GROUNDBREAKING

As we prepare to break ground in the spring of 2008 to build our new state-of-the-art children’s hospital, we celebrate a year of innovative and progressive work in all aspects of our mission. With cutting-edge treatments, novel research, superior medical education, powerful advocacy and dedicated community outreach, we offer exciting possibilities beyond. We especially honor our donors, whose endorsement of our vision for the future of pediatric medicine is truly groundbreaking.
Our vision for a world-class children’s hospital on the campus of Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine is rapidly becoming reality. We have completed program plans and schematic designs, and have worked hard in collaboration with our new neighbors in Streeterville in anticipation of breaking ground this spring to begin construction of our new hospital.

We have been extremely fortunate this past year to receive extraordinary support from Chicago philanthropist Ann Lurie, whose $100 million gift will propel us forward in realizing plans to transform children’s health care. In recognition of Ms. Lurie’s dedication to our cause, when our new hospital opens in 2012, it will be named Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.

Meanwhile, we also have been busy providing innovative care and launching important projects to ensure that the children we serve now benefit from our unique expertise. We are proud of last year’s accomplishments and look forward to the exciting changes ahead.

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ANN & ROBERT H. LURIE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO

Named in honor of Ann Lurie’s exceptional charitable investment, the new hospital at 215 E. Chicago Avenue will be 22 stories high with a total building area of 1.25 million square feet. It will offer 288 licensed inpatient beds — 156 pediatric beds including 12 beds for clinical research and epilepsy monitoring, 120 intensive care beds, and 12 acute mental illness beds.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SKY LOBBY

On the 11th and 12th floors of the new hospital will be a two-story Sky Lobby with a food court, chapel, Family Learning Center, and a Family Life Center that will have playrooms, computer access, televisions and comfortable places for families to relax.

PRIVATE PATIENT ROOMS

The new hospital will offer private, family-friendly rooms that are 280 square feet each, compared to 125 square feet per bed for semi-private rooms today. Increased space will provide a sleeping area for families and allow for more medical equipment at the bedside. Nursing alcoves will permit nurses to closely monitor patients. With all private rooms, the new hospital will increase capacity by 30 percent, able to admit over 3,000 more children a year.

MORE INTENSIVE CARE BEDS

With 60 beds for the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and 60 beds for the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), the new hospital will have 19 more intensive care beds than the current Children’s Memorial. Beds also will be dedicated for the new Regenstein comprehensive cardiac unit, which will enable PICU and NICU patients to receive care from physicians and nurses specifically experienced in cardiology while remaining in the same room from admission to discharge.

EVERYBODY HAD A HAND IN IT

Over 700 staff, nurses, physicians, parents and patients were involved in extensive program planning, schematic and design user groups, working with architects to finalize details for the new state-of-the-art children’s hospital. User group members represented input from all areas of the hospital.

EXPANDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

The new hospital’s emergency department (ED) will have 40 exam rooms — 14 more than the current facility. Many ED rooms will have specialized capabilities for isolation needs and care in areas like psychiatry and gynecology. The new ED will include four nursing triage rooms and three trauma rooms, with each trauma room able to accommodate two patients.

NEW CHIEF OF NEW HOSPITAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Bruce Komiske, who brings international expertise in executing major new hospital projects, joined Children’s Memorial to lead the design planning process and direct the construction of the new facility.

120 INTENSIVE CARE BEDS
40 EMERGENCY EXAM ROOMS
100 BEST LIST FOR WORKING MOTHERS

NEW CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Thomas P. Green, MD, head of the Department of Medicine at Children’s Memorial Hospital, has been appointed chief academic officer. Green chairs the Department of Pediatrics, the second largest department at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, and is responsible for its pediatric residency training program housed at Children’s Memorial. Green is the Founders’ Board Centennial Professor in Pediatrics.

NEW CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER
In this new role, Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD, president and scientific director of Children’s Memorial Research Center, assumed authority over coordination, administration and evaluation of the research programs and the associated financial resources on behalf of the medical center and its subsidiaries. Hendrix is the Medical Research Institute Council Professor.

NEW CHIEF AMBULATORY SERVICES AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT
Monica Heenan, BS, MPA, was appointed to this newly created position to facilitate realization of the electronic medical record (EMR) project, organizational integration of the hospital and Pediatric Faculty Foundation, and enhancement of systems for physician and patient access to services. Heenan also oversees academic services in Pediatrics and Surgery.

