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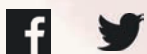


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COVER: Gemma, age 3, greets her surgeon, Dr. Hale Wills, with a hug at the 2018 Radiothon.



Margaret M. Van Bree

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MHA, DrPH**

President, Rhode Island Hospital
and Hasbro Children's Hospital

When Hasbro Children's Hospital opened its doors in 1994, it became a beacon of hope and healing for families throughout Rhode Island and southern New England. It shines ever brightly today, inspiring pride in our community and hope for the tens of thousands of families who depend on us for exceptional pediatric care each year.

As Hasbro Children's Hospital approaches its twenty-fifth anniversary, we are strengthening our commitment to the healthy future of the region's children by launching the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. Funds raised will revitalize and renovate physical spaces, expand existing programs, and create innovative new ones that address the physical and mental health of our children, families, and communities. The campaign focuses on enhancing numerous centers of excellence, including emergency medicine and critical care; healthy weight and nutrition; autism; our medical-psychiatric program; surgical services; chronic illness; and child protection. This edition of *Healthy Futures* is full of stories about generous donors, many of whom have stepped up to help launch this important initiative. I hope their stories inspire you to become part of the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. You'll be learning more about it in the months to come. Our donor family truly is second to none. Thank you for helping us ensure that all children in our region can aspire to their greatest potential and lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

Pediatric medicine is constantly evolving. A generation ago, the most common childhood cancer—acute lymphocytic leukemia—was almost always fatal. Today, at least 90 percent of children with the disease will survive. Not that long ago, the behavioral health of children was treated separately from their physical health. Now we treat the whole child. We also recognize that health care no longer occurs only inside a hospital. Modern health care brings programs and services to the community—to children whose health may be compromised by a multitude of barriers.

We see the lifesaving impact of modern medicine and surgical breakthroughs, made possible in large measure by the support of caring donors like you. From the Heroes Ball and the Radiothon, to Kick 4 Kids and everything in between, our family of supporters inspires us to reach new heights for our children.

We are thrilled about our next phase of growth as we reimagine our hospital to meet the needs of our patients through the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. It is with our gratitude and deep thanks that we share our annual honor roll of supporters within these pages.



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Upper Lobby

Champlin Foundation Makes Generous Leadership Gift to Campaign

Keith H. Lang vividly recalls the former pediatric unit at Rhode Island Hospital, back in the early 1990s, where he spent several nights at his young nephew's bedside.

“He needed a series of operations and was in the old Potter Building, for a lengthy stay,” says Keith, who retired this past June as executive director of The Champlin Foundation. “The children’s ward was a dark, cramped, and antiquated place. I wasn’t with Champlin at the time, but I remember thinking, ‘If this hospital had the resources, it could do so much more for the children and families who come here.’”

That’s exactly what the leadership of Rhode Island Hospital thought too. Almost three decades ago, a fundraising campaign was launched to build Hasbro Children’s Hospital, resulting in one of the largest outpourings of support ever for a charitable institution in Rhode Island. And when the doors of the new

hospital opened in 1994, The Champlin Foundation was in the vanguard of our most generous donors.

Over the last 24 years, Hasbro Children’s Hospital has become a crucial resource for hundreds of thousands of families throughout Southeastern New England and beyond. During that time, wear and tear has taken a toll on the physical plant, while the delivery of modern medicine continues to evolve at a remarkable rate.

And once again, The Champlin Foundation is in the forefront of support for Hasbro Children’s with a leadership grant of \$1 million to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. The gift will support renovations throughout the hospital.

“The Champlin Foundation is an extraordinary champion for Rhode Island’s children,” says Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, president of Rhode Island and Hasbro Children’s hospitals.

“The Foundation has been by our side from the beginning and we couldn’t be more grateful for its partnership as we build a bright future for every child, every day,” adds Dr. Van Bree.

Keith summoned the memory of founder George S. Champlin in describing the Foundation’s decision to contribute so generously to the revitalization of Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

“We believe that Mr. Champlin would find it very important to support the healthy future of Rhode Island’s children. And he would have wanted to continue supporting leading-edge pediatric care right here in Rhode Island,” says Keith. “The Foundation is proud to help Hasbro Children’s Hospital advance its mission.”

New Director at Champlin Foundation

Nina Stack, former president of the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers, succeeded Keith H. Lang as executive director of The Champlin Foundation in June.

