a great example of how donations impact children's hospitals and the families who rely on them for care," says John Lauck, President and CEO, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. "The Izzy Foundation recognizes the importance these special areas hold, both for families and for kids' care. We are grateful to the Izzy Foundation for the difference they are making in children's healthcare."

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— Tina Wohlrab, MD





ABOUT THE RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL GUILD

Founded in 1955, the Rhode Island Hospital Guild celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2015. Since 1988, the all-volunteer Guild has fundraised for major projects including the construction of Hasbro Children's Hospital, the Comprehensive Cancer Center's main entrance, the hospital chapel, and a critical-care cardiac room in the emergency department. They also support nursing care, the hospital's employee fund and the President's Pursuit of Excellence event. To date, their support has totaled nearly \$3 million. Today, the Guild includes women and men who share the desire to serve the hospital community in a truly meaningful way.

Rhode Island Hospital Guild Gives \$500,000 to Renovate Pediatric ED

Providing emergency care for a child is different from providing emergency care for an adult—that's a truth recognized by most emergency physicians. It is also true that what was considered state-of-the-art two decades ago has now become a thing of the past.

When Hasbro Children's Hospital opened in 1994, the 12,200-square-foot emergency department, the region's only Level 1 pediatric trauma center, cared for 34,000 patients a year—two-thirds of the current census of 52,000. Today, the ED sees many more complicated cases, including more children with mental health conditions and developmental disorders.

To improve patient safety, enhance confidentiality and promote a more effective flow of patients to care areas, the emergency department is undergoing major renovations that will be completed this year.

Pledging significant support to the ED renovation is the Rhode Island Hospital Guild. Their gift of \$500,000 will help complete the space renovations that began in 2014 with a generous gift from The Champlin Foundations. The Guild's gift will also fund the purchase of new technology to enhance communication between caregivers and families, educate parents and patients, and provide interactive entertainment to help ease stress and anxiety.

Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital, applauds the Guild's efforts: "For 60 years, the Rhode Island Hospital Guild has championed Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. The Guild has supported both hospitals through tireless volunteer efforts, and their most recent pledge to support the pediatric ED renovations is another example of their commitment to bettering patients, staff and the local community."



Back, L-R: Ann Rivera, Renamarie Di Muccio, Shirley Mazzatta, Paula Tartaglione-Hall, Eileen Quigley, Rose Strokes, Pat Sarazen, Marion Corcoran, Winnie Hitchen; Front, L-R: Belle Calenda, Nancy Seavor, Hugh Guerin, Jeanette Trapassi, Gloria Riley

“... We are thrilled to contribute to such an important and necessary project that will be incredibly beneficial for all the patients and families who come to Hasbro Children's Hospital in need of emergency care.”

— Paula Tartaglione-Hall

“Supporting the emergency department renovations was a simple decision for the Guild,” says the group's president, Paula Tartaglione-Hall. “We are thrilled to contribute to such an important and necessary project that will be incredibly beneficial for all the patients and families who come to Hasbro Children's Hospital in need of emergency care.”



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Nerf Ball **Tops**

It was a night to remember when more than 700 friends and supporters of Hasbro Children's Hospital filled the Convention Center on March 5 for the Nerf Ball, raising nearly \$1.1 million for patient care, life-saving programs, research and education.

Of the total raised, the night's live auction "Fund-a-Need" generated more than \$205,000 for the Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center (read more on pages 10-11), which cares for some of the most vulnerable children in our region who suffer from abuse and neglect. It is the only program of its kind in Rhode Island.

Chaired by Edward "Ned" O. Handy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Washington Trust and his wife, Polly Chatterton Handy, the evening began with a cocktail reception before guests were welcomed by hospital leadership, including Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"The community's generous response to the Nerf Ball, combined with the tireless efforts of our chairs and the entire event committee, will make an incredible impact on the lives of our patients and their families when they need us most," said Dr. Van Bree. "We are forever grateful for the support that enables us to deliver the best care possible to everyone who walks through our doors."

Following Dr. Van Bree, Phyllis A. Dennery, MD, Pediatrician-in-Chief of Hasbro Children's Hospital and Sylvia Kay Hassenfeld Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, introduced guests to the work of The Aubin Center with an emotional video.

"It is difficult to discuss—let alone assess and treat—the wounds of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and neglect," said Dr. Dennery. "But they are realities ... universal problems that cross all lines of geography, ethnicity, gender, and income level."

