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highest quality pediatric care in the region.

Whatever our patients need, wherever they need it, there's a Lifespan solution that has them covered, and a committed staff ready to provide superior care in a comfortable and compassionate environment. Hasbro Children's Hospital is a place where healing happens, for every child, every day—and your generosity helps make that happen. We are forever grateful for your support.



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COVER: Adriel, 5, enjoys the Warwick Ice Cream social. *More on page 15.*



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ealthy Futures is much more than just the name of this publication. It's what all of us at Hasbro Children's Hospital are committed to making possible for the children and families who count on the lifesaving care we provide.

We're able to deliver on this promise, in large part, because of the extraordinary support of our donor family—people like you who help fund the critical programs and initiatives that ensure our hospital remains a place where world-class medicine is practiced, and optimal outcomes are achieved. The funds raised as part of our *Every Child, Every Day* campaign demonstrate the power of your philanthropy in action. As you'll read in the following pages, the campaign was launched to help us revitalize and renovate physical spaces and enhance numerous centers of excellence. Once completed, these improvements will allow us to offer a more advanced healing environment and patient experience that's second to none. *Every Child, Every Day* is a community effort for the benefit of the community, and I thank our campaign cabinet and Chair Al Verrecchia for their endless passion for the project and dedicated stewardship.

The type of generosity detailed in the articles of this publication fuels the exciting, transformative changes happening at Hasbro Children's. We couldn't do it without your friendship and generosity. Thank you for being by our side.

reakthroughs in medical technology and research are enabling pediatric medicine to advance in ways that are unprecedented. And the scope and speed of the changes taking place are allowing us to do things today that were simply not possible a generation ago. For example, just last year, Hasbro Children's Hospital was part of a groundbreaking in-utero spina bifida surgery, which you'll read about in this magazine, where a severe defect was microscopically repaired while the child was still in the womb. The operation was a first of its kind in the Northeast region and showcased the excellence and capabilities of our world-class team. Speaking of which, we're pleased to welcome Rishi Lulla, MD, as our new Chief of Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology. Dr. Lulla is an international brain and spinal cord tumor expert. The lifesaving impact of modern medicine is undeniable and the success stories we're able to tell are made possible, in large measure, by the support of caring donors like you. So, as we reimagine our





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hospital to meet the future needs of our patients through the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign, it is with gratitude and deep appreciation that we share our annual honor roll of supporters within these pages. Thank you for your support and for inspiring us to reach new heights of care for the children we treat.



Our Hospital's Transformation Begins

beginning to see the future take shape right before their eyes. Healing spaces across the hospital will soon envelop children and families in new ways, bringing care, compassion, and science together in a more modern, comforting, and homelike environment. Renovations as part of the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign have begun. First up, our pediatric hematology/oncology outpatient clinic, the Tomorrow Fund Clinic (see page 14).

"It's an exciting time at Hasbro Children's Hospital as we begin this transformation of our hospital. We are here today only because of the generosity of so many who, like us, see the importance of *Every Child, Every Day*," says hospital President Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH. "What's also important is that everyone know that despite the construction, care will be

seamless, and patients and families remain our number one priority."

The three-year undertaking is being be managed by Dimeo Construction and involves the transformation of nine areas while ensuring no interruption in care for patients and families. Dimeo has vast experience with health care projects, making the locally based company the perfect partner for us. Renovations at the Tomorrow Fund Clinic are well underway, and work in the second-floor surgical and PICU areas is imminent. The healing garden will also be under construction this fall. In overlapping phases, work will commence in the emergency department, followed by patient floors five, six, and four. The lobbies and ambulatory spaces will be completed last.

Among the many planned changes are redesigned inpatient rooms to better accommodate loved ones

and integrate sophisticated medical and monitoring technology; new, more accessible and efficient nursing stations for nurses and other clinicians; bright and welcoming renovated lobbies; and a modernized ambulatory clinic that includes child-friendly exam rooms and a streamlined registration area.

"We're grateful to those who have given so that we can get started on these important renovations, but we still have a long way—\$9 million—to go to transform the healing environment for all children. Every donor makes a difference. Every donation matters." explains Dr. Van Bree.

