



# IMPACT!

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



## Your Impact is Profound.

You have helped provide healthier futures for the young patients we serve at Beacon Children's Hospital. More than 3,000 families have turned to us for hope, treatment and healing since we opened the doors of our new home one year ago. It's your support that gives us the momentum to reach more lives.

No words can fully express our gratitude for your generosity. Inspired by your belief in our mission, we look forward to continuing to provide superb, compassionate care to children in our community when they need it most.

**Thank You**

# One Year Later

When we started our campaign to build a new hospital, we told you it was essential to improve our facilities so we could improve outcomes and enhance the patient-family experience. Your support has allowed Beacon Children's to help kids heal more quickly in a comfortable, tranquil setting designed especially for them and their families.

## Fewer is Better

Single-Family Rooms Reduce Length of Stay

NUMBERS THAT COUNT  
**65**

PRIVATE PATIENT ROOMS

Any number of days in the hospital seems like forever. Particularly when it's your child. What if that number was fewer. Better, right?

That's exactly what we're doing – reducing the length of stay for our young patients and their families. It's happening through a focus on improved care coordination and overall quality of care. Our private rooms that you helped make possible are playing an important role in improving outcomes and lowering the cost of care, because they provide a quiet sanctuary in which children can recover more rapidly, surrounded by their families.

## It's The Little Things That Count

Celebrating Family Time

We are more aware than ever about the healing power of touch. You can see that extra connection every day with the finest patients in our NICU. Moms and dads, nurses and physicians offer babies a gentle touch that holds a strong dose of healing energy.

More than 470 babies spent their first days of life in our NICU during the past year. Our extended family rooms allow mothers to recover in the same room with their babies and share intimate moments as a family. By giving mom and dad privacy and more opportunities for skin-to-skin contact, preterm infants are sleeping longer, feeding more and going home sooner.



## Making decisions together

We've come far from the days when parents had to leave the NICU or PICU as the clinical care teams made their daily rounds. Today, patient rooms have plenty of space and privacy for family members to offer insights into their child's condition and to be a vital part of their child's care team.

We are grateful every day that your gifts enabled us to design private rooms throughout Beacon Children's Hospital.





## Team Approach To Trauma Care

NUMBERS THAT COUNT  
**570**  
MEDFLIGHT RESPONSES  
IN 2017

Pediatric and trauma intensive care teams are transforming the way injured kids receive care at

our hospital. Your support has allowed us to collaborate with Cincinnati Children's Hospital in a program designed to improve pediatric trauma care in our region. Through the multi-year partnership, our hospital is taking important steps toward verification as a pediatric trauma center by the American College of Surgeons.

### Seamless Delivery of Care in Action

The hands-on training helped save lives last fall when three critically injured children arrived at our hospital via MedFlight. Trauma, intensive care and specialized pediatric care teams worked side by side to assess and stabilize the patients. The high-level communication and seamless coordination of care ensured that our young patients received the highest quality of care.



## A Masterpiece of Hope and Healing

NUMBERS THAT COUNT  
**1**  
ART THERAPIST AT BCH

If you visit the atrium at Beacon Children's Hospital, don't be surprised if you see brightly

colored splatters of paint decorating makeshift sheet canvases. It's just one sign of an art therapy program for our patients and their families, funded entirely by your gifts to the Foundation.

Our art therapist Sarah Tyler, MAAT, works with patients in our long-term care units to help them cope with stress, anxiety, depression and other issues related to their illnesses.

### Outlet for Emotional Expression

Art therapy is much more than arts and crafts time. A growing body of research shows improvement in patients' physical, mental and emotional well-being when they can participate in art therapy.

At our hospital, it's helped a shy teenager going through extended cancer treatments find ways to express feelings about friendships and family without having to talk. He now uses art as a coping skill at home.

By creating art projects with play syringes, tongue depressors and other medical supplies, a toddler in our care is overcoming her fear of needles.

Families with infants in the NICU share conversations with other parents during weekly art therapy groups. This creative outlet enables them to relieve stress, express emotions and record milestones through their artwork.



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## Keeping An Eye On Newborns

NUMBERS THAT COUNT  
**5**  
ANGEL EYES IN THE NICU

Parents who can't be with their newborns in our NICU have a convenient way to watch over

their babies from anywhere. A specially designed camera system called Angel Eye provides live-stream video from the baby's bedside. Parents simply log into a secure account on their laptop or phone to check in with their infant.

A generous donor funded the purchase of five Angel Eyes for the NICU in 2017. Because of their popularity among parents, we are eager to obtain additional cameras for the unit.

### Comfort and Reassurance in a Glance

The new technology gave Amy and Jared Slav peace of mind, knowing they could check in on their son 24/7. Dominic arrived nine weeks early, weighing in at 3 pounds 7 ounces. He needed time in the NICU to develop his breathing, eating and sleeping functions, as well as to gain weight.

Mom and Dad had to return to work while they waited for Dominic to come home. That's when our NICU team helped the Slavs set up an Angel Eye to monitor Dominic. They followed his progress from work, at home, in the middle of the night while letting out the dogs, and even during a baby shower planned long before his original due date.



## Healing Power of Music

NUMBERS THAT COUNT  
**120-180**  
AVERAGE NEWBORN HEARTRATE

Your generosity has brought together patients, families and their therapists in harmony. A music

therapy program funded entirely by your gifts to Beacon Health Foundation offers a creative way to help patients and families cope during treatment and recovery.

Every day, you can hear – and see – the therapeutic benefits for patients in our NICU, General Pediatrics, Pediatric ICU, and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology units.



### Music From The Heart

Thanks to donor generosity, parents of terminally ill children can listen to their child's heartbeat long after their loss. Our music therapist Cambrae Fox, MT-BC, uses an

electronic stethoscope to record the heartbeats, then syncs a favorite song with its rhythm. The recording helps grieving families cope with their loss and gives them a treasured keepsake to remember their child.

Ukuleles donated to the hospital help patients in the oncology and pediatric units relieve stress and cope with their surroundings. Best of all, they get to take the instruments home, where they can continue to develop a newfound skill.

**We believe small acts have big impacts. Please help us continue to provide vital care for children in our region when they need it most.**

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