At the end of the speaking program, the evening continued with dinner and the presentation of the live



Christine E. Barron, MD, Clinical Director, Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center; Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr.; Amy P. Goldberg, MD, Attending Physician, Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center; and Phyllis A. Dennery, MD.



Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH; James M. Hagerty, EVP and Chief Lending Officer for Washington Trust; and Nerf Ball co-chairs Edward "Ned" O. Handy, and his wife, Polly Chatterton Handy.

\$1 Million Raised for Hasbro Children's Hospital

auction and "Fund-a-Need" by professional auctioneer Paul Zekos of The Zekos Group. Among the items that generated friendly bidding wars was a weeklong trip for four to historic Tuscany, and a once-in-a-lifetime Boston Red Sox package featuring premium seats and the opportunity to throw out the game's first pitch. The evening concluded with a performance by the Hasbro, Inc. band, Toys 2 Men, which brought everyone to their

feet. The Nerf Ball was made possible thanks to title sponsor Hasbro, Inc.; presenting sponsor CVS Health; signature sponsors Alex and Ani Charity by Design, IGT and Toys "R" Us; platinum sponsors KPMG and Tufts Health Plan; and gold sponsors H. Carr & Sons, Inc., Procaccianti Companies, Swarovski and Washington Trust among the more than 60 sponsors who contributed to the event's success.

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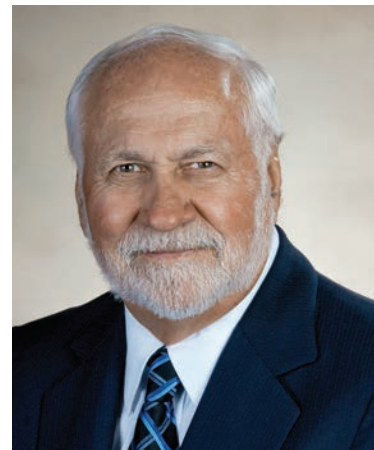
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A Champion for our Children:

This year marks 20 years since the founding of the Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital in 1996: two decades of protecting and healing children when the unthinkable, the unspeakable, happens. We recently sat down with Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. for a brief Question & Answer about the program that bears his name.



► What was the catalyst for the creation of the Aubin Center?

Soon after Hasbro Children's Hospital opened in 1994, while I was serving on the Rhode Island Hospital Board of Trustees, we learned that there was a real need for child protection in the state of Rhode Island. And, it really wasn't a problem that people wanted to discuss or talk about. These children aren't able to speak for themselves. So basically, that's why people like us have to get up and speak for them and why we decided to take on the challenge to help solve the child abuse problem in the state of Rhode Island.

► How did you raise the funds needed?

My dear friend Joseph Mega and I decided a good way to raise the funds was to create a golf tournament. We founded the first Hasbro Children's Hospital Golf Invitational and in about six months a community of incredible people raised the \$1.5 million needed to create the program. Two decades later, thanks to the tournament's amazing supporters and my co-chair Jamo Carr, more than \$4 million has been raised to help sustain and grow the Child Protection program. The Center has also benefitted from generous gifts from family foundations and our recent Nerf Ball blitz.

► What is your hope for the program's future?

Nothing could make me happier than to find out we no longer need the Child Protection program. Unfortunately, that's not going to happen anytime soon. With the recent focus on child protection at this year's Nerf Ball, it was heartening to see people wanting to help us hire a third child abuse pediatrician. The team that runs the center is amazing – they are just woefully understaffed given the amount of children that need their help.

LAWRENCE A. AUBIN, Sr. CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

In grateful appreciation to
Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. and
his family, friends and supporters

The Aubin Child Protection Center

ABOUT THE LAWRENCE A. AUBIN, SR. CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

Led by Christine Barron, MD, and Amy Goldberg, MD, the Aubin Center is the only one of its kind in Rhode Island. It is also home to the only fellowship program in New England with a focus on child abuse pediatrics.

The program's staff—a social worker, child advocate, Child Life specialist and currently two attending physicians—complete medical evaluations on children up to age 21 when there is an allegation of abuse—physical, sexual or emotional—or neglect. Cases are often referred by the Department of Child, Youth and Families, police and emergency room physicians.

Dr. Barron and Dr. Goldberg are specially trained Child Abuse pediatricians who know how to tell if an injury is abuse or neglect—and when it's not. In many ways they are like detectives—they hear the story of “what happened” when the child comes in and they need to determine through their own discovery if the injuries are consistent with what they are told happened.