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—Dr. Van Bree

Campaign chair Al Verrecchia says, "This campaign is truly a community effort, for the community." To show his support, NFL kicker Stephen Gostkowski is serving as the honorary chair of the campaign.

"Our patients and caregivers alike deserve the more modernized facility that will result from this historic undertaking. We look forward to advancing our state-of-the-art care by updating the environment and technologies to match the world-class medical teams we have," says Dr. Van Bree.

To learn more about the *Every Child*, *Every Day* campaign visit HCHEveryChild.org.



Inpatient Room

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Yawkey Foundation Gift to Transform ED

ast year, the emergency department at Hasbro Children's Hospital treated 57,500 patients, the largest number since the hospital opened in 1994. And 2019 is looking even busier for the ED, a facility designed 25 years ago for approximately 36,000 patients.

"We're on pace for another record-breaking year," says Frank Overly, MD, Medical Director of the hospital's ED. "The numbers show no sign of slowing. This region relies on Hasbro Children's Hospital."

The staff of roughly 120 ED clinicians practices exceptional medicine around the clock, treating lifethreatening traumas, less acute illnesses and injuries, and increasingly, behavioral health crises. Now, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Massachusetts-based Yawkey Foundation, the physical landscape of the emergency department will receive a major upgrade equal to the excellence of our providers.

Creating an advanced healing environment throughout the emergency department is a pillar of the



ED nurses station

Every Child, Every Day capital campaign underway at Hasbro Children's Hospital. And with a \$2.5 million grant from the Yawkey Foundation, every corner of the ED's care space will be renovated, redesigned, or refreshed to make the patient and family experience the best one possible.

Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital, calls the gift "a magnificent game-changer," adding, "The Yawkey Foundation has been an invaluable partner to Hasbro Children's Hospital through the years. We are deeply grateful for the Foundation's generosity and our shared vision of a healthy future for the children of Rhode Island and southern New England."

Improvements envisioned by the Yawkey gift to the ED—the only certified Level One pediatric trauma center in the state—include better patient flow, heightened patient privacy, enhanced safety, and greater efficiencies for both patients and providers alike.

Renovation will literally start from the ground up and will include new flooring, fresh paint in soothing tones, flexible lighting, and new ceilings. These improvements will have significant therapeutic value, especially for patients suffering a psychiatric emergency, mental illness, or developmental disability such as autism.

Four of the 34 bays in the ED will be renovated to meet the unique needs of behavioral health patients for a safe, comforting, low-stimulation environment. Upgrades include specialized furniture, subdued lighting, and specific safety features for medical gasses and equipment.

Adequate storage space for equipment and supplies is a significant need throughout the ED. One area that



will especially benefit from improved storage and reorganization is the two-bay trauma unit. A location for families to be close to their critically ill or injured children is also key to the redesign of the area.

"Efficient use of trauma space enhances communication and improves outcomes," says Dr. Overly. "We're already strengthening our teamwork. Improving ergonomics in the trauma unit will be that much better for providers and patients."

Additional improvements made possible by the Yawkey Foundation include revamping the central nurses station to better accommodate the needs of patients and staff and creating space for clinical training.

The Foundation's generous support of Hasbro Children's goes back more than a decade.

"We've long been aware of the important role that Hasbro Children's Hospital plays across its large geographic service area," says Maureen H. Bleday, Executive Vice President of Programs and Operations, General Counsel, and a Trustee of the Yawkey Foundation. "The hospital provides access to care for an underserved population that Trustees are dedicated to serving."

"The hospital has exceptionally talented clinicians," she continues. "And this newly renovated space will be transformational for them and for their patients. Our Trustees appreciate the care provided by Hasbro Children's Hospital and are honored to be part of this next chapter."

For Timothy J. Babineau, MD, President and CEO of Lifespan, "The reach of the Foundation's gift is truly marvelous. It will change the entire landscape of the emergency department and leave an imprint of caring and compassion for generations to come. We truly appreciate the generosity of the Yawkey Foundation and its unswerving dedication—past, present, and future—to the patients and families of Hasbro Children's Hospital."