NEW CHIEF MEDICAL INFORMATION OFFICER
Michael Kelleher, MD, attending physician in the Division of Pediatric Critical Care, became the first chief medical information officer for Children’s Memorial Hospital. He represents physician input in the EMR implementation and the overall information management strategy. He chairs the Physician Advisory Committee for EMR and serves on the hospital’s Clinical Data Standards Committee.

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD PROGRESS
Significant progress was made in 2007 in implementing EMR, a multiyear project to improve patient safety and coordination of care. In June, the first phase of inpatient EMR went live, with systems activated for pharmacy, inpatient order entry by non-physicians, surgical scheduling, radiology, hospital billing, emergency department and medical records. This was the culmination of months of preparation, which included extensive design sessions, testing, and training of 2,000 nurses and clerical staff. Also, 70 percent of outpatient service areas started using EMR as of the end of calendar year 2007.

SELECTED AS TOP HOSPITAL BY NURSES
Children’s Memorial was selected as one of the top hospitals by hundreds of registered nurses voting in the Advance for Nurses magazine’s survey for the greater Chicago and metropolitan areas of Wisconsin and Indiana. The magazine provided a list of 274 hospitals in the region, asking nurses to score hospitals based on five categories — quality of care, organizational culture, professional development, communication and retention efforts. Receiving top scores in all five categories earned Children’s Memorial a spot on the Reader’s Choice Honor Roll.

NAMED IN 100 BEST LIST FOR WORKING MOTHERS
For the third year in a row, the hospital was selected for the Working Mother 100 Best list based on an extensive application of 575 questions evaluating workforce profile, compensation, child care, flexibility, time off and leaves, family-friendly programs and company culture.
Children’s Memorial is on its way to becoming the regional referral center for neonatal minimally invasive surgery, which uses small incisions to correct congenital anomalies of the chest and abdomen in newborns as tiny as four pounds. For babies born with a malformed lung, a hole in the diaphragm, or other anomalies, this means less pain, minimal scarring and faster recovery. In 2007, the hospital opened two state-of-the-art minimally invasive surgery suites and recruited pediatric surgeons Katherine Barsness, MD, Anthony Chin, MD, and David Rothstein, MD, who are specially trained in advanced minimally invasive techniques. Through affiliation with Northwestern Center for Advanced Surgical Education at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, Children’s Memorial also will become a key training center in pediatric minimally invasive surgery. Barsness, Chin and Rothstein also plan to conduct clinical research; pushing the frontier by developing new techniques in minimally invasive surgery — a field that is expected to overtake all aspects of pediatric surgery in the coming years. All surgical suites at the new hospital will be equipped for advanced minimally invasive surgery.
new methods lead to quicker recovery from neonatal respiratory failure

Genetic therapy for genetic disorders

Pediatric hospitalists developing safer approaches

At the forefront of pediatric dermatology

Bilateral cochlear implant surgery
IMPROVING CARE OF CHILDREN WITH NON-EPILEPTIC SEIZURES
Sigita Plioplys, MD, presented cutting-edge research at the 54th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Her study revealed that identifying and treating psychiatric disorders, such as depression or panic attacks, is associated with better long-term outcome of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures. Her findings will significantly improve care of these children, who often are undiagnosed for years and receive unnecessary and potentially harmful treatment with antiepileptic drugs.

INNOVATIVE DEVICE FOR EMERGENCY VASCULAR ACCESS
The emergency department started using a new drill device (EZ-IO®) for lifesaving emergency vascular access through the bone to help resuscitate children. Critical to children who need immediate intravenous medication and fluids to survive, the device allows vascular access within seconds and with minimal trauma in cases when conventional access through the vein is impossible. This technology is much faster and easier than the manual means of insertion inside the bone for vascular access. Only recently it became available for use in children.

MUSIC THERAPY
Paige’s Music Program was launched in 2007, with two music therapists offering personalized interventions for patients in the hematology/oncology unit, the pediatric and neonatal intensive care units, and other areas throughout the hospital. Music therapy can be used to reduce pain perception, reduce anxiety, promote coping skills and enhance self-esteem. Georgia, Harry, Demetri and Annie Katsavelos provided essential seed funding for this program, in memory of their daughter and sister Paige.