As part of their work, the staff identifies when suspected cases of abuse are unfounded, which occurs in nearly 40% of the cases.

In addition to patient consultations and case reviews, the program's staff trains and educates their fellow clinicians throughout Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. The Aubin Center also collaborates with Bradley Hospital's inpatient program, its outpatient partial program, and the Incredible Years parenting program. The staff works closely with local, state and federal governments and agencies as advocates for abuse and neglect issues, including domestic minor sex trafficking. As the go-to place in Rhode Island for evaluation and assessment of child abuse, they provide recommendations and expert testimony.



THE STATISTICS

More than three million reports of abuse or neglect are made nationally each year—one million confirmed cases

Nationally, approximately four children a day die as a result of maltreatment

88% of child maltreatment perpetrators are parents or people known to the child. Dr. Barron often says, “The most likely person to abuse your child is someone that you invite to your Thanksgiving table.”

Nearly half of the known cases of abuse in Rhode Island were children under the age of 6



Our Integral Role in Efforts to Curb Toxic Stress

It's a heartbreaking reality. Every day, countless children wake up wondering if they'll have food for breakfast or when their next meal will be. Others aren't sure where they'll be sleeping at night, or live in fear waiting for the next time one parent hurts the other.

For decades, researchers have been studying how traumatic and extreme stressors like not having enough food to eat, witnessing or experiencing violence in the home, or having a parent with substance abuse problems, can impact a child's brain development, immune system and hormonal systems. They have also found it can biologically alter a child's DNA expression and cause conditions including (but not limited to)

heart disease, high blood pressure, depression, obesity and substance abuse later in life. The term for this cumulative effect of multiple and/or long-term stressors on a child during early development is toxic stress.

Recognizing that the early experiences and the environments in which children are raised critically impact lifelong health—both positively and negatively—physicians and researchers at Hasbro Children's Hospital and Bradley Hospital have teamed up with leaders in the Rhode Island health, human services, family advocacy and educational communities to work on a Toxic Stress Prevention Initiative.

"We have built a comprehensive and family-centered

medical home for our pediatric primary care patients. In that context we have intentionally built in services knowing we take care of a unique group of families; a group that is predominantly low income and resource poor,” explains Patricia Flanagan, MD, Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief at Rhode Island Hospital.

Hasbro Children’s Hospital pediatricians are screening pediatric primary care patients for the precursors of toxic stress. When needs are revealed, they are connecting at-risk families with appropriate resources offered by the hospital to help mitigate the impact of stressors that can have dire consequences later in life.

Patients are screened using a checklist that asks about income sources, housing and its stability, maternal depression, food security and substance use. Based on the outcome of the screening, resources are made available to families such as lawyers to assist with housing and other legal issues, parenting assistance and coaching, literacy support including free books, and access to food and other concrete resources. Physicians also talk to families about positive habits that have been found to help prevent toxic stress including reading to your child, creating family mealtimes, and sports or music participation.

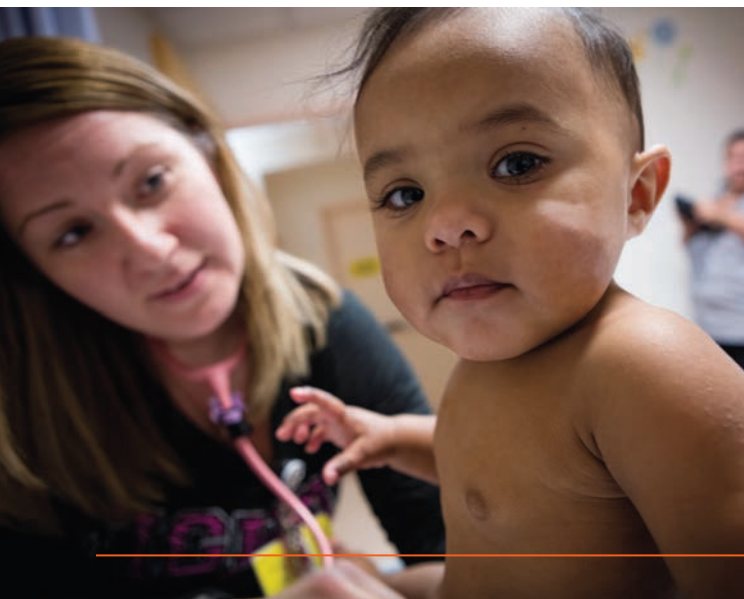
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— Patricia Flanagan, MD