“As someone who has been involved in philanthropy for many years, I have long been aware of the extraordinary contributions of The Champlin Foundation,” Nina says. “Given my personal passion for strengthening communities through philanthropy and my professional experience leading philanthropic organizations, the opportunity to advance The Champlin Foundation’s mission as executive director is a tremendous honor and privilege.”



Inpatient Room

Fundraising Group Shows Community Spirit

Linda LaFazia, a founder of Johnston Memorial Cancer Events (JMCE), voices deep pride in her community and its support for Hasbro Children’s Hospital. For 11 years, JMCE has raised funds for the hospital through its incredibly popular golf tournaments and other events. The organization has pledged \$100,000 to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign.

“We’d been raising funds for cancer care for years,” says Linda. “Johnston is a very tight-knit community, so when a couple of families had kids going to Hasbro Children’s Hospital for cancer treatment, we said, ‘Let’s support the children there.’ Our major fundraiser is the annual golf tournament and it’s been amazing—we had over 200 golfers this spring, selling out in 10 days.”

Contributions from JMCE have helped purchase clinical equipment, furnishings for family rooms, and other important services for children undergoing cancer treatment. The group’s donation to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign will help renovate private rooms on the hospital’s fifth floor, where oncology patients are treated.

Linda credits the sponsorship of David and Judi Graham—owners of Graham Builders in Smithfield—for the JMCE golf tournament’s success, along with enthusiastic volunteers ranging in age from 10 to 80 years old.

“It’s a good time, I have to say,” says Linda. “And it’s for a great cause.”

Giving Back to Community is a Family Affair



Paula M. McNamara

Paula M. McNamara has a great job, she says. As president of the Murray Family Charitable Foundation, she works closely with her parents and four siblings—all trustees—to provide philanthropic support for meaningful causes near and dear to the family’s heart.

“My parents were born and grew up in Rhode Island,” says Paula of Terrence and Suzanne Murray. “They raised five kids here, my dad had a successful career here, and they wanted to give back. So, they established the family foundation 25 years ago to leave a legacy of giving back to the community that gave so much to them.”

A generous gift of \$500,000 to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign reflects the Murray Family Charitable Foundation’s deep commitment to a healthy future for children of Rhode Island and beyond. The funds will support renovations at Hasbro Children’s Hospital.

“The children in our community deserve the best of the best, and that’s what they get at Hasbro Children’s Hospital and Bradley Hospital,” says Paula. “These institutions are critical to Rhode Island and

southern New England. There’s such a great need for pediatric mental health and specialized medical care. The depth of the services, such as the Refugee Health Clinic, is one of the reasons we support Hasbro Children’s Hospital. We want to ensure that families don’t have to go far for quality care—it’s all right here.”

Terrence and Suzanne Murray founded the family foundation in 1993. “It started small, out of my dad’s office,” says Paula. Mr. Murray, now retired, is the former president, chairman, and CEO of the Providence-based Fleet Financial Group.

By 2008, the Murray Family Charitable Foundation had grown at such a clip that Paula, with years of financial operations expertise at Fidelity, moved into a hands-on leadership role. The family, including siblings Colleen, Terry, Chris, and Megan, meet quarterly to discuss needs in the community.

The family’s philanthropy has supported a diverse group of organizations, from United Way of Rhode Island and Trinity Repertory Company to the Lincoln School—an all-girls Quaker school attended by three generations of Murray women—and Bradley and Hasbro Children’s hospitals. “Our philosophy of giving is to support institutions that are personally meaningful to us and crucial to Rhode Islanders,” says Paula. “My parents hope our foundation lives on forever. They want their love of this community and its institutions to reach down through the generations.”



Terrence and Suzanne Murray

Recognizing the Need is Now

Judge Bruce M. Selya, a senior federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and his wife Cindy, an attorney herself, are tireless advocates for Lifespan. While serving as the vice chair of the Board of Trustees of Rhode Island Hospital in the early 1990s, Judge Selya was instrumental in the creation of Lifespan, where he served as its inaugural chairman. After decades of continuous dedication, service, and philanthropy, the duo took their commitment to Lifespan to a new level by providing significant support to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. Their impactful \$600,000 donation supports a named endowment and a fund to meet the needs and provide resources for the pediatric medical-psychiatric inpatient program at Hasbro Children’s Hospital in collaboration with Bradley Hospital.