PERSONALIZED MUSIC THERAPY TO HELP REDUCE PAIN
LATEST CT SCANNER TECHNOLOGY
In 2007, Children’s Memorial became the only freestanding pediatric hospital in Illinois to offer the new 64-slice computed tomography (CT) scanner that creates high resolution images of any part of a patient’s body in a matter of seconds. It can create 192 images of the heart per second, so three-dimensional images of a patient’s heart can be captured in real-time. These advances can improve diagnostics, help avoid the need for sedation, and reduce the patient’s radiation dose by up to 68 percent without compromising image quality.

ARRHYTHMIA EXPERT HEADS PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY
Barbara Deal, MD, was appointed division head of Pediatric Cardiology. An expert in childhood arrhythmias, she was the head of the electrophysiology program at Children’s Memorial since 1990. The arrhythmia surgery program at Children’s Memorial Hospital is unique and receives referrals from around the world. Deal is the Marvin E. Wodika Research Professor of Cardiology.

IMAGING ADVANCES: LESS RADIATION, BETTER DIAGNOSTICS

UNIQUE EXPERTISE IN CONGENITAL IMMUNE DEFICIENCIES
Ramsay Fuleihan, MD, joined Children’s Memorial in 2007 as the director of the Primary Immunodeficiency Clinical Services in the Allergy and Immunology division. He brings to Chicago a unique expertise in congenital immune deficiencies, which includes treatment of multiple infections or recurrent infections that do not respond to usual care.

COMPLEX HIP SURGERY IN ADOLESCENTS
Joseph Janicki, MD, is the newest addition to the Orthopaedic Surgery division. His expertise in complex hip reconstruction surgery in adolescents allows Children’s Memorial to address a previously unmet clinical need in the greater Chicago area.

ONCOLOGY NURSES MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Nominated by a grateful patient family, six Children’s Memorial oncology nurses were honored on The Oprah Winfrey Show in May. Kelly Finerty, RN, Maureen Haugen, CPRN; Jeni Hudek, LPN, Stephanie O’Brien, RN, Katie O’Connell, RN, and Lauren Speelman, RN, were featured in a segment that recognized people who have made a great difference in the lives of others.
XIAOBIN WANG, MD, MPH, ScD
Child Health Researcher

ALEXANDRA BRADLEY
Food Allergy Study Participant
Insights from groundbreaking food allergy research led by Xiaobin Wang, MD, MPH, ScD, will be critical to the growing numbers of children like 2-year-old Alexandra Bradley, who is severely allergic to milk, nuts, beans, eggs, fish, and even has to avoid foods like chicken and turkey that are less common allergens. Alexandra and other children participating in the ongoing clinical study on food allergies at Children’s Memorial Hospital are providing Wang with the information she needs to start the first genome-wide association study of food allergies. Wang also will apply a cutting-edge proteomic technique to identify important proteins involved in the development of food allergies. Results will pinpoint genetic variants of food allergies and develop a panel of biomarkers that will help to predict, diagnose and treat these allergies. This new study is supported by The Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust. Wang’s research also is funded by the Food Allergy Project, Inc., established by Denise and David Bunning, and the Sacks Family Foundation. She is the Mary Ann & J. Milburn Smith Research Professor and director of the Smith Child Health Research Program at Children’s Memorial Research Center.
SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY RESEARCH
Christine DiDonato, PhD, received funding from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, as well as the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, to study aspects of spinal muscular atrophy and to create new animal models to research this and related diseases. Her research also is funded by the Medical Research Junior Board Foundation.

REVERSING EFFECTS OF SEIZURES
Through laboratory studies, Sookyong Koh, MD, PhD, has been able to demonstrate the ways in which social isolation contributes to the cognitive and psychological consequences of epilepsy, and how an enriched environment reverses the damaging effects of seizures. Through this research, 12 genes that are impacted by seizures and affected by environmental enrichment were identified. Koh’s research is funded in part by The Davee Foundation.

REBUILDING A HEART
Hans-Georg Simon, PhD, received a grant from Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust to study the inherent regenerative abilities of newts and zebrafish. Ultimately his research could lead to improved treatments for children who have suffered a heart attack, lost a limb, or had a debilitating injury. Simon also is funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for research into cardiac birth defects. This past year he became director of the Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Training Program at Children’s Memorial Research Center.

MAJOR CHILD HEALTH STUDY
Children’s Memorial physician Jane L. Holt, MD, MPH, is the principal investigator of a $32 million, seven-year contract from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to launch the Chicago portion of the largest study of child health ever conducted in the U.S. By tracking influences on children’s health from before birth to age 21, researchers ultimately hope to prevent and treat conditions such as autism, birth defects, diabetes, heart disease and obesity. The National Children’s Study—Greater Chicago Study Center is based at Northwestern University and includes collaborators at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, and the National Opinion Research Center.

