

Where Futures Grow

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As a young boy and a teenager, Roberto Cazares was treated at Valley Children's for a blood disorder called hemophilia A. Almost three decades later, he remains a patient through the Hospital's adult hematology practice. His 7-year-old daughter, Emmy, is also one of our patients through various specialties.

On page 21, read how multiple generations of the Cazares family have counted on Valley Children's for high-quality, comprehensive care.

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Office of the President

When ground broke for what would become Valley Children's Hospital in 1952, the polio epidemic, the worst outbreak in the nation's history, was at its peak. Of nearly 58,000 cases reported nationally that year, around 3,000 resulted in death and more than 20,000 victims were left with mild to disabling paralysis. Nearly all were children.

Polio was so pervasive that as the Hospital continued to grow, iron lung equipment and electromyography were added specifically for these patients.

The futures of many children across the country – and right here in Central California – were in jeopardy in 1952. And it would be three long years until Jonas Salk developed a vaccine.

It's difficult to imagine living with the fear that your child or unborn baby would contract a horrific disease like polio – a disease that would change, if not severely curtail, their future.

65 YEARS

This is where futures grow.

Since opening our doors, the future and wellbeing of our children has been at the forefront of everything we do, every single day. We want to ensure that every child and every family have the care they need to lead healthy and bright lives.

Sixty-five years ago, Valley Children's was a small, 42-bed hospital in central Fresno. Today it's a 358-bed nationally recognized pediatric healthcare network blanketing Central California.

Valley Children's entire healthcare network has saved thousands of children and impacted countless families. On the following pages, we'll look back and share important milestones from the last 65 years and look forward to innovative technology and research we are participating in that provide hope for future generations to come.

Todd A. Suntrapak
President and CEO

Hear a welcome video from our President and CEO Todd Suntrapak at:
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Agnes Crockett

Carolyn Peck,

Gail Goodwin

Helen Maupin

Patty Randall

65
YEARS

1952

- 42 beds
- 118 medical staff members

2017

- 358 beds
- 575+ physicians
- 3,400+ employees
- 4 NICUs
- 5 specialty care centers
- 8 primary care practices
- 1 OB/GYN practice
- 1 urgent care center

From Humble Beginnings . . .

When Carolyn Peck, Gail Goodwin, Helen Maupin, Agnes Crockett and Patty Randall came up with the idea to build a children's hospital in their hometown, they were driven by the desire to protect the health and wellbeing of their own children, as well as the children of their close-knit community.

In 1949, only a few pediatric hospitals existed in the nation and none were located in a town as small as Fresno. But these five women refused to be dissuaded. They spent three years generating enthusiasm and garnering support, and on Oct. 26, 1952, Valley Children's Hospital was formally dedicated to the children of the Central Valley.

Growing Reach

Our founding mothers laid an unshakeable foundation. After 65 years of building upon their dream, Valley Children's has expanded from a humble hospital in central Fresno to one of the largest pediatric healthcare networks in the country. Strategically positioned to serve more than 1.3 million children, our comprehensive network stretches from our main campus in Madera to multiple sites throughout Central California.

Reaching north to Sacramento, south to Bakersfield and west to the Central Coast, Valley Children's Healthcare has a singular focus – to provide the highest quality, most accessible care for children and their families.



to One of the Nation's Best

Growing Recognition

Patient volume and regional span are not all that have grown in 65 years. Valley Children's has risen to national acclaim. In 2016, U.S. News & World Report recognized Valley Children's as one of the "Best Children's Hospitals" in neonatology. The 2017-2018 U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospitals rankings awarded Valley Children's in three pediatric specialties: Diabetes & Endocrinology, Gastroenterology & Gastrointestinal Surgery and Orthopaedics.

"U.S. News & World Report has recognized what we've known for a long time – that our pediatric

specialists, nurses and everyone here at Valley Children's stack up with the best," says Valley Children's President and CEO Todd Suntrapak. "This prestigious, national recognition reflects our commitment to providing the highest level of pediatric expertise and family-centered care."