“Cindy and I had talked for a long time about the fact that the community has been terrific to us and that we’d like to make a gift that would make a lasting difference,” explains Judge Selya. Giving great thought to where to direct their gift, they looked at how bringing together different parts of Lifespan might create synergies—where “the whole was greater than the sum of its parts”—and saw that potential with Bradley and Hasbro Children’s hospitals.

“They are two of the jewels in the system that don’t get nearly the attention they deserve,” Judge Selya says. The children treated in the pediatric medical-psychiatric inpatient program have a psychiatric disorder coupled with a medical diagnosis and are among the most complex patients Bradley and Hasbro Children’s hospitals care for. “This particular program fits perfectly with what we were looking to embrace,” says Cindy. In recognition of the gift, the unit on the sixth floor of Hasbro Children’s Hospital now bears the name: *Judge Bruce M. and Cynthia M. Selya Integrated Care Unit*.



Cindy and Judge Selya

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—Cindy Selya

The couple considered funding the program through their estate plans, but once they learned the current needs of the program, they were inspired to make their gift now.

“The dedication and commitment of the professionals that staff the unit is breathtaking and awe-inspiring,” says Judge Selya. “It has confirmed for us that this was the right thing to do, at the right time.”

Cindy adds, “We know that the official name of the unit is the Bruce M. and Cynthia Selya Integrated Care Unit, but what got to both of us was that the doctors and nurses don’t use that name; they simply call it ‘Selya 6.’ And we love it! There’s a lot of satisfaction seeing it put to a good cause; a very good cause...” “Selya 6,” they say together with a smile.

Physicians Support *Every Child, Every Day*

University Orthopedics

Cemented by a shared mission to provide world-class care to kids, it is a perfect partnership — the area’s only children’s hospital and University Orthopedics, Rhode Island’s only physician group with fellowship-trained pediatric orthopedic surgeons.

Among the early philanthropists who led the charge for the construction of Hasbro Children’s Hospital with a significant gift in 1991, University Orthopedics continues to lead, generously committing \$600,000 to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign.

“The doctors at University Orthopedics are fully dedicated to the community, and Hasbro Children’s is one of our community’s most invaluable resources,” says Edward Akelman, MD, Chief of the Department of Orthopedics at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, and President of University Orthopedics.

“Everyone in our group, no matter their specialty, understands the importance of pediatric orthopedics and embraces supporting a hospital we are so closely tied to.” University Orthopedics’ gift will support hospital renovations, along with the creation of a special \$200,000 pediatric orthopedics fund. The fund will be overseen by Craig P. Ebersson, MD, Chief of Pediatric Orthopedics at Hasbro Children’s Hospital, in conjunction with hospital leadership.

“Many of the pediatric procedures we perform require specialized equipment that is different from what’s needed for adults,” says Dr. Ebersson. “As the latest and greatest in technology is developed, this fund will enable us to quickly enhance what we are able to offer our patients.”

University Orthopedics treats children with everything from broken bones, deformed limbs, and spinal



Dr. Graig P. Ebersson evaluates a surgical patient's hand

disorders, to neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. But no matter a child’s needs, their pediatric physicians take great pride in delivering world-class care close to home, alleviating families of the added burden that comes with having to leave the comfort of their community.

“Everything a family needs for their child is right here,” says Dr. Ebersson. “Our pediatric orthopedists are doing remarkable things for kids every day and Hasbro Children’s is a wonderful hospital in which to do that work.”

Adds Dr. Akelman, “We’re all in this together. All of us chose our profession because we love our patients, and our philanthropic support is helping to make a great hospital even better. We’ve been committed to the hospital from the start, and plan to continue our support for a long time to come.”

Rhode Island Medical Imaging

Last year, Hasbro Children’s Hospital performed almost 48,000 radiology exams, making its Pediatric Imaging and Sedation Center one of the busiest nationally. “The radiologists who perform those exams are not only spectacular physicians,” says Lifespan Radiologist-in-Chief, John J. Cronan, MD, “they’re also dedicated philanthropists.” Rhode Island Medical Imaging (RIMI)—the professional service organization to which Hasbro Children’s radiologists belong—has a 75-year tradition of giving. Its support was instrumental to the building of the Pediatric Imaging and Sedation Center in 2006.