INCREASED RESEARCH FUNDING
With a total of $28.5 million in awards, fiscal year 2007 was the most successful in Children’s Memorial Research Center’s history. The record-breaking total includes $18.4 million in awards from the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies — up more than 30 percent from the prior year.
COMMITTED CLINICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT
The research center made a $2.5 million annual commitment to ensure an excellent infrastructure for clinical and translational research critical to Children’s Memorial’s mission.

NEW DIRECTORS
Ram Yogev, MD, became deputy director for Research–Clinical Sciences. He is the Susan B. DePree Founders’ Board Professor of Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal HIV Infection, and leads the Program in Clinical and Translational Research. Vasil Galat, PhD, an expert in laboratory research on human embryonic stem cells, joined the research center as the director of the Stem Cell Core Facility.

REPROGRAMMING CANCER CELLS
Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD, president and scientific director of the research center, has received a five-year, $1.7 million grant from the National Cancer Institute. Her lab is studying how the activity of human metastatic melanoma cells can be altered by growing them in the presence of factors released by normal embryonic stem cells. In previous studies, Hendrix and co-workers found that these cancer cells become similar to embryonic stem cells. With this research, she expects to gain new insights into the ways melanoma cells change when in an embryonic microenvironment—which could lead to novel treatments for this devastating cancer. Hendrix is the Medical Research Institute Council Professor.

GENE INCREASES CEREBRAL PALSY RISK
Research led by Mark S. Wainwright, MD, PhD, found that a gene associated with heightened risk for Alzheimer’s disease also increases the likelihood that brain-injured newborns will develop cerebral palsy. This is the first identification of a gene connected to cerebral palsy susceptibility and may enable children at risk to be targeted for early therapeutic intervention. Wainwright’s research is funded in part by The Davee Foundation.

MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO CLINICAL RESEARCH
First-year pediatric resident Michael Pitt, MD, was present when baby Paul was born at Prentice Women’s Hospital. Pitt now treats at Children’s Memorial’s primary care clinic some of the babies who were delivered during his rotation at Prentice, and considers these opportunities for continuity of care as some of his most meaningful learning experiences. He often gains his patients’ trust and admiration by performing magic tricks, making sick kids believe that anything is possible. To Pitt, this is the perfect way to establish his credentials with children. Parents will be impressed by his medical school diploma from Johns Hopkins and residency at Children’s Memorial – one of the most sought after programs in the country and affiliated with the Department of Pediatrics of Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. The residency program’s collaboration with Prentice will become even stronger once the new hospital opens next door in 2012.
RECRUITING THE BEST RESIDENTS
In the past year, Children’s Memorial received over 700 applications, nearly a third of all pediatric residency applications to 199 programs throughout the country. The hospital interviewed 250 candidates for 31 first-year pediatric residency positions. Currently, residents in Pediatrics, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Dentistry and Neurology total 111, plus three chief residents.

GROWTH IN PEDIATRIC SPECIALTY FELLOWSHIP
Today, 74 pediatric fellows are training at Children’s Memorial in 17 specialty programs. The number of pediatric specialty fellows more than doubled in the past eight years, making it the largest area of growth in the hospital’s training programs. The primary goal of most of these programs is educating new clinicians for careers as physician-scientists. Their professional growth is supported through 24 endowed fellowships, funded by generous philanthropists.

KIDSTAR SIMULATION LAB
The new simulation lab provides a realistic learning environment for residents and multidisciplinary teams, helping to prepare clinicians for managing high-risk patient care events. Using lifelike mannequins, the simulation lab can be modified to represent various settings, such as an intensive care unit, emergency department or an inpatient room. Development of a simulation-based pediatric emergency medicine curriculum, a three-year program funded by the federal Emergency Medical Services for Children, is under way. Posy and John Krehbiel provided critical support for the simulation lab.

LEADERS IN NURSING EDUCATION
Children’s Memorial nurses Lynn Heald, RN, MSN, CPNP, and Brynn Dechert-Crooks, RN, MSN, CPNP, have been appointed co-chairs of the Education Committee for the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. The hospital’s nurses also serve on numerous editorial boards and review panels of scientific journals.

QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY EDUCATION
Members of the Joint Commission International, an organization that helps to improve the quality of care in many nations, visited Children’s Memorial for educational sessions during their Advanced Practicum for Quality Improvement, Accreditation and Patient Safety. Quality improvement projects are also an important part of the residency program.
NEURO-ONCOLOGY FELLOW BRINGS UNIQUE EXPERTISE BACK TO PUERTO RICO
After completing her fellowship at Children’s Memorial this past year, Maria Echevarria, MD, returned to Puerto Rico as its first and only neuro-oncologist. She brought back invaluable experience with innovative treatments for brain tumors in children. The neuro-oncology fellowship was funded by the Gus Foundation.

EXCHANGING EDUCATIONAL IDEAS WITH TANZANIAN DIGNITARIES
Children’s Memorial Hospital pediatric residents had a unique opportunity to host a delegation from Tanzania. These visitors, who are based at the Bugando Medical Center, came to exchange educational ideas and gain perspective on the patient care environment in which the residents practice. This event will facilitate resident rotation in Tanzania.

RESIDENTS IMPROVING QUALITY IN CONTINUITY CLINIC
As a new educational activity introduced into the residency program, pediatric residents develop a year-long quality improvement project for one aspect of care delivered to their continuity clinic patient population. Results of the first year of this activity were presented at a recent poster session held at Children’s Memorial Hospital.

CHILD PSYCHIATRY FELLOW NAMED A PRITE™ FELLOW BY AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRY
Jeremy Kaplan, MD, child psychiatry fellow at Children’s Memorial, will serve on the editorial board for the annual Psychiatry Resident-In-Training Examination (PRITE), designed as an educational resource for psychiatric residents and training programs.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS DAY
The third annual Research Scholars Day featured 94 posters by laboratory technicians, graduate students, postdoctoral research fellows and clinical fellows from Children’s Memorial Hospital. J. Larry Jameson, MD, PhD, dean of Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, delivered the keynote lecture, “Translating Genetic Medicine into Clinical Practice.”
To college freshman Tzuri Frankenthal, who has cerebral palsy, transition to adulthood means learning to balance all aspects of his life more independently. He practices yoga and works with Sue Mukherjee, MD, a physiatrist at Children’s Memorial and Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC), on transitioning from pediatric to adult systems of care, in which patients assume more responsibility in their treatment and integration into community living. As more medically vulnerable children survive into adulthood, addressing their unique challenges is becoming an important part of Children’s Memorial’s advocacy mission. With funding from The Children’s Service Board and the Office of Child Advocacy, among others, the hospital launched the Epilepsy Transition Clinic and the Spina Bifida Transition Clinic in 2007. Ultimately these new models of transition care will become a systemic hospital program for all specialties treating chronically ill children. Young people like Tzuri also will greatly benefit from closer relationships that will be forged with the adult teams at RIC and Northwestern Memorial Hospital after Children’s Memorial’s move to Streeterville.
PROMOTING SAFETY AT HOME AND AT PLAY

CHILD SAFETY
Two new playgrounds were built in 2007 in the Logan Square and Little Village communities with funding from the Kohl’s Cares for Kids Safety Network. Also thanks to Kohl’s, Children’s Memorial is distributing a variety of home safety products to Chicago families. Training in home safety has been conducted in collaboration with the Chicago Department of Public Health to assess for risks, such as lead poisoning, window falls and other in-home dangers to children.

KNEE INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM EXPANSION
Last school year, Children’s Memorial’s Knee Injury Prevention Program (KIPP) trained 50 high school soccer and basketball coaches of female athletes at the Chicago Public Schools. KIPP is targeting an additional 50 high school coaches for training in the 2007/08 school year.

HIV/AIDS LEGISLATION
As an outcome of federal advocacy supported by Children’s Memorial, revised HIV guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been integrated into new Illinois legislation. One law passed in 2007 requires routine HIV testing for all persons 13–64 years of age, with right of refusal. The other legislation requires routine prenatal HIV testing among all pregnant women, also with right of refusal. Illinois is now positioned as the national leader with the most comprehensive HIV testing and prevention public policies.

CHILD HEALTH DATA LAB
The Office of Child Advocacy has augmented funding from the Chicago Department of Public Health to support the hospital’s Child Health Data Lab collaboration in a pilot project of the Illinois Health Survey in Chicago. The project will capture local data from parents of children under 13, as well as data directly from older adolescents, to assess indicators of child and family well-being. The Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation contributed to this project, intended to expand into a statewide survey.