By continuing to develop advanced treatments, programs and research across all our pediatric specialties, we honor the vision of our founding mothers. After 65 years, their tenacity and strength of character still define us.

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Growing Closer to Pediatric Patients

From driving down curved mountain roads to crawling along clogged urban arteries, Central California families frequently travel hours for vital pediatric specialty care. At Valley Children's, we want to offer families our expertise and care within 30 miles of where they live.

To improve care for this sprawling, predominantly rural region, Valley Children's broke ground on several new facilities in 2017. We are also establishing telemedicine programs, placing doctors in community hospitals throughout Central California and expanding clinical partnerships in communities as far away as Sacramento, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria.

“The continuity of care is greatly improved when we share patients.”

– Dr. John Kinnison,
Medical Director for regional hospitalists and
clinical partnerships, Valley Children's Healthcare

More than just bricks and mortar

Families in Modesto, Fowler and Bakersfield will soon benefit from newly constructed specialty care centers set to open by late 2018 and early 2019. Parents in Clovis will be able to schedule doctor visits for their children in 2018 when the network opens a new primary care center there.

But bringing care closer to home is not just about new buildings. Valley Children's continues establishing clinical partnerships by collaborating with healthcare providers between Kern and Sacramento counties. We expanded our relationship with Dignity Health to include Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael, near Sacramento, and our regional hospitalist program is in several Valley hospitals between Kern and Sacramento counties.

Valley Children's also offers consultation for critical pediatric patients through telemedicine. By tapping into our expertise via live interactive video consultations, we offer partnering hospitals life-saving access to our pediatric specialists.

“Because of our clinical partnerships, our regional partners are telling us they are feeling more confident about the care they are providing to kids and are seeing more children in their facilities,” said Dr. John Kinnison, medical director for regional hospitalists and clinical partnerships. “In turn, when a higher level of care or subspecialty expertise is needed at Valley Children’s, we are seeing more timely referrals and the continuity of care is greatly improved when we share patients.”

Valley Children’s new facilities and partnership programs are connecting outlying healthcare providers with experts in the latest pediatric medical techniques and procedures. As we expand collaboration with more healthcare providers, more Central California parents can access the best care for their children closer to home.



Goals of Clinical Partnerships:

- Improve the quality of care for pediatric patients
- Improve access to Valley Children’s expertise
- Enhance coordination of care for shared patients
- Reduce the number of long trips for families with sick children
- Improve professional relationships

When Zero Equals More: Supporting a Culture of Safety

Patients visit hospitals to get well. Falls, medication errors, hospital-acquired infections and other forms of preventable harm hinder the healing process.

“Patient safety is everyone’s job at Valley Children’s,” said Dr. Karen Dahl, vice president of quality and patient safety. “We need the whole team, including our patients and families, to make this the safest possible place for children.”

Collaboration promotes safety

Valley Children’s established three behavioral expectations for all staff members across the network – whether clinical or non-clinical – to achieve our goal of reaching zero preventable harm.

- Every person makes a personal commitment to safety.
- Every person is accountable for clear and complete communication.
- Every person supports a questioning attitude.

We implemented multiple processes to communicate our actions, build accountability and ensure these safety behaviors become day-to-day work habits.

- Conduct daily safety huddles to enhance communication and collaboration across departments.

- Conduct weekly executive safety rounds to hear frontline staff safety concerns and show top-level support.
- Deploy department safety coaches for just-in-time feedback and training on error-prevention tools that reduce human error.
- Publish weekly safety stories through internal communications to highlight staff who employ tools for safe behaviors.

Education reinforces safety

This year, Valley Children’s conducted more than 120 error-prevention classes for our clinical staff. We plan to continue training new medical team members in fiscal year 2018 and extend these safety classes to non-clinical staff.

“There is a genuine passion for improving care here at Valley Children’s,” said Dr. David Christensen, senior vice president, medical affairs and chief physician executive. “The level of engagement, from the senior leadership team to the frontline staff, is unprecedented.”