Prior to 2006, a child requiring an imaging study was treated alongside adults at Rhode Island Hospital. One day, Dr. Cronan saw three patients awaiting imaging. Two were adults; one was vomiting blood and the other was a notorious convict, shackled to a stretcher and under the guard of state sheriffs. In between them was the third patient—a child. “You couldn’t find a more dramatic illustration of why we needed a pediatric imaging center. Philanthropy helped Hasbro Children’s build a friendly, kid-centered environment for children undergoing diagnostic imaging,” says Dr. Cronan. “It’s a great place.”

“Radiology is at the epicenter of medicine today, and Hasbro Children’s Hospital is on the national stage,” says John A. Pezzullo, MD, President of RIMI. “Our doctors are deeply invested in ensuring that radiological care in Rhode Island is the best of the best.” While their professional focus is radiology, RIMI’s philanthropy is broad based. The group recently made a generous gift of \$490,000 to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign. The funds will support renovations throughout Hasbro Children’s Hospital.



Dr. John J. Cronan



Dr. John A. Pezzullo

Lifespan Physician Group Anesthesia

When his son Gabriel suffered a severe headache and vomiting, Gildasio De Oliveira, Jr., MD, rushed the 8-year-old to the emergency department at Hasbro Children’s Hospital. “I was so impressed by the care,” says Dr. De Oliveira. “Although I live closer to Boston Children’s, I decided to bring my son to Hasbro Children’s. Gabriel was in great hands. The neurologist, Dr. Karen Kerman, gave him the most beautiful exam. He was fine.” As the father of three children, Dr. De Oliveira is deeply attuned to the need for exceptional pediatric care in Rhode Island. As anesthesiologist-in-chief for Lifespan, he is pivotal to ensuring that care. As head of the division of anesthesia for the Lifespan Physician Group (LPG), Dr. De Oliveira is among longtime supporters of Hasbro Children’s Hospital. The division generously contributed \$200,000 to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign for renovations.

“Anesthesiologists understand how frightening surgery can be for children and families,” he says. “We do everything we can to reassure everyone and are all moved by the experience.” LPG is a physician-led, physician-governed group practice whose purpose is to provide high-quality, innovative care to the community. “We were unanimous about donating to the campaign,” adds Dr. De Oliveira. “It’s such an important cause.”

Family's Giving Reflects Lifetime of Thanks



The Soutter family

Why are Maureen and Andy Soutter such ardent supporters of Hasbro Children's Hospital? For the Barrington couple, it's personal. It all began on Christmas morning in 1999, when the Soutters rushed their 11-month-old son, Christopher, to the emergency department at Hasbro Children's. The baby was vomiting, burning with fever, and had a pin-point rash all over his body.

Within moments of arriving at the ED, Christopher was surrounded by doctors and nurses working to save his life. The baby had meningitis.

"They told us it didn't look good," says Andy.

"Christopher was in septic shock. His organs were shutting down. If he survived at all, they told us, he'd suffer severe disabilities."

For three days, Christopher underwent extensive antibiotic treatment in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU). Then, on the fourth day, he turned the corner.

Christopher recovered unscathed, soon scampering down the hospital hallways with nurses in hot pursuit.

"He's our miracle boy," says Maureen.

The Soutters have more than one reason to marvel at their now 19-year-old son's remarkable journey—and resilience.

At the age of three, Christopher was treated at Hasbro Children's for seizures caused by a benign brain tumor. At 12, he was once again treated at the hospital when he needed 156 stitches in his left arm, following a collision with a glass door. The 10-inch wound—miraculously—missed the tendons and arteries. He has no lasting impact from either ordeal.

Today, Christopher is a sophomore at Tulane University. A star athlete and scholar, he radiates good health and humor, and has no memory of the earlier illnesses he survived.

But his parents remember, as do sister Madeline, 22, and grandmother Ginny Soutter. The family are longtime donors to Hasbro Children's Hospital in unwavering gratitude for the exceptional care and kindness that got them all through such difficult times.

"There are so many ways to say thank you. We do everything we possibly can, from volunteering our time to bringing dinner to the PICU every Christmas Eve," says Maureen, a governor at the hospital. They also donate. A generous gift from the Soutter Family Fund to the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign will support hospital renovations.

"I can't tell you what I had for breakfast, but I remember every detail of those three days in the PICU," says Andy, recalling Christopher's first illness. "There's unbelievable talent at Hasbro Children's Hospital. Our son is proof of that."

