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BEACON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Your Gifts at Work

The new Beacon Children's Hospital has served more than 6,500 kids since its opening in May, 2017.

More Pediatric Specialists

New Pediatric Neurosurgery and Pediatric Endocrinology Programs have been launched – keeping even more kids at home to get their care!

Increased Patient Satisfaction

Scoring 4.75 out of 5! It's a home away from home for those who need it most.

Improved Infection Control

All private rooms have contributed to the lowest rate since 2013. Kids are getting better faster.

Decreased Length of Stay

Since 2017, the average length of stay for our premature babies is down by 2.3 days per patient. Families are going home sooner.

Your support for Beacon Children's Hospital is helping us to achieve our ultimate goal. We are keeping kids and families close to home to receive care. Thank you for the difference that you are making in the lives of so many.

Today, we are proud to offer the following areas of specialty care to pediatric patients throughout Beacon:

Anesthesiology (COMING SOON!)
Behavioral & Developmental Pediatrics
Cardiology
Children's Therapy
Critical Care
Dentistry
Dietician
Diabetes Education
Endocrinology (NEW!)
Gastroenterology
Hematology-Oncology
Infectious Disease
Neonatology
Neurology
Neurosurgery (NEW!)
Pediatric Hospitalists
Pediatric Intensivists
Psychology
Pulmonology
Sleep Medicine

Dr. Daniel Fulkerson

Dr. Daniel Fulkerson came to Beacon Children's Hospital for a simple reason: to help kids.

Dr. Fulkerson grew up in Warsaw, Indiana. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame's Engineering Program, and then attended Indiana University School of Medicine. While there, he became fascinated with neurology. "The brain is just a lot more interesting than the colon," he says.

He served as an emergency physician in the U.S. Air Force, and then practiced medicine in Indianapolis. Dr. Fulkerson decided to come to South Bend to pioneer a neurosurgery program. When children get sick, care should be close and available for them. "The need is here," he says.

Dr. Fulkerson is one of only four pediatric neurosurgeons in the state of Indiana, and is the only one outside Indianapolis. This program would not have been possible without your support.





Transforming Care for Newborns and Their Families

Eat, Sleep and Console is a new concept in Newborn Intensive Care Units. This program is for babies born addicted to drugs. In the past, the most effective way to wean an infant was to give them medication. This program offers an alternative.

Parents become partners with the health care team. They are asked to commit the majority of their time to be with their baby. Holding, feeding and consoling babies is critical to self-weaning.

Babies will likely experience signs of withdrawal. However, if they can eat on demand, sleep and be consoled through these difficult times, the use of medications is drastically reduced. And, often, they go home sooner.

Parents are not always available, though. Generous volunteers have stepped up and come in at all times, day or night, to help care for these babies.

The Art of Healing

Your support for Art Therapy at Beacon Children's is so impactful. Thank you for giving children a creative outlet for emotional self-expression. You help to make a difficult circumstance as positive as possible.

On March 17th, our Pediatric Hematology Oncology patients hosted an Art Show. Below are a few of the inspiring pieces that were on display.

"Shining Stars in the Dark"

The shining stars in the artwork represent the light that I've found amongst the dark parts of going through cancer. Throughout five years of treatment I have gotten light from creating art, my family, and my clinic family and the care they give me.

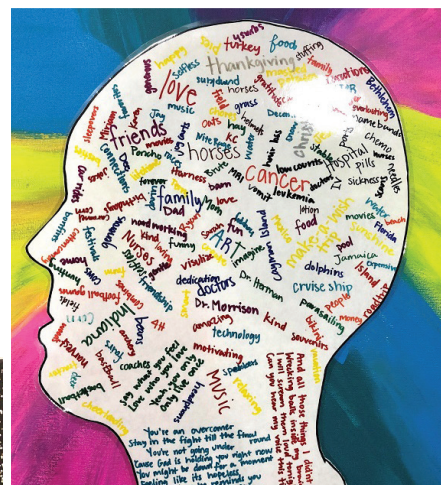
—Yamilette "Yami" Valenzuela Martinez, age 12



"The Thoughts in my Head"

Words that describe me are bright, positive, generally happy and energetic. I also like to be self-sufficient. I once spent 77 days in a row, in the hospital. Cancer has a way of interrupting your life, and making it difficult to feel like yourself. In my artwork I chose to use bright, happy colors to express myself and represent who I am.

— Amy Miller, age 19



*The impact that your generosity has on
children and families is profound.*

*Because of you, we can provide the best care
right here at home.*

We can never thank you enough.



“Beacon Children’s Hospital helps us. Over the years, Kamarion has had many hospitalizations for respiratory illnesses. Having this hospital close to home means so much to our family. Thank you.”

– Stacey, Kamarion’s Mom



“The nurses and the doctors were incredible. It’s amazing to not only find a place that has such good care, but you leave feeling like you are friends and family. That’s a very rare and wonderful thing.”

– Liz, RJ’s Mommy

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