Our efforts to support a culture of safety have resulted in remarkable quality measures.¹

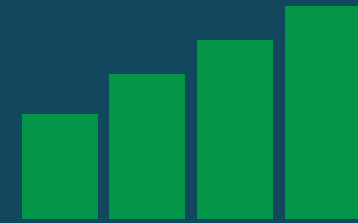
- 71.4 percent reduction in Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI)
- 80.6 percent reduction in Surgical Site Infections (SSI)

- 88.2 percent reduction in Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)
- Zero Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) for 508 days as of December 31, 2017
- Zero serious safety events for 12 consecutive months as of November 1, 2017
- 93 percent hand hygiene compliance

We also received best performance ratings from The Leapfrog Group for inpatient care management, medication safety and managing infections.²

“We know our work doesn’t stop until we reach zero preventable harm for all safety measures,” said Dr. Christensen.

At Valley Children’s, patient safety is our priority. Reaching zero preventable harm promotes healing and ensures the best possible outcome for every child we treat.



The Leapfrog Group Report

We achieved the best performance rating (4 bars) in the following metrics:

Inpatient Care Management

Steps to Avoid Harm

Never Events Management

Appropriate Use of Antibiotics in Hospitals

Specially Trained Doctors Care for ICU Patients

Medication Safety

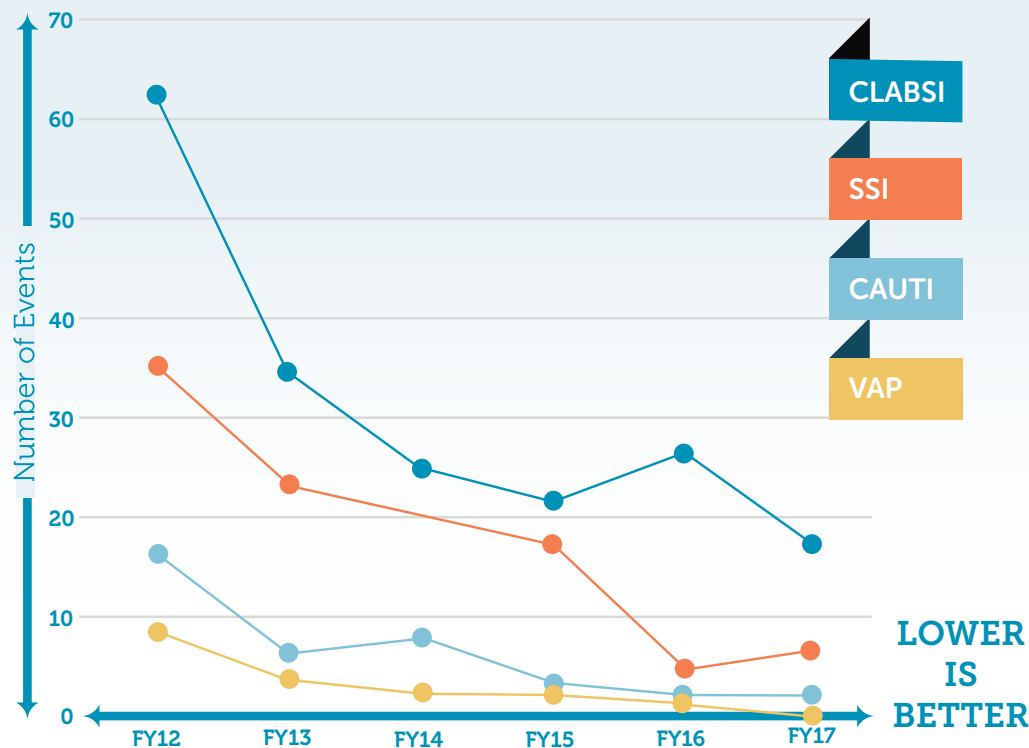
Doctors Order Medications Through a Computer

Infections and Injuries

Urinary Catheter Infections

MRSA Infections

Getting to Zero for Serious Harm Events



¹FY2012-FY2017

²The Leapfrog Group Hospital Survey collects safety, quality and resource use information from 1,800 hospitals annually.