Tour Creates Lasting Connection for Donors



Cathy and Tom Lawson

hey may not have been born here, but for Tom and Cathy Lawson, Rhode Island is home. Originally from the Midwest, Tom's career has brought the couple all over the country, and finally here to the Ocean State 18 years ago. Tom is Chairman and CEO of FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers, and Cathy is a retired speech and language pathologist for children with special needs. The two have been together for 38 years and as Cathy points out with a knowing smile, "Tom may be the CEO at work but I'm the CEO of our philanthropy!"

The Lawsons made their first gift to Hasbro Children's Hospital in 2017. Cathy explains, "Our son is grown now, but I remember when he was younger how important it was to us and the community to have a children's hospital close by."

The following year, Cathy and Tom toured Hasbro Children's Hospital and visited the Judge Bruce M. and Cynthia M. Selya Integrated Care Unit, home to the inpatient medical-psychiatric program. In collaboration with Bradley Hospital, the inpatient unit treats children who have a psychiatric disorder coupled with a medical diagnosis and are among the most complex patients Bradley and Hasbro Children's hospitals care for.

"What caught me was the concept of treating the whole child," says Cathy. "From my professional experience I know you can't successfully work with children with this level of complexity without being transdisciplinary in the approach."

Compelled by a strong desire to help, Cathy and Tom made a generous gift to support the program as part of the *Every Child*, *Every Day* campaign. Their support will help expand the medical-psychiatric program by providing additional training, education, and research that will enhance clinical approaches and long-term treatment outcomes.

"It's a unique offering that further differentiates Hasbro Children's and Rhode Island," says Tom. "I'm impressed by how many people come from all over for the program's expertise."

Philanthropy is also something Tom is passionate about at work. FM Global encourages employee philanthropy by matching donations and organizing volunteer opportunities.

Cathy admits she does her homework when it comes to selecting where to direct their support. "That firsthand visit really helps build the connection," says Cathy. "We didn't get to where we are overnight, but I've always had this dream to give back. We feel privileged to be able to help."

University Surgical Associates: A Legacy of Caring and Giving

asbro Children's Hospital places each child at the center of their circle of care. University Surgical Associates shares this same commitment and uses their deep knowledge and expertise to provide world-class surgical care at the hospital. "It's pretty clear to us the best care for all pediatric patients happens in an academic children's hospital, which is distinct and different from hospitals that provide care for adults," explains William Cioffi, MD, FACS, President of University Surgical Associates. "Kids aren't just little adults. They have different needs, different diseases and require different types of care teams—which is why our group has invested in Hasbro Children's Hospital from the beginning."

University Surgical Associates was among the first supporters to lead the charge for the construction of Hasbro Children's, and they've continued their philanthropy ever since. For example, they sponsor our annual Heroes Ball and golf invitational events each year, and recently committed \$250,000 to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. That donation will help update pre- and post-surgical areas and create optimally designed waiting rooms and private spaces for patient and care team consultations.

"We want to ensure that children get the best care possible," says Francois Luks, MD, PhD, Pediatric Surgeon-in-Chief and Division Chief of Pediatric Surgery at Hasbro Children's Hospital. "And the renovations will enable us to create the type of healing environment that supports that goal."

University Surgical Associates is Rhode Island's largest multidisciplinary surgical group. Their practice includes more than 50 surgeons in a variety of subspecialties.



3D model

For Baby Selwyn, The Future Was Now

Last spring, Attleboro couple Emily and Brian Hess were preparing to welcome their fourth boy into the world. But 19 weeks into her pregnancy, it was discovered that Emily's newest son, Selwyn, had complications. "He had developed myelomeningocele," explains Dr. Luks. "This is a severe form of spina bifida where the spinal cord, instead of being completely encased within the spine and covered by skin, is, in some places, open—leaving the spinal nerves exposed to the uterine cavity." Such exposure can damage spinal nerves and lead to serious neurological problems. So, at 25 weeks of gestation, University Surgical Associates surgeons, working as part of a joint effort of the Fetal Treatment Program of New England, operated on Emily and baby Selwyn—microscopically repairing his severe defect while he was still in the womb.