Keeping Children Safe is Top Priority

Nothing is more heartbreaking than a report on child abuse. Here at Hasbro Children's Hospital, our highest priority is keeping children safe and healthy. That's why our *Every Child, Every Day* campaign includes expanding our child protection program.

The results of abuse and neglect go far beyond the physical and emotional injuries a child sustains. Toxic stress, which disrupts development of the brain and the child's biological systems, causes long-term repercussions that can also be damaging. These include depression, substance abuse, high-risk sexual behaviors, chronic disease and obesity, and suicide.

In 1994, while serving on the Rhode Island Hospital Board of Trustees, Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. recognized a need for a specialized child protection program to be housed at Hasbro Children's Hospital. "These children aren't able to speak for themselves, so we at the hospital had to get up and speak for them," explains Mr. Aubin, who today is the chairman of both the Lifespan Board of Directors and the Rhode Island Hospital Board of Trustees.

For more than two decades, with more than \$4 million raised to support and grow the program, The Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center has been protecting and healing children when the unspeakable happens.

Today, the nationally renowned Aubin Center has the state's only dedicated child abuse physicians and provides a crucial clinical resource in the care of children who may have been victims of sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect.

As part of the *Every Child, Every Day* campaign, the Aubin Center will broaden its ability to screen and identify families with elevated risk factors for abuse, develop an intensive case management strategy to



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— Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr.

intervene before abuse or neglect can begin, and enhance communication among private and public stakeholders to ensure healthy outcomes for children at risk.

The Washington Trust Company has a long history of support for Hasbro Children's Hospital and shares our commitment to strengthening protections for children. "Washington Trust is proud to support Hasbro Children's *Every Child, Every Day* campaign because we know that every donation, no matter the size, can make a big difference in the life of a child," says Ned O. Handy III, Chairman and CEO.

Lawrence Aubin concludes, "Nothing could make me happier than to learn that the child protection program is no longer needed. But since that won't be happening anytime soon, we all need to support the team of angels that runs that center."

It Takes a Village



Roger N. Begin

Roger Begin

Chair, Rhode Island Hospital
and Hasbro Children's Hospital
Foundation Board of Trustees

These are exciting times for Hasbro Children's Hospital as we move from the leadership phase toward the public phase of our *Every Child, Every Day* campaign to further enhance our already world-class hospital.

While much has changed since we first opened our doors more than two decades ago, Hasbro Children's Hospital remains a hospital built by the community, for the community. And it is that same community once again leading the charge as we position ourselves for the future.

The Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council is composed of community leaders who care deeply about our hospital and the children and families who depend on us for their care. These selfless individuals not only lend their expertise to our campaign, but have also made generous leadership gifts in support of our ambitious goals.

We are fortunate to have such committed partners by our side, and it is my pleasure to introduce you to two of them here while recognizing all who have joined our ranks in support of the overall health and well-being of our community.

Meet Bradford S. Dimeo

As the third generation of his family to lead Dimeo Construction Company, Bradford S. Dimeo long ago embraced giving back to his local community with a focus on helping children. He is a founding member of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Advisory Council and, most recently, joined the hospital's *Every Child, Every Day* Campaign Cabinet following a generous leadership gift on behalf of his family and Dimeo Construction Company.

"All of us—family, friends, and colleagues—have had our lives touched in one way or another by the wonderful care Hasbro Children's Hospital provides," says Brad. "There is no question that the hospital's work is vital to the well-being of our community and makes a tremendous impact in the lives of our neighbors."

Understanding the important role a hospital's physical environment plays in the delivery of its compassionate care, the Dimeo gift will support renovations that combine advanced medicine with comforting, healing spaces. Among the projects planned are enhancements to the hospital's emergency department, lobby, patient rooms, and ambulatory clinics.

"We are fortunate to have a hospital of Hasbro Children's caliber here in our state," adds Brad. "This is a world-class medical center full of people who care deeply about the patients and families they treat. We are thankful to do our part and help ensure it continues to be a leader in pediatric care for years to come."



Meet Deanna Donnelly

No matter where life has taken them, Deanna and Scott Donnelly have made it a priority to be active in their community, giving freely of both their time and their philanthropic dollars.