We come to work every day knowing children are counting on us, and we're committed to fighting for their futures. The following pages highlight how each child is a miracle with a story to tell.

Multidisciplinary Program Highlights

Endocrinology

- Ranked one of the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report in 2017-2018

Cancer and Blood Disorders Center

- Consistently in top 5-8 percent worldwide in patient enrollments to the Children's Oncology Group (COG), the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to childhood cancer research

Pediatric Surgery

- Performs more than 3,500 surgeries every year, providing expert diagnostic and advanced surgical techniques for general or specialized surgery

Medical Genetics and Metabolism

- Offers diagnosis, genetic testing and genetic counseling regarding etiology, recurrence risks and prognosis and treatment

Restoring Hope and Healing: A One-in-a-Million Condition

Selena Norwood was having an ordinary day when she brought her 10-month-old daughter, Eva, to the pediatrician for an ear infection. After all, ear infections rank second among the most commonly diagnosed illnesses in children in the United States (the common cold comes first).

But everything changed when the pediatrician noticed the baby showed signs of precocious puberty with advanced development of her external female anatomy. She immediately referred the family to Valley Children's, where diagnostic testing revealed a tumor in little Eva's adrenal glands.

"My heart sank," said Selena. "I dropped my phone and couldn't speak. No parent ever wants to hear that your child has cancer."

Affecting only 0.72 persons per one million,¹ adrenocortical tumors are extremely rare – especially in children. Most of the 200 to 250 cases reported in the U.S. each year are diagnosed in adults. Of the small percentage of pediatric cases last year, three came to Valley Children's.

"That number of cases is very unusual even on a national level," said Dr. Nedim Çakan, medical director of Valley Children's endocrinology department.

Collaborative expertise

Caring for Eva's rare condition required a multi-disciplinary approach. Dr. Çakan reached out to fellow pediatric specialists at Valley Children's to develop a comprehensive treatment plan for the toddler.

"Our team of experts from oncology, endocrinology and pediatric surgery came together and discussed our treatment plan with the family," said Dr. Vonda Crouse, pediatric oncologist. "It was clear in Eva's case that surgery was needed as soon as possible."

With our depth and breadth of pediatric specialty care, Valley Children's has the knowledge and experience to treat rare cases like Eva's. "The doctors were very optimistic," said Selena. "They gave me hope."

Selena received promising news from the pathology report. Eva would not need chemotherapy for the non-aggressive tumor. Following surgery, genetic testing at Valley Children's ruled out growth disorders that may have explained the symptoms first spotted by Eva's pediatrician.

"As a mom, I will always worry of course," said Selena. "But I'm glad Eva is a normal 2 year old now, perfectly fine and happy." Valley Children's will continue monitoring Eva as she grows, so this child with a one-in-a-million condition can have a future filled with extraordinary days.

¹Source: The National Cancer Institute



Eva Norwood



Dr. Clifton Huang taught Braden to prepare his own enteral therapy.

Gastroenterology & GI Surgery Program Highlights

- Ranked one of the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report in 2017-2018
- Increased remission rates for IBD patients from 62 percent to 85 percent (since beginning new treatments in 2014)
- Decreased hospitalization rates for IBD patients
- Shown significant improvement in remission for its 350 patients with IBD

When Living Normally is Winning: Tackling Severe Digestive Disorders

Braden Plaa was 14 years old and near death when he arrived at Valley Children's in 2013.

"His heart rate was 160 and his organs were shutting down," said his mother, Brooke Plaa. "He weighed about 76 pounds."

Brooke took Braden to his doctor and his blood work revealed severe anemia. His doctor then made an urgent call to Valley Children's. Braden needed blood and iron transfusions. He spent the next eight days undergoing tests and getting life-saving treatment, including a colonoscopy, endoscopy and MRI.

Dr. Clifton Huang, a Valley Children's gastroenterologist, diagnosed Braden with Crohn's disease. A severe inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), Crohn's causes abdominal pain, bloody diarrhea and weight loss. Growth failure occurs in about half the children with IBD. Other symptoms include fevers, anemia, joint pain, skeletal problems and sexual maturity delays.