STEM CELL RESEARCH LAW
Children’s Memorial, under the leadership of Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD, president and scientific director of the research center, strongly supported passage of an Illinois law that permits all forms of stem cell research, as well as prohibiting cloning of human beings and sale of tissue for research. This new law strengthens Children’s Memorial’s ability to attract researchers from across the country and throughout the world.
FOCUS ON READING AND HEALTH LITERACY

READING INITIATIVE
A unique initiative called Reading Cycle was created by high school students enrolled in the Summer Youth Mentoring and Promotion of Literacy (SYMPL) program run by Uptown Community Health Center, the primary care facility staffed by Children’s Memorial. This project uses neighborhood Laundromats as sites to promote reading while parents and children wait to finish their laundry. Students in SYMPL recruit volunteer literacy tutors among other high school students who need to fulfill community service requirements.

DEVELOPMENTAL LITERACY AND HEALTH LITERACY INITIATIVE
The hospital’s comprehensive developmental literacy and health literacy program was recently created to address literacy issues from infancy to adulthood. The program focuses on early literacy promotion, youth mentoring, and adult health literacy.

CHILD INJURY PREVENTION HONORS
Children’s Memorial’s Robert Tanz, MD, and Elizabeth Powell, MD, MPH, were honored by Kids in Danger (KID) with the 2007 KID Best Friend Award, for their work on childhood injury prevention. Their research and advocacy have highlighted the problem of product and activity-related childhood injuries, especially among the youngest children. KID is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving children’s product safety.

SAFE KIDS CHICAGO

CHILD MALTREATMENT AWARENESS
The hospital’s Protective Services Team and Office of Child Advocacy have been participating on the City Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention that includes all City of Chicago commissions. As an outcome, a new Children’s Memorial Web page on child maltreatment awareness intended for multiple professional audiences was developed. The Web page will be used as a training tool for 45,000 City of Chicago employees in addition to Chicago Public Schools personnel.
Through healthier eating habits and more physical activity, 4-year-old Stephanie Giron is now close to the ideal weight for her height. At 18 months she weighed 60 pounds and was at high risk for serious consequences of childhood obesity, ranging from diabetes to cardiovascular disease. Stephanie and her family continue to work with the clinicians at Children’s Memorial’s Nutrition Evaluation Clinic to ensure that her steady progress stays on track. To address child obesity in underserved Chicago neighborhoods where the problem is particularly severe, Children’s Memorial’s specialist Adolfo Ariza, MD, is leading an office-based obesity prevention and intervention program at eight inner-city pediatric practices. This project is sponsored by the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC), housed at Children’s Memorial Research Center. The nationally recognized consortium brings together hundreds of researchers, community organizations, public health advocates and clinicians in efforts to confront childhood obesity and create lasting change.
In 2007, Children’s Memorial Hospital absorbed $39.9 million in costs associated with unreimbursed services to children on Medicaid. In addition, Children’s Memorial physicians provided over $21 million in costs of services that were not reimbursed by Medicaid. More than 64 percent of inpatients and over 42 percent of outpatients were on Medicaid in the past year.

Services to Children on Medicaid

To secure federal funding that enables children’s hospitals to train future pediatricians and pediatric specialists, Children’s Memorial successfully executed a campaign for Congress to reauthorize the children’s hospitals graduate medical education (CHGME) program for fiscal years 2007–11. The current law authorizes appropriation of $330 million annually, which resulted in $9.1 million for the program at Children’s Memorial Hospital in the past year.

Charity Care and Community Benefit

In 2007, Children’s Memorial provided $74.4 million in community benefit, including $3 million for charity care. Other community benefit expenditures involve costs of unreimbursed Medicaid care, research operations, expenses for residents and fellows, child advocacy programs, housing for families of children receiving organ transplants and all family support services, including social work and interpretation services.

Funding for Pediatric Mental Health Care

The Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation provided funding to add a mental health team and services at the Uptown Community Health Center, which will benefit underserved children.

Dedication to Emergency Care and Injury Prevention

Susan Fuchs, MD, received the Ron W. Lee, MD–Excellence in Pediatric Care Award for Clinical Excellence. This award is among the pediatric care awards given annually by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children program to recognize individuals dedicated to pediatric emergency care and childhood injury prevention initiatives.