Dr. Flanagan noted that Hasbro Children’s Hospital is in a unique position to help guide this effort and pilot any tools or programs because we have already integrated physical and mental health specialties in our clinics and research. This includes psychologists and psychiatrists from Bradley based in the primary care clinics and talented faculty from both hospitals working together at the Bradley/Hasbro Children’s Research Center on toxic stress and other issues vital to children’s overall health and well-being. “The goal of our work is to help identify at-risk children as soon as possible

for better outcomes, while developing more resources and tools that will be helpful in buffering the effects of toxic stress,” explains Ronald Seifer, PhD, Director of Research at Bradley Hospital.

“Ultimately, we can screen for at-risk living conditions and stressors and we can put safety nets in place, but what we’re really looking at is a public policy issue,” says Dr. Flanagan. “We can patch together the things that will mitigate the stress but at the same time there needs to be a focus on several of the root causes such as a livable wage, affordable housing, adult education, mental health services, and paid family leave. Until those issues are looked at, we as healthcare providers will continue to do all we can to protect our patients.”



Family Waiting Room Gets a Facelift



Additional funds for the renovation were generously donated by the National Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society. "We're honored to support the renovation of the PICU Family Room and help provide parents and other loved ones with a 'home away from home' that delivers comfort, solace, brightness and warmth during a difficult time," says Frances Levas, General Chairman of the National Philoptochos Childrens' Medical Fund Luncheon and Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos President.

Within the same footprint as the original room, the access point will be moved inside the PICU, and the security door to the unit relocated to just before the family room. This will allow parents to move freely between the family space and their child's room without having to be buzzed in. This also makes them feel like they are never far from their child.

“Our message to families is to be here as much as they'd like.”

— Linda Snelling, MD

Cliff Alston, father of 2-year-old Paige, (pictured), who spent the first 179 days of her life in our hospital, much of it in the PICU, participated in a family focus group held by administrators before the new plan was developed. "You never really think about a hospital's waiting area until you're faced with a terrible situation and it becomes the place you spend an incredible amount of time," explains Cliff. "The family waiting room is many different things to many different people, so to be able to optimize the space and privacy for families is huge. Moving the family room behind the doors of the PICU makes us as parents still feel connected and close to our child despite needing to step away from the bedside."

Your child is in critical condition in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Hasbro Children's Hospital. You remain at the bedside day in and day out, waiting for things to improve. The only time you leave is to use the restroom or talk to a caregiver, both of which you do in the family waiting room. Despite being just 50 feet away, it seems miles in the distance as you go through the double doors and leave the PICU for the family waiting room, just outside.

"Our message to families is to be here as much as they'd like. And, with that, they should be as comfortable as possible, given the circumstance," explains Linda Snelling, MD, medical director of the PICU.

In an effort to increase the comfort of families, the renovation of the PICU family room was selected as the beneficiary of the 2015 Scrabble Ball Fund-a-Need. One hundred and forty of the hospital's closest friends and supporters raised their paddles and pledged \$154,000 towards its enhancements.

A Fond Farewell to Dr. Tracy

On July 2, Thomas F. Tracy, Jr., MD, stepped down as Pediatric Surgeon-in-Chief at Hasbro Children's Hospital to become Chief Medical Officer at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. A gifted physician and leader, Dr. Tracy's passion for community partnership and advocacy for the strength of the surgical specialties helped lead the collaboration with "the Friends of Hasbro" which has now become our essential Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council.

Roger N. Begin, Chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees comments, "When I think about Hasbro Children's Hospital, the reputation it enjoys, and the caliber of talent in its leadership, I think of Tom and his role in making it possible. His fingerprints are all over it. As he leaves, I hope he takes pride in knowing he has helped make Hasbro Children's Hospital what it is today."



To thousands, he leaves a legacy of compassionate world-class care. For some, Dr. Tracy will simply be known as the man underneath the Santa Claus costume, a Christmas tradition he shared with patients and families for years.