Under Dr. Huang's leadership, Valley Children's offers a specialized pediatric clinic for Crohn's and ulcerative colitis, another form of IBD. A medical and counseling team monitors these devastating illnesses, providing state-of-the-art treatment ranging from immunosuppression drugs to diet options.

The fight continues

Braden did gain weight back, but his fight wasn't over. Within 18 months of diagnosis, his weight again plummeted to 84 pounds and his temperature soared to 104 degrees.

Braden's illness again turned life-threatening and Dr. Huang prescribed enteral therapy. Without it, he said, Braden could die. Now, each night, Braden inserts a small tube up his nose, down his esophagus and into his stomach to ingest a protein drink. His weight bounced back and his life became more normal.

"Valley Children's has given Braden back his life," said Brooke. "He gained weight to the point where he is now 160 pounds."

Braden played football and baseball in high school last year and earned straight A's. He now attends Stanislaus State University, works and coaches football at a Modesto high school. "Because Dr. Huang did not give up on him, Braden has a wonderful life and an amazing future to look forward to," Brooke said.

"Valley Children's has given Braden back his life."

– Brooke Plaa



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Leader in digestive diseases research

Valley Children's is in the ImproveCareNow Registry, which evaluates therapies for pediatric patients with IBD. The Hospital's gastroenterology specialists collaborate with 94 pediatric hospitals across the nation to study treatment trends and how those plans affect clinical outcomes.

Valley Children's, recognized in 2017 by U.S. News & World Report as among the top 50 children's hospitals for gastroenterology, has shown significant improvement in remission for its 350 IBD patients. Since beginning new treatments in 2014, remission rates jumped from 62 to 85 percent along with a drop in hospitalization, Dr. Huang said.

"Our research includes epidemiological studies, combination treatments and randomized double-blind trials," said Dr. Huang. "This type of research is causing us to get noticed."



Braden Plaa



Program Highlights

- More patients helped in the past two years than previous 15 years combined
- ECLS team earned the Valley Children's 2017 Team Excellence award
- Staff dedicated more than 4,000 hours to upgrade life-support services
- Simulation training significantly raised test scores among participating staff members

Beating the Odds: ECMO Expansion is Saving Young Lives

Janet Rodriguez thought she would never see her newborn son as a normal, busy child after doctors gave him less than a 20 percent chance of survival.

But because of Valley Children's expanded Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) program, Xavier Briones Rodriguez not only survived, he is now an energetic toddler.

Born at Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia in May 2016, Xavier had a diaphragmatic hernia, a rare life-threatening birth defect where the intestines

crowd into space where the heart and lungs belong. He was rushed to Valley Children's and placed on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) machine therapy for heart and lung failure.

The ECMO machine supported Xavier's life



Xavier Briones Rodriguez

for 11 days, but his survival was made possible by a team of ECLS specialists who spent more than 4,000 hours in training to master the complicated device.

The ECMO machine drained blood from his body and ran it through an artificial heart-lung pump, allowing Xavier's organs to recover before surgery. Xavier underwent surgery a few days after being taken off ECMO.

ECMO is life-support intervention for infants and children with potentially reversible life-threatening conditions and less than a 20 percent chance of survival; generally, ECMO improves survival to about 50 percent. Valley Children's ECMO survival rate is 71 percent since expanding services.

"We thought he wasn't going to make it," Janet said. "When we saw him on the machine, he was just lying there. We had to be strong and take whatever was going to happen."

Xavier slowly recovered and went home three months later.

"My husband and I never thought we were going to see him like we do today, playing with his toys and running around," Janet said.

Best practice: Simulation medicine

Providing quality ECLS services requires an extensive team of cardiac surgery and catheterization staff, nurses, respiratory therapists, physicians, social workers, chaplains and many others.

Before expanding our ECLS program, patients with diaphragmatic hernia and other critical heart or lung disorders were sent more than 150 miles away to the nearest pediatric ECMO center. Having ECLS in the Valley eliminates distant, high-risk transports, said Dr. Harry J. Kallas, ECLS medical director.