Hospital and Physicians provided $60.9 million in unreimbursed costs of services to children on Medicaid.
STATE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL INSURANCE PROGRAM
Founders’ Board President Leslie Newman and member Lauren Gorter participated in the National Association of Children’s Hospitals VIP Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. Gorter and Newman met with members of the Illinois congressional delegation on Capitol Hill about funding for the State Children’s Hospital Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the children’s hospitals graduate medical education program. Also, Children’s Memorial’s pediatric residents initiated and organized an informational session and rally to support reauthorization and expansion of SCHIP, the federal program that covers uninsured children who do not qualify for Medicaid.

NEWBORN SCREENING EXPANSION
Under the leadership of Barbara Burton, MD, Children’s Memorial helped pass legislation in 2007 that expands the state’s newborn screening program to include testing for five lysosomal storage disorders called Krabbe, Pompe, Gaucher, Fabry and Niemann-Pick. With more effective therapies becoming available for these inherited metabolic disorders, newborn screening will allow early intervention to prevent debilitating symptoms.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AMINO ACID-BASED FORMULAS
Led by Jacqueline Pongracic, MD, division head for Allergy and Immunology, Children’s Memorial helped pass a law that requires insurance coverage for amino acid-based oral formulas for home use when medically necessary. These formulas often are essential to children with multiple food allergies.

ADDRESSING SPANISH-SPEAKING FAMILIES
Many sections of the hospital Web site, particularly the ones aimed at patients and families, were translated into Spanish. Nearly one-third of Children’s Memorial patients and families speak Spanish as their primary language.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
2007 was deemed “The Year of the Child” in Lincoln Park by the Community-Wide Forum, comprised of volunteers from local community organizations, businesses, schools and institutions. Children’s Memorial oversaw the Forum’s development of four family-friendly events at local grade schools — celebrating the environment, healthy living, the arts and athletics — intended to increase community involvement and highlight opportunities for children in Lincoln Park.

HELPING THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND LINKS IN ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH
Sara Ahlgren, PhD, of the Developmental Biology Program at Children’s Memorial Research Centers, is one of 10 outstanding scientists chosen as the first Science Communication Fellows sponsored by the nonprofit organization Environmental Health Sciences. The one-year appointment is intended to promote public understanding of links between environmental factors and human health. Ahlgren studies the interaction between genes and environment, especially how toxic substances alter genetic pathways leading to birth defects.
With her $100 million gift, Ann Lurie is spearheading a philanthropic effort to create a world-class hospital in Chicago that will advance pediatric medicine and science for generations. Her generous contribution is the largest in Children’s Memorial’s 125-year history, the largest to a children’s hospital in the nation by an individual and an inspiring endorsement of the hospital’s vision and mission. The new Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago will figure prominently among the many significant causes Ann Lurie funds throughout the world, ranging from research at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University to health care initiatives in Africa. Her previous support for Children’s Memorial includes a $1.3 million gift to fund the Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS research. She also endowed a chair in Cancer Cell Biology. In October 2007, she supported a medical mission to Nepal, where a team from Children’s Memorial performed corrective surgery on children with extra hepatic hypertension.
In the fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, almost 55,000 donors gave a record-breaking total of $166.2 million. This total marks a 92 percent increase in dollars raised in fiscal year 2006, which was 54 percent more than the previous year’s achievement. During the last two fiscal years, more than a quarter billion dollars in philanthropic funds have been contributed to Children’s Memorial.

An outcome of a long-range planning process, the Woman’s Board of Children’s Memorial changed its name to the Founders’ Board to reflect its leadership legacy, which dates back to the hospital’s founding. The Founders’ Board raised $7.5 million in fiscal year 2007, including more than $1 million from the Pro Amateur Golf Championship, to fund an array of hospital programs and services, as well an endowed professorship for Ram Yogev, MD.

Children’s Memorial achieved a new institutional record for Children’s Circle of Care (CCC) membership with 425 individuals and family foundations joining or renewing last year. These members, who give $10,000 or more annually, contributed nearly $29 million for the hospital in calendar year 2006. CCC is a coalition of leading benefactors to 23 preeminent children’s hospitals across North America, including Children’s Memorial.

The principal benefactor of research at Children’s Memorial, the Medical Research Institute Council (MRIC), raised $3.4 million in the fiscal year 2007. These funds are designated to support the Rachelle and Mark Gordon Endowed Professorship in Cancer Biology and Epigenomics; investigators in the Human Molecular Genetics Program; expansion of the Experimental Therapeutics Program; kidney disease research and other pediatric research programs that will improve the health of children.