Dr. Tracy was appointed the first Pediatric Surgeon-in-Chief at Hasbro Children's Hospital in 1997. Under his leadership, signature pediatric surgery programs ranging from pediatric surgical critical care to family-centered care approaches in transplantation, trauma and pediatric surgical oncology were launched. Dr. Tracy oversaw the creation of a fully-accredited pediatric surgery training program, as well as New England's first fetal treatment center at Hasbro Children's Hospital. He worked to fund both basic and clinical science research programs directed by both surgical and medical pediatric clinician scientists. He is especially proud of and grateful for the donors that have allowed for advanced training and certification for nurses in the highest levels of perioperative, trauma and burn care.

"Tom is not only an amazing caregiver, he's a great family man and friend. His legacy will remain at Hasbro Children's Hospital long after he is gone," says Wayne Charness, Vice Chair of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council.

"I have had 19 wonderful years of working not only with my colleagues in building Hasbro Children's Hospital, but also with the community that supports it. I had the privilege of serving and working with what many would consider a department of children's surgery that stands at the very top of expertise and innovation," remarks Dr. Tracy.



Francois I. Luks, MD

Interim Leadership

Pediatric surgeon, Francois I. Luks, MD, Co-Director of the fetal treatment program and professor of surgery and pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been named Interim Pediatric Surgeon-in-Chief.

National GRACE Foundation donates to pediatric nursing education

How do you say thank you to the people who were there for you during your family's darkest hours? For Anthony Gallonio and Michelle Lariviere, it involves making a donation that will ensure the nurses at Hasbro Children's Hospital will be there for other families during their time of need.

Grace Gallonio was not yet three weeks past her 1st birthday when she was admitted to Hasbro Children's Hospital and diagnosed with cancer—the result of a sacrococcygeal teratoma tumor that had attached to her spinal cord and tailbone. Following months of treatment, including multiple surgeries and three cycles of chemotherapy, she returned home to begin her journey to recovery.

"The nurses played a giant role not only in Grace's story, but also as amazing support for my wife and me," explains Anthony. "They helped us understand what was happening and were there for conversations and to answer our questions in the middle of the night. They were around constantly and did so much for us beyond their medical care; they became our friends."

Today, Grace is a happy and healthy six-year old and more than four years cancer-free.

To honor their daughter and her resiliency during her battle with cancer, Anthony and Michelle founded the National GRACE Foundation, which provides free services and resources to college-bound students and their families who are dealing with cancer. They have also pledged \$50,000 to support pediatric nursing at Hasbro Children's Hospital. The Foundation raises funds for Hasbro Children's Hospital through its signature Ride Against Cancer cycling event.

"Nursing education is an important area for us; it helps ensure that nurses can continue giving back to the patients and families they care for. The more training and education they receive, the even stronger their care can be for the next family," says Anthony.

This past fall, on the 5th anniversary of Grace's first visit to the Emergency Room and her cancer diagnosis, the family presented the first installment of \$10,000 to our hospital.

"We are touched that from a family's adversity comes such an inspirational gift," said Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. "Advancing the education of our nurses is so important to our work—we are beyond grateful for this type of support."

"We're paying it forward and doing whatever we can to make sure everyone realizes that we have this amazing resource in Hasbro Children's Hospital right here in Rhode Island. It's easy to forget it's here until you need it," says Anthony.

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— Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH



During the months she spent at Hasbro Children's Hospital, Grace developed an unbreakable bond with many of the nurses that cared for her. (Left to right): Glenna Swann, BSN, RN; Tracie Ann Galloway, RN; Grace Gallonio; and Bob Bissitt, RN.



Do All You Can, For As Long As You Can

Hanging on the wall in Susan “Suzy” Chorney’s kitchen is a sign with a saying by John Wesley. It is her constant reminder of how she tries to live: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, in all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

Despite spending nearly 200 days a year overseas or at their home in Miami, Florida, Suzy and her late husband, Maurice “Moe” Chorney, never forgot their Rhode Island roots. They also enjoyed supporting charities and helping others wherever and whenever they could.

Over the years, while stateside in Florida, the couple was incredibly active in local philanthropy, supporting everything from Project: New Born, a neo-natal program at Jackson Memorial Hospital, to a substance abuse program at St. Luke’s addiction recovery center and the Miami Chapter of the Providence College Alumni Association. They were even named one of Miami’s top philanthropic couples by a local cancer organization they supported. Internationally, they were devout supporters of Alyn Children’s Hospital in Israel, and sponsored the rehabilitation of three Ethiopian refugee children. Suzy also served on the board of Heifer, International.