Shortly after the couple moved to Rhode Island a decade ago, Deanna was introduced to Hasbro Children's Hospital and was immediately taken by the hospital's breadth and depth of services. She became an early member of the hospital's Advisory Council, and now serves on its *Every Child, Every Day* Campaign Cabinet. Together, the Donnellys have made a \$100,000 leadership gift to the campaign, with an additional gift being made through the Textron Charitable Trust. Scott is Textron's CEO.



“Hasbro Children's Hospital is such a vital part of our state and region—families come from all over to receive its expert care,” says Deanna. “When you give to Hasbro Children's, you know your support will make a difference. The hospital's care touches so many lives.”

Of the many things Deanna and Scott feel sets Hasbro Children's apart, it is the combination of personalized care and the staff's devotion that particularly stands out.

“The anxiety and fear a child and their family feels when they're at the hospital is unlike any other, and Hasbro Children's does an incredible job taking care of the whole family,” says Scott. “We have one of the top children's hospitals in the country right here, and that should never be taken for granted.”

Adds Deanna, “It's so important for the community to support the hospital. You never know when you or a loved one may need its services, but if you do, there's comfort in knowing that world-class care is close by.”

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

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Commitment to Kids Inspires Planned Gift

Arlene Violet grew up in a home on the corner of Dudley and Plain streets. She remembers walking by Rhode Island Hospital as a young girl, stopping to wave to anyone she'd spot in the windows above.

"This was before Hasbro Children's Hospital was there, but I always considered Rhode Island Hospital my neighbor," she says with a smile. "Waving was my way of letting people know someone was thinking of them and hoping they were doing well that day."

More than five decades later, and having committed her life to helping children, Arlene took her support of the hospital to the next level by making a significant planned gift to Hasbro Children's as part of her estate planning.

Perhaps best known as the country's first female Attorney General when she was elected to Rhode Island's post in 1984, Arlene's path on behalf of children has been a distinguished one.



Arlene Violet

After graduating high school, she entered the Sisters of Mercy to become a nun. Motivated by helping others, Arlene then became a school teacher and later pursued a law career. The impact of her legal work is felt to this day.

As a lawyer for the Rhode Island Protection & Advocacy System, Arlene advocated in court on behalf of developmentally disabled children to ensure their access to education and other services. And once elected Attorney General, she worked closely with the Child Abuse Unit, consulting with physicians on the abuse and neglect cases her office was evaluating. She worked tirelessly to move the children from crisis to safety.

"Hasbro Children's rivals any children's hospital in the country... "

—Arlene Violet

"I've been a public interest lawyer nearly my entire life, and in that work, the law is largely against you," she says. "Everyone I fought for was behind the eight ball. My job was to remove the obstacles that kept people from growing, and nowhere is that more important than for children."

Arlene believes strongly that supporting Hasbro Children's Hospital is an investment in the future of Rhode Island.

"This is a hospital built on compassion, and even if you don't have a child who needs its services, giving back through gifts of time or resources is a chance to reach kids and families who need it during very difficult times," she says. "Hasbro Children's rivals any children's hospital in the country, and I want to help that continue far into the future."

Radiothon Raises More than \$422,000

Over the course of 15 inspirational hours, Hasbro Children's Hospital patients and their families shared stories of hope, strength, and healing during the hospital's fourteenth annual Radiothon on Thursday, April 5.

Across Rhode Island and nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts, a community of listeners inspired by stories of esophageal atresia, cerebral palsy, pediatric cancers, and more came together to raise \$422,431. The funds will support patient care, lifesaving programs, and research. The Radiothon is a partnership between Cumulus Providence Radio Stations (92 PRO-FM, Lite Rock 105, News Talk 630 & 99.7 WPRO, and Hot 106) the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and Hasbro Children's Hospital. The event was broadcast live from Hasbro Children's Hospital, beginning at 6 a.m. and continuing until 9 p.m., with more than 100 volunteers answering the phones to accept donations during the day.

Throughout the event, listeners also followed the Radiothon through its Facebook page, where they were able to "meet" some of the families sharing their stories and view photos in real-time.

Among the sponsors, volunteers, and supporters of the 2018 Hasbro Children's Hospital Radiothon were Alex and Ani Charity by Design; Alexander's Uniforms; Cardi's Furniture; Coventry Lumber; Cox Business; David D. Schuller; Dunkin' Donuts; East Commerce Solutions, Inc.; Finetco; Jordan's Furniture; Lamar; Marshall Building & Remodeling Company; Murray Outdoor Communications; Nathan Clark & Associates; National Guard Association of Rhode Island; Pepsico Foodservice; Providence Auto Body; *Rhode Island Monthly*; Rhode Island Public Transit Authority; Shaw's Foundation; and Walmart. Since its inception, the Radiothon has raised more than \$8 million for Hasbro Children's Hospital.