The delicate, complicated in-utero surgery was the first of its kind in the Northeast region, and required 18 doctors, surgeons and nurses all working together to ensure a successful outcome. Selwyn was delivered by Caesarean section on July 30, 2018. He's a happy, healthy boy today, and doctors check him regularly to monitor his progress. The Hess's remarkable journey is just one example of the medical breakthroughs Hasbro Children's Hospital is a part of and demonstrates the life-changing impact University Surgical Associates has on the lives of children and families in our community and beyond.

CHEROES BALL HASBRO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RAISES \$1.1 MILLION



Juliet Provost and Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH



L-R: Stacy and Eric Veleker; Lindsay Vincent; Winnie Vincent; Bob and Grace Vincent; Don and Sheri Sweitzer; Katharine Flynn

t's been 25 years since Hasbro Children's first opened its doors, and on Saturday, March 2, nearly 800 guests filled the Rhode Island Convention Center to celebrate the milestone during the hospital's *Heroes Ball*, raising \$1,140,334.

Funds raised through the event will support hospital programs that would not be possible without philanthropic support, such as Child Life and the Healing Arts. The evening's special fund-a-need, which generated \$266,900 of the total raised, will support renovations to the pediatric pre- and post-surgical areas. Chaired by Robert Vincent, Chairman of IGT Global Solutions Corporation and his wife, Grace, and co-chaired by Deanna and Scott Donnelly, CEO of Textron, the *Heroes Ball* opened with a cocktail reception featuring an aerialist performing 30-feet in the air. The harmonious sounds of the Rhode Island Children's Chorus filled the air as guests were then invited into the ballroom.

Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr., Chairman of the Lifespan Board of Directors and the Rhode Island Hospital Board of Trustees, and Timothy J. Babineau, MD, President and CEO of Lifespan, expressed gratitude to those who turned the dream of creating a world-class children's hospital into reality. Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital, was joined on stage by the special guest emcee, 11-year-old Juliet Provost. Juliet, the hospital's

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Top L-R: Ron and Meghan Colantonio, Andrea and Nathan Harwood, Karen and Glenn Warfield; Seated L-R: Macrina and Edward Hjerpe, Deanna and Scott Donnelly

2019 Champion Child, was diagnosed with acute rheumatic fever at age seven, a condition that damaged the mitral and aortic valves of her heart. Juliet was a patient at the Pediatric Heart Center and today is doing great. After sharing her story, the sixth grader introduced Amber and Cliff Alston, who shared their own experience at Hasbro Children's.

The couple recalled the medical journey of their now five-year-old daughter, Paige, who was born with omphalocele, an abdominal wall defect which caused her organs to develop in a sac outside her body. She spent the first 180 days of her life at Hasbro Children's and underwent 23 surgical procedures before the age of four. Today, Paige is in preschool and thriving. After professional auctioneer Jimmy Tingle presented the event's live auction and fund-a-need, Dr. Van Bree returned to the podium with Al Verrecchia, the former Chairman of Hasbro, Inc. Together, they thanked the community for its unwavering support, and officially announced the public phase of *Every Child*, *Every Day* – the campaign for Hasbro Children's and Bradley Hospital.

The 2019 *Heroes Ball* was made possible thanks to presenting sponsors CVS Health and IGT; platinum sponsors Brown Physicians, Inc., Textron, Tyger Event Design + Production, and dozens of other sponsors who contributed to the event's success.



François I. Luks, MD, PhD; Tracey Wallace; Phyllis A. Dennery, MD



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eroes for Hasbro is a giving society that recognizes donors who make an annual gift of \$250 or more to Hasbro Children's Hospital (members are denoted with ♥ on pages 18-23). As a Hero, you can select one of our top five priorities to support:

- 1. **Area of Greatest Need:** Your unrestricted gift helps us provide the high quality, family- and patient-centered care that our patients have come to expect, while allowing us to react quickly to the changing needs of health care.
- 2. **Child Life Services:** The hospital experience for an infant, child, or adolescent can be overwhelming. Child life specialists at Hasbro Children's Hospital are here to support children and families through this experience by responding to their psychosocial, developmental, and educational needs.
- 3. **Healing Arts Program:** There is clear evidence that a patient's physical well-being is fundamentally linked to their emotional and spiritual well-being and that expressive arts can play an important role in promoting overall health. The Healing Arts program is an integral part of patient care, fostering creative expression for adults and children coping with illness or injury.