For Suzy, her giving spirit came from her parents. Growing up, her mother would collect money from neighbors for various causes, and her father would send money to a needy community in North Dakota that he

heard about. “They were always involved in something,” Suzy explained, “Both made giving a part of who they were.”

It wasn’t until Moe’s passing brought Suzy back to Rhode Island that she serendipitously began supporting Hasbro Children’s Hospital—prompted when her hairdresser’s children ran a lemonade stand to benefit the hospital. It was then Suzy made her first donation, which would turn out to be just the

beginning of her incredible generosity to Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

Since her initial gift, Suzy has continued to generously support the lemonade stand, became a hospital governor, attended the Hasbro Ball, and most recently made a \$25,000 commitment to support the Refugee Clinic as well as a bequest intention of \$100,000 to permanently endow The Maurice I. and Susan B. Chorney Fund to support the clinic.



Suzy and her late husband Maurice on their wedding day

“Our support of Ethiopian refugees has had a profound effect on our entire family. Moe’s grandson and his wife adopted two children from Ethiopia and his granddaughter is helping Jewish communities in countries like India, Turkey, Ethiopia and beyond because of it,” says Suzy. “It’s a privilege to support the refugee clinic at Hasbro Children’s Hospital for generations to come with this bequest intention and help arriving refugees access the medical care they need as they resettle here in Rhode Island.”

12th Annual Radiothon Raises \$436,000 for Hasbro



Fighting back tears as she grasped the microphone to share her family's story to thousands of listeners across southern New England, Elizabeth LaVallee, (pictured above), was overcome with emotion reflecting on how Hasbro Children's Hospital saved her son's life after he was diagnosed with cancer at 15 months-old. Today, Brayden is approaching his 4th birthday and has been cancer-free for more than a year.

from donors answered by more than 100 volunteers who gave of their time throughout the day.

"So much of the care we provide is possible thanks to support from the community, and the outpouring of generosity we received through this year's Radiothon was nothing short of amazing," said Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, president of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. "We could not be more thankful for our partnership with Cumulus Providence.

During the Radiothon, listeners of Cumulus Providence's stations heard inspirational stories of hope and healing from patients and their families, as well as hospital leadership and physicians. There were plenty of smiling faces when some of Hasbro Children's Hospital's special friends, including New England Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski and members of the Providence Bruins, came by to visit, sign autographs and pose for pictures.

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The LaVallee's story was one of more than a dozen shared by families during the Hasbro Children's Hospital Radiothon on April 6 & 7, inspiring thousands of people to come together and donate \$436,003 to support the area's leading pediatric hospital.

Now in its 12th year, the Radiothon is a partnership of Cumulus Providence Radio Stations, Hasbro Children's Hospital, and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The event was broadcast live from the hospital and took place over 15 hours, with calls

tradition of supporting Hasbro Children's Hospital through the Radiothon—giving back to our community and helping make a difference in the lives of children in Southern New England is something we care deeply about," said Davey Morris, Program Director, 92 PRO-FM, HOT 106. "It is through a tremendously focused, collaborative effort with our combined teams and the amazing generosity of our listeners that we are able to achieve extraordinary results."

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Hasbro Children's Hospital extends its appreciation to the entire staff and on-air personalities at Cumulus Providence radio stations, 92 PRO-FM, Lite Rock 105, News Talk 630 & 99.7 WPRO and HOT106 for helping to make this year's Radiothon a success.



Viti owners Jim Gray (left) and Mike Murphy (right) present check to Dr. Van Bree (center).

Viti Mercedes-Benz Hits a Hole-in-One for Hospital

Last year marked a milestone for Viti Mercedes-Benz and their support of Hasbro Children's Hospital—a \$50,000 milestone. For the past five years, the Mercedes-Benz dealership, located in Tiverton, has donated the net proceeds of its annual Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championship, held at New Seabury Country Club on Cape Cod, to the hospital.

"We're honored to be a part of the Hasbro Children's Hospital team and support the wonderful care the hospital provides to the children and families of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts with our tournament," explains Mike Murphy, Vice President Sales, Viti Inc.



Providence Bruins player Zane McIntyre and Dr. Van Bree with patients Celia (left) and Paige (right)

A Message from the Chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees



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The age-old saying, It takes a village, is often the first thing that comes to mind when I think about the compassionate community leaders who give so freely of themselves to serve on the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council.

This selfless group, comprised entirely of volunteers, is instrumental not only in charting the course that will shape the future of our hospital, but also in helping to support the incredible care that happens every day within our walls and beyond.