ECMO simulation is considered the team's best training option, said Dr. Tara J. Lemoine, medical director of simulation, creating an environment mirroring critical events for learning and improving skills.



"The training our team does in simulation is a cornerstone of how we continue to learn and directly impacts the safe care we provide our patients," Dr. Lemoine said.

To further expand and improve the ECLS program, Dr. Kallas said, Valley Children's needs more equipment and funding for simulation efforts and ongoing training. Additional resources for ECLS and simulation will save the lives of more kids like Xavier.

"My family that went to see Xavier at the hospital and saw him on the ECMO machine now sees him and they can't believe it," Janet said. "They say 'this is a miracle.'"



**GEORGE'S
PASS**

Program Highlights

- A George's Pass icon to identify patients to the entire healthcare team
- Reduced exposure to noisy areas of the hospital
- Individualized tours, education and hands-on activities with iPads and interactive toys
- Private post-op recovery rooms (with a door and windows covered by dark curtains) where parents are welcome even prior to their child awakening from anesthesia



When the Pieces Start to Fit: Transforming Care for Children with Autism

It didn't take long for Chrissy Kelly, a mother of two boys with autism, to realize her son's stay at Valley Children's would be different.

Parker, who has autism spectrum disorder (ASD), the fastest-growing developmental disability in America, was getting treated for appendicitis in 2017. Bracing for a difficult visit, Chrissy was surprised and encouraged almost immediately. The Hospital's intake form lists steps to personalize a visit for a child with autism.

"When I looked at the intake form, I realized that this was by someone who knows what they are doing and has done this before," she said.

The next reassuring sign? A sign. Approaching Parker's room, Chrissy spotted a giraffe-like jigsaw puzzle placard signifying George's Pass hanging at the door.

George's Pass is a unique series of initiatives targeting the 300 children with autism who come through the Hospital's doors annually. It was developed by Valley

Children's nurse Shelly Reyes, who combined a mother's knowledge with a nurse's perspective and education. The program was for children like her son, Jalen, who is frightened by hospital experiences.

"As a mom of a child with autism, I want to help other families like mine," Shelly said. "This program has allowed me to share my experience and show the people I work with how to provide better care for children like my son."

All staff participates

To alert staff to a child with ASD, the George's Pass placard is hung from the patient's chart and door. Parents fill out the intake form providing information about their child's communication, behavior triggers and sensory issues.

For a planned hospital visit, a private tour and "social story" prepare the child using pictures of events the child will encounter, such as the "arm hug" of a blood pressure cuff. For unplanned visits, staff works with the family to try to improve their experience by changing the environment and interactions.

Parker was walked through the process with an illustrated book displaying all the steps in his treatment.

To reduce a child's stress, staff offers distraction toys and iPads with games and communication apps.

George's Pass goes beyond doctors and nurses. It engages employees from security officers to janitors to play a role in improving the child's experience. It may be as simple as keeping noise down. Hospital leadership supported the program by forming a team to build George's Pass throughout the organization.

Word is spreading

Since Parker's hospitalization, Chrissy has advocated for George's Pass on her blog. She was interviewed by an online publication about the program. Her blog was featured by the Autism Speaks website and viewed around the world.

George's Pass is gaining international attention as other hospitals and organizations consider incorporating its elements into daily routines.

"It's not enough for a hospital to make your child better but to say 'we are going to understand your child as we make him better,'" Chrissy said. "Valley Children's acknowledges that these small differences can make a huge impact."



Dr. Michael Allshouse bonded with Parker while treating him.

“It's not enough for a hospital to make your child better, but to say, 'We are going to understand your child as we make him better.'”

– Chrissy Kelly

Learn more about Parker's story at:
valleychildrens.org/annualreport

Progress would not be possible without research. Valley Children's currently participates in more than 166 studies to help advance pediatric medicine. This section underscores a few of them.