Cliff and Paige Alston, the 2018-19 CMNH Champion Child



92 PRO-FM's Kim (left) and Gio (right) with the Spielman family





L-R: Evan Van Bree; Talon Hobbs; Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH; Grace Gallonio; and Francois I. Luks, MD, PhD



L-R: Francois I. Luks, MD, PhD; Tracey Wallace; Phyllis A. Dennerly, MD; Grace and Robert Vincent; and Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH

On Saturday, March 3, Hasbro Children’s Hospital welcomed more than 700 guests to the Rhode Island Convention Center for its *Heroes Ball*. Representing the hospital’s largest annual fundraiser, the signature event raised \$970,285 to support patient care, life-saving programs, research, education, and the night’s fund-a-need focus—the transformation of the hospital’s outdoor healing garden and play areas.

The *Heroes Ball* was chaired for the second consecutive year by Robert Vincent, Executive Vice President of Administrative Services and External Relations for IGT, and his wife, Grace. After guests were welcomed into the ballroom by Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr., Chairman of the Lifespan Board of Directors and the Rhode Island Hospital Board of Trustees, they were treated to a performance by Woonsocket native and former contestant on NBC’s *The Voice*, Emily Luther, who sang a rendition of Rachel Platten’s song, *Stand by You*.

Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President of Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children’s Hospital, addressed guests next. On stage, she was joined by eight-year-old Grace Gallonio, a Hasbro Children’s Hospital patient now seven years cancer-free after being treated for a sacrococcygeal teratoma tumor shortly after her first birthday. As guest emcee, Grace

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lit up the room with her wide smile and enthusiasm while speaking to the large crowd.

Following her introduction of a video that captured what transforming the hospital’s outdoor space would mean to patients and families, Dr. Van Bree welcomed her second special guest, eight-year-old Talon Hobbs. At the age of four, Talon was treated at Hasbro Children’s for a Wilms’ tumor. He recalled for the audience how difficult it was to spend all his time inside while missing the fresh air and sunshine. Before leaving the stage, Talon introduced the evening’s auctioneer, Jimmy Tingle, who presented the event’s live auction and fund-a-need blitz in support of the hospital’s healing garden.

After celebrating the night’s fundraising success, guests danced to the sounds of Sugarbabies, Inc., including a special performance of *Soul Man*, with members of hospital leadership jamming with the band.

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Hometown NFL Star Scores Big for Local Kids



Stephen Gostkowski and Sandra Delli-Carpini

It's inspiring when athletes use their celebrity to encourage fans to support a cause that is important to them. In 2010, after being in New England for a few years, NFL kicker Stephen Gostkowski decided it was time to do just that, and Hasbro Children's Hospital became the fortunate beneficiary.

Each football season since, Stephen has matched donations to the hospital, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$15,000 a year, as part of a time-limited fundraising challenge he pioneered called *Kick 4 Kids*.

"It's nice to be able to help and inspire others to give," says Stephen, who also visits patients in the hospital when he can. "I wanted to not only donate my time, but to also put my money where my mouth is."

With three young children of their own, Stephen and his wife Hallie are thankful they haven't needed the hospital's services yet, but if they do, "Hasbro Children's is where we would take them."

In 2016, Seasons Corner Market partnered with *Kick 4 Kids* as its sponsor. With locations across the region, Seasons Corner Market collects donations from customers throughout the duration of each challenge. They also help to spread awareness of the giving campaign with special videos featuring Stephen that air in their stores and at their gas pumps.

Sandra Delli-Carpini, Director of Marketing for Eastside Enterprises, the parent company of Seasons Corner Market, says, "The company was started by my father and he always loved helping children. My husband Andy and I now run Seasons and whenever we see a need and a way we can help, we do. Giving back to the community and children is our passion."

Since 2010, *Kick 4 Kids* has raised more than \$220,000 for Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"It's cool to know that my involvement with the hospital makes a meaningful difference," says Stephen. "I think I probably get more out of it than the patients do. If I have a bad or losing game, it pales in comparison with what these kids go through. It's a gut check, and also extremely rewarding."