- 4. **Pedi Parent Consultant Program:** Consultants are parents or family members of a child who has been in an Early Intervention program. They use their knowledge and training to educate and assist families in accessing community resources, communicating more effectively with school personnel and health providers, and connecting with other families who have similar circumstances.
- 5. The Adolescent Leadership Council (TALC): Since 2005, TALC has been providing a forum for adolescents living with diseases such as asthma, diabetes, lupus, cancer, and sickle cell anemia to come together with students from local colleges who have the same chronic illnesses and thus truly understand the challenges being faced.

A gift to one of these five areas has the power to transform lives right now, while also investing in the future of pediatric medicine, research and education. Thank you for becoming a Hero today! To learn more about Heroes for Hasbro and program levels and benefits, please visit hasbrochildrenshospital.org/ Heroes4Hasbro.

Quiet Donor's Gift Speaks Volumes

hristine Colannino and her three brothers lived their long lives in the modest Johnston home in which they grew up. None married or had children. And if the elder brothers, Anthony and Joseph, hadn't opened their neighborhood pharmacy and soda fountain, Collins Drug Store, back in the 1950s, the Colannino siblings might be remembered today only by their loved ones.

But in the 1990s, Anthony and Joseph sold their property to Walgreens, reaping a tidy sum that grew and grew, because they invested wisely and barely spent a penny of it. And when the last surviving sibling, Christine, passed away in 2017 at the age of 96, she gave away a fortune, including generous gifts to many Rhode Island charitable organizations.

Hasbro Children's Hospital was the single biggest beneficiary, with a remarkable bequest of \$2 million.

"Christine gave a lot of thought to the estate and where she wanted the money to go," says George M. Cappello, the Colannino family's longtime lawyer and friend. "Every time I visited her in the nursing home, when she grew frail, she'd ask, 'How are we doing? Are we doing OK?' She wanted her family's wealth to help the largest number of people possible. Hasbro Children's Hospital was on the top of her list. Christine always loved children."

Born in 1921, Christine was the third of the Colannino siblings, followed by Peter. The brothers served in World War II before Joseph, the eldest, and Anthony opened their popular drug store. Peter was a machinist and Christine a hairdresser, but they too helped out at Collins Drug Store. After work, the siblings walked the few steps to their home next door.

"She wanted her family's wealth to help the largest number of people possible. Hasbro Children's Hospital was on the top of her list. Christine always loved children."

-George M. Cappello

"They were nice people who lived a simple, frugal life. When they sold the property and retired, it didn't change anything. They didn't buy a new house or a car, they didn't go off on vacations. Christine always took the bus downtown. She was a quiet, elegant, unassuming person. We miss her," says George, referring to Christine's devoted circle, including her godchild, her godchild's husband, and retired accountant Frank Messina.

Christine's gift will support renovations envisioned by the *Every Child*, *Every Day* campaign to create advanced healing spaces for the patients and families of Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"Christine was astute about the bequests she made," says George. "She wanted to take care of the people she loved, but also make a larger statement about doing the greatest good. Christine was a quiet person in life, but her legacy speaks volumes."



In Gratitude to The Tomorrow Fund

aving a child with cancer is terrifying, exhausting and emotionally devastating. It's also expensive, and many families of pediatric cancer patients are especially vulnerable to financial hardship. Noting that the average course of treatment lasts 24 months, it can be hard to hold down a job when you know you'll be spending the better part of the next two years at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

The Tomorrow Fund, an independent non-profit charitable organization, was founded in 1985 to ease the traumatic financial and emotional stress of childhood cancer. They support several positions in the pediatric hematology/oncology outpatient clinic that bears its name—the Tomorrow Fund Clinic—at Hasbro Children's Hospital and stock it with welcome distractions for its young patients. The Tomorrow Fund depends on the donations of generous Rhode Islanders and the energy of their dedicated volunteers.