Uncovering the Mysteries of Valley Fever

Central California is a hotspot for coccidioides, an insidious fungus that lives in the soil and releases microscopic spores into the air. Most people show no sign of inhaling these fungal spores. Others suffer the life-limiting symptoms of Valley fever. Almost 1,000 children stricken with Valley fever visit Valley Children's each year.

Dr. Fouzia Naeem, an infectious diseases specialist at Valley Children's, is leading various research efforts to investigate the effects of Valley fever on children, who may be at greater risk and who could be more susceptible to advanced symptoms.

Psychosocial implications of Valley fever

Through collaboration with UC Merced, this study intends to increase understanding of psychosocial issues faced by families of children with symptomatic Valley fever. Dr. Naeem's initial study¹ documented the psychological functioning, quality of life and illness perceptions of Valley fever patients and their families. Dr. Naeem is using the results to develop resources to help families cope with Valley fever, including a resource handbook, support groups, mentoring programs and an annual Valley fever family day.

Immune system and cytokines study

Also in collaboration with UC Merced, Dr. Naeem and her team gathered information from 50 individuals segmented into three categories:

- Children with Valley fever admitted to the hospital

- Children with Valley fever treated as outpatients
- Siblings of patients with Valley fever unaffected by the disease

The research team is analyzing differences among the three categories in the research participants' immune systems and cytokines (substances released from immune cells). The study also seeks to determine if genetics are a factor and why some individuals are more affected than others.

Review of disseminated Valley fever disease

Dr. Naeem gathered data of 80 patients from the past 10 years who suffered aggressive symptoms of Valley fever. For these children, the disease had spread beyond the lungs to other parts of the body, such as the spine, brain, lymph glands, bones and joints. Dr. Naeem looked at age, gender, ethnicity, clinical presentation and disease location. She also examined laboratory/radiographic data (e.g., coccidioides complement fixation titers (CF), a common test for coccidioides antibodies in the blood utilized for disease monitoring). She identified older age groups, non-Hispanics and higher CF titers as potential risk factors for disseminated disease, which would require careful investigation and aggressive intervention.

Through Dr. Naeem's studies, we are learning more about how to identify the predictors of this disease and treat our patients effectively as early as possible.

¹Healthcare 2015, 3, 775-795



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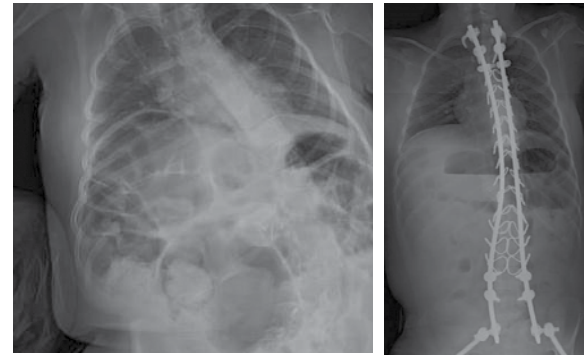
Finding Type 1 Diabetes Before it Finds You

Relatives of people with Type 1 diabetes are 15 times more likely to develop the disease than the general population. The Pathway to Prevention Study is designed to keep Type 1 diabetes from striking families a second time. Valley Children's is participating in this study under the direction of Pediatric Endocrinologist Dr. Swati Banerjee in cooperation with Stanford University.

Established by TrialNet, the world's largest international network of Type 1 diabetes researchers, the study determined if the increased risk of developing this disease is linked to the presence of five diabetes-related autoantibodies, which can be found in blood years before symptoms surface. Their presence may mean insulin-producing cells in the pancreas are damaged, indicating early stages of Type 1 diabetes.

To promote early detection in relatives of those with Type 1 diabetes, the Hospital offers free high-risk group screening funded by the National Institutes of Health with support from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and American Diabetes Association. Children testing positive for the autoantibodies can participate in monitoring.

Valley Children's has screened 1,091 trial subjects with a goal of monitoring every child at risk for developing the disease.