The Children’s Service Board hosted the 51st Annual Gold Coast Fashion Award Show, which raised $480,000 for the Office of Child Advocacy at Children’s Memorial. The group also raised $50,000 to benefit Bridges, the hospital’s palliative care program.

Through philanthropic support, three long-time faculty members from the Division of Infectious Diseases were invested with endowed positions: Division Chief Stanford T. Shulman, MD, as the Virginia H. Rogers Professor in Infectious Diseases; Ellen G. Chadwick, MD, as the Irene Heinz Given and John LaPorte Given Chair in Pediatrics; and Ram Yogev, MD, as the Susan B. DePree Founders’ Board Professor in Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal HIV Infection.

Pamela Kelly Hull committed to fund a full three-year fellowship in the Division of Endocrinology. A long-standing member of the Founders’ Board, whose family has supported Children’s Memorial for decades, Hull established The Tony Fellowship to honor her grandson’s courage in facing life with diabetes. Philanthropic support for fellowships allows Children’s Memorial to recruit and train the next generation of pediatric specialists.

$166.2 MILLION RAISED
CORPORATE GIVING
Contributions from businesses and corporations, including Children’s Miracle Network sponsors, totaled $247 million. Gifts from Burger King, Tellabs Foundation and Kraft Foods, among others, provided instrumental support for hospital and community-based programs that improve the health and well-being of children and families.

GIFTS FROM PRIVATE AND FAMILY FOUNDATIONS
Gifts from foundations totaled more than $26 million, including a $10 million commitment from the Regenstein Foundation and a $5 million pledge from the McCormick Tribune Foundation in support of the new hospital. The Davee Foundation also pledged $5 million to support the NeuroCritical Care Program.

A MILLION MIRACLES
The Million Miracles Campaign, led by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., raised more than $13 million for Children’s Memorial through associate-led fundraising efforts, including store events and Children’s Miracle Network balloon sales. Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club stores in the Chicago area raised more funds than any other region in the U.S.

THE MIX RADIOTHON
The eighth annual Eric & Kathy’s 36-hour Radiothon was a resounding success, raising $1.8 million for the hospital. Since its inception eight years ago, the radiothon brought the total amount raised to approximately $12 million. Competing interviews with patient families and Children’s Memorial staff inspired more than 7,300 listeners of 101.9FM THE MIX/WTMX to help fund the hospital’s areas of greatest need.

LA QUE BUENA RADIOTHON
The second annual The Children of Today, The Hope for Tomorrow La Que Buena 105.1FM Radiothon with Spanish language radio partner WOJO raised more than $1 million for the hospital, nearly doubling the total raised in 2006. The 80-hour radiothon, featuring popular disc jockey Rafael “El Pistolero” Pulido, engaged more than 10,000 onsite supporters and 350,000 listeners.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS
Affiliated Organizations hosted more than 300 events to raise almost $7 million for Children’s Memorial. After 12 years of leading the Gus Foundation, Eleanor and Michael Evangelides transferred leadership of the organization they founded in memory of their son to the Young Associates Board, which will carry on its mission of raising funds for pediatric brain tumor research. The Young Associates Board’s 5K Run for Gus raised $120,000 for the cause.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
This new program is galvanizing the fundraising efforts of more than 100 groups, including patient families, community organizations, churches and schools, among others. In fiscal year 2007, Circle of Friends collectively raised more than $3 million for Children’s Memorial through 150 events, from bake sales to black tie galas. Gifts for the new hospital from GMAC/GM Dealers and the Paige Nicole White Pediatric Cancer Foundation were highlights of 2007.
This has been an unprecedented year of philanthropy for Children’s Memorial Hospital. The numbers say it all: almost 55,000 donors gave a record-breaking total of more than $166.2 million. Beyond the numbers, however, is the renewed commitment of our donors and friends to ensure the improved health and well-being of our children. The impetus of our new hospital project has been, and will continue to be, inspirational!

Ann Lurie’s transformational gift, and those of many other prominent Chicago philanthropists whose gifts will be announced in 2008, are proving to be a clarion call for others to join this most worthy institution in an endeavor that will forever improve the health of generations of children.

Philanthropy will continue to propel the groundbreaking work of our physicians, nurses, scientists and staff for the benefit of the children of Chicago and beyond. With your help, true progress continues to be made. Thank you.

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