It is for these reasons, and many more, that I am pleased to introduce you to Renee A. R. Evangelista, Esq. and Henry T. Sachs, MD—two members of our esteemed council.

On behalf of those we care for, my sincerest thanks to all of our Advisory Council members and the scores of generous donors who go above and beyond to support Hasbro Children's Hospital. Together, we are accomplishing so much that positively impacts the health of children across our region.

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MEET RENEE A.R. EVANGELISTA, ESQ.



As the mother of three boys, Renee A.R. Evangelista, Esq. is no stranger to the Hasbro Children's Hospital emergency department. Stitches, pulled muscles, bumps and bruises are just some of the reasons the estate attorney with Howland Evangelista Kohlenberg Burnett LLP has turned to our hospital to care for her children.

"Having firsthand experience with Hasbro Children's Hospital, I recognize its importance in our community and what a great place it is with amazing doctors," says Renee. "It's exciting for me to be a part of it and give back."

Renee joined the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council in 2012, and in November 2014, became a founding member and chair of our hospital's Planned Giving Advisory Council. With expertise in estate planning, Renee deeply understands the impact planned giving can have on the lives of others well into the future.

"I think people value an expert opinion when they want to know the best way to make a planned gift," says Renee. "It's so important to get the word out about all the hospital does; more happens there than most people could ever envision."

Along with the world-class care our hospital provides, Renee is equally proud of our focus on educating the next generation of physicians, cutting-edge technologies, and research around the science behind medicine.

"I hope everyone recognizes how fortunate we are to have this hospital in our backyard; you don't have to go to Boston or New York," she says. "Great care is not only available right here, it's delivered by people who exude their dedication—you can see it in everything they do."

MEET DR. HENRY T. SACHS

With a passion for healing children that has been the focus of his life's work, Henry T. Sachs, MD, joined the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council in 2015. As Chief Medical Officer of Bradley Hospital, Dr. Sachs has been instrumental in the development and expansion of our Medical/Psychiatric program at Hasbro Children's Hospital. This groundbreaking program addresses needs of children and adolescents with complex physical illnesses complicated by a psychiatric illness. It is the only program in the region designed to provide family-based integrated care as we work to treat the whole child.

"A child's physical health impacts their mental health and vice versa. What our incredible team is doing here is extremely unique—we're in a position to provide families in pain with care they can't find anywhere else," says Dr. Sachs. "If you want to have a long-term healthy population, you have to look at care from both angles. It's about the child. It's not about their medical issues versus their behavioral issues."

Dr. Sachs is a board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist and a clinical assistant professor in the department of psychiatry and human behavior at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. He is co-founder of the Rhode Island Collaboration for Autism Research and Treatment (RI-CART), a multi-institutional research group comprised of hospitals, community agencies and Brown University.

"Being a part of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council allows me to be part of the ongoing discussion of how to best get families the services they need while exploring ways both hospitals can grow to support children in an ever-changing world of care," concludes Dr. Sachs.





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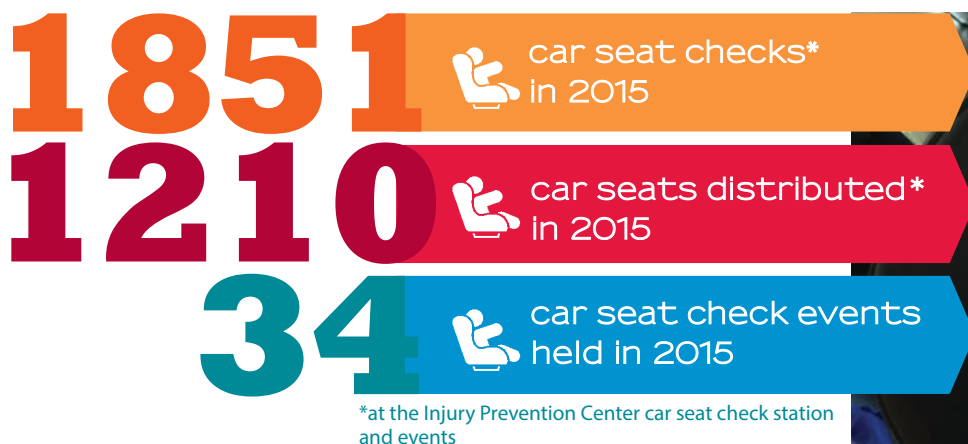
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