Clinic visits have steadily climbed over the years, as has the demand for infusion services for patients who suffer from brain tumors, blood diseases, and other cancers. Recognizing the needs of both the hospital and patients, The Tomorrow Fund recently made a generous \$500,000 commitment to the *Every Child*,

Every Day campaign to expand the clinic's footprint. The space will grow by nearly 50 percent to include eight new infusion bays, three of which can double as private exam rooms, a relocation of the reception area, and increased privacy for patient families.

"The hospital does an incredible job medically for children and we want to make sure it has all the tools to continue to do that," explains Lisa Abbenante, Executive Director of The Tomorrow Fund. "This expansion will help ensure Hasbro Children's Hospital continues to deliver the best care for patients and families in the most comfortable and private environment possible."

Renovations are scheduled to begin in summer 2019 as part of phase one of the *Every Child*, *Every Day* campaign construction (read more on page 4).

"The expansion and renovations The Tomorrow Fund is helping to make a reality will have a dramatic impact on the experience our patients and their families will have in our care. Our gratitude to them has been—and continues to be—enormous," says Rishi Lulla, MD, Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Alan G. Hassenfeld Endowed Associate Professor of Pediatrics.

Spooky Smiles Abound

In its most successful local fundraising effort yet, area Spirit Halloween stores raised \$103,066 for Hasbro Children's Hospital during its most recent Spirit of Children program, presenting hospital leadership with the generous gift this past January. For the eighth year, the program gave customers two ways to support Hasbro Children's beginning in mid-September and continuing through October 31.

Along with being offered a coupon for 10 percent off their purchase – which Spirit donated back to our hospital – customers were invited to make a voluntary donation while checking out. As part of Spirit's annual



Spirit Halloween staff and HCH leadership

support, company volunteers fill Hasbro Children's fourth, fifth, and sixth floor playrooms with Halloween activities, costumes and decorations to host special parties prior to the October 31 holiday. This past year, excited patients painted pumpkins, had their faces painted, and picked out costumes to keep – all of which helped them forget, even for a short time, that they were hospitalized.

Funds raised through Spirit of Children benefit our Child Life Services program, which helps provide young patients with a sense of normalcy during hospitalization by engaging in play, storytelling, arts and crafts, and music. Since 2011, Spirit of Children has raised \$440,998 for Hasbro Children's Hospital.

New Ice Cream Flavor Benefits Hospital

ew things go together better than ice cream and kids, making Warwick Ice Cream's new flavor a cool treat sure to warm the hearts of Rhode Islanders. That's because sales of the family-owned company's sixth flavor, "Every Child, Every Day," benefit Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Every Child, Every Day is an all-natural chocolate ice cream with toffee crunch and a "care" amel swirl – made entirely from scratch using local ingredients. The new flavor was unveiled during a special Ice Cream Social at the hospital in late May. With the sale of each pint, Warwick Ice Cream donates \$1 to the Hasbro Children's *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. "This is so much more than ice cream for us – this is a way for us to give back to our community and to our local kids," said Thomas Bucci of Warwick Ice Cream.

Every Child, Every Day can be found at retailers across Rhode Island. For a list of locations, visit **WarwickIceCreamCo.com**.



Thomas Bucci, Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, Vinny Bucci, and Freddy "Scoops" Haddad of Warwick Ice Cream

A Message from the Chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees



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Chair, Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees s we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary year of Hasbro Children's Hospital, our past, present, and future are illuminated by the role of our outstanding community leaders.

From the beginning, these generous volunteers have walked hand in hand with the staff of Hasbro Children's, helping to advance medicine and quality care for every child and family in need.

Today, 275 community leaders belong to our new Volunteer Leadership Council, which includes members of Hasbro Children's Advisory Council, the *Every Child*, *Every Day* Campaign Cabinet, the Rhode Island Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, our Board of Governors, the Planned Giving Advisory Council, Rhode Island Hospital's President's Pursuit of Excellence Dinner committee, Hasbro Children's Hospital's Heroes Ball and Radiothon committees, and Hasbro Children's Golf Invitational committee.

Each has answered a call from their own hearts to give, to serve others, and to make a difference. Our volunteer leaders truly are love in action.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, my sincerest thanks. We are fortunate to have such committed partners by our side—yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Thank you to all the members of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council for your dedicated service!

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Radiothon Celebrates 15 Years

heightened sense of excitement filled the air as the fifteenth anniversary of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Radiothon broadcast live from the hospital on April 4. Across 15 emotional hours, Hasbro Children's patients and families took to the airwaves to share their stories of healing, inspiring a region of listeners to come together to raise \$428,190. "Radiothon is simply amazing in how it brings thousands of people together to make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families," said hospital President Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, "Cumulus and the on-air talent are truly special partners. To see them holding babies and talking with families is not only moving, but underscores their commitment to kids and to our hospital."

A partnership between Cumulus Providence radio stations (92 PRO-FM, Lite Rock 105, News Talk 630 AM & 99.7 FM WPRO, and Hot 106) and Hasbro Children's, the Radiothon began at 6 a.m. and continued until 9 p.m. As listeners across Rhode Island and nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts were introduced to patients and their journeys with brain cancer, spina bifida, hydrocephalus, organ transplantation and more, over 100 volunteers answered phones to accept donations throughout the day. "As we celebrate 15 years together with Hasbro Children's, I am especially proud of the on-air team for their passion for helping the hospital and for the special way they invite their listeners to donate to the cause," said Holly Paras, Vice President and Market Manager for Cumulus Providence. Among the sponsors, volunteers, and supporters of the 15th Annual Hasbro Children's Hospital Radiothon were Alexander's Uniforms; Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille; Cox Business; Dunkin'; East Commerce Solutions, Inc.; Jordan's Furniture; Lamar; Marshall Building & Remodeling Company; Murray Outdoor Communications; Nathan Clark & Associates; Not Your Average Joe's Kitchen & Bar; Pepsico; Providence Auto Body; Rhode Island Monthly; Rhode Island Public Transit Authority; Seastreak Ferry; Shaw's Foundation; Subway; Sweet Indulgence Bakery; UNO Pizzeria & Grill; and Warwick Ice Cream. Since its inception, the Radiothon has raised more than \$8.4 million for Hasbro Children's Hospital.





92 PRO-FM's Kim and Giovanni



Six-year-old patient Hailey and her brother Owen











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This Gronk 'Touch Down' Helps Hasbro Children's



Hospital staff with members of the Gronkowski family

Gronkowski scored many touchdowns during his illustrious career. But when he "touched down" at Hasbro Children's Hospital in February 2018, he did more than put six points on the board for our hometown team—he helped support the hospital's mission of providing the highest quality of compassionate care to kids during their time of greatest need.

Joined by his father and brothers, "Gronk" stopped by Hasbro Children's to bring smiles to patients and their families and present hospital leadership a gift of \$25,000 from the Gronk Nation Youth Foundation. "My family and I were happy to support Rhode Island's Hasbro Children's Hospital," the future hall of famer said. "We had a great time meeting both the children and staff."

During their visit, the Gronkowskis spent time in the family room on the hospital's sixth floor, where they colored with patients, posed for photos, and signed autographs. They also visited patients on the hospital's fifth floor, where the tight end made more than a few new fans. In one of the afternoon's most emotional moments, Gronk autographed a jersey for Jonathan Mastriano, 14, after the young boy told him he wore it while watching the Super Bowl from his hospital room.

The Gronkowskis' visit here was part of a daylong trek they made to children's hospitals across New England, making donations in Massachusetts and Maine before arriving in Rhode Island.

"There is no question that it was a day our patients and their families will never forget," said Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital. "We could not be more thankful to Rob and the entire Gronkowski family, not only for their incredible generosity and commitment to kids, but also for the gift of their time."

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