Stopping Infections in High-Risk Spinal Surgeries

The twisted spinal column caused by neuromuscular scoliosis can pull a child's ribs into a multidimensional curve, often thrusting one shoulder higher than the other. Children with this type of irregular curvature to the spine can find relief at Valley Children's.

Our success follows the implementation of an infection prevention program designed especially for neuromuscular scoliosis patients—patients at high risk for complications due to the large operative site and placement of implants during their lengthy procedure.

Dr. Joseph Humpherys, resident; Jonathan Shahbazian, orthopaedic technician; Lori Ricci, registered nurse; and Dr. Joseph Gerardi, medical director of pediatric orthopaedic surgery, authored research that led to new guidelines to prevent surgical site infections (SSIs). They consulted risk management and collaborated with pediatric specialists in pulmonology, anesthesiology, infectious diseases, gastroenterology and pediatric intensive care.

In 2010 and 2011, before the guidelines were put in place, the infection rate was 18.2 percent. In 2012 and 2013, after the guidelines were in effect, the infection rate fell to 3.6 percent.

In a nearly four-year period beginning in 2014, no infections have been reported among neuromuscular scoliosis patients.



The Power of Genotyping

Among the nation's leaders in research methods and programs, Valley Children's conceived and implemented "Genotyping Days," a no-cost genetic testing day for people with hemophilia A or B and potentially affected relatives.

The event was funded through grants from the National Hemophilia Foundation and the My Life Our Future (MLOF) genetic testing and research repository, the world's largest genetic collection of hemophilia samples and data for scientific study.

As an MLOF participant, Valley Children's advances scientific research to improve care and treatment for children with hemophilia, and helps families understand this blood-clotting disorder. Dr. Vinod Balasa, medical director of the Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Valley Children's, serves as principal site investigator for the Hospital's genotyping program.

Through collaboration with MLOF, our Hemophilia Treatment Center identifies the specific genetic variant in patients and carriers that causes the disorder. Participating families learn the genetics behind hemophilia and are counseled on the risks.



Assessing Long-Term Effects of Radiation

Years of research show a greater risk of developing radiation-related morbidities among children who received cranial radiation therapy for an underlying cancer diagnosis. More recently, analyses have shown these children also have significantly elevated stroke risk compared to the general population. Brain tumor patients are particularly vulnerable since they receive high radiation dosages to the brain. The risk of stroke appears to correlate with increasing doses.

With UC San Francisco, Valley Children's is participating in RadART-PRO, a multi-institutional study to assess the long-term effects of radiation on blood vessels in the brain, as well as stroke risks in children with cancer who received radiation therapy to the neck and/or brain. Led by Valley Children's Neuro-oncologist Dr. David Samuel as site principal investigator, the study currently has 68 patients enrolled.

Through this study, we are learning important factors that enhance care and treatment options for children with brain tumors.

Change for the Better: Residency Program Launches

“I am absolutely thrilled with the talent and passion for pediatrics that we have been able to recruit for our inaugural class,” says Chief of Pediatrics and Executive Director of Medical Education Dr. Jolie Limon. “These are young physicians who are dedicated and committed to the kids of the Central Valley, and who will go on to serve as leaders for coming generations.”

– Jolie A. Limon, MD, FAAP
Chief of Pediatrics

The 1.3 million children who call Central California home are growing up in one of the most medically underserved areas in the country.¹ Valley Children’s Healthcare launched our pediatric residency program to change that. To help alleviate the region’s physician shortage and keep our kids healthy as they grow into adulthood, Valley Children’s Pediatric Residency Program, Affiliated with Stanford University School of Medicine, seeks not only to train, but also retain, this next generation of pediatricians.

Our program officially welcomed its inaugural resident class in June. Residents train in our Hospital and with local partners such as Kaiser Permanente, Saint Agnes Medical Center, Dignity Health and local pediatrician offices.

More pediatricians in our area means families will have more access to care that could lower these rates. One in three children in our service area live in poverty, one of the highest rates in our nation. One in five children have asthma and more than 42 percent of 5th graders in our service area are overweight or obese.² In addition, one in four children are food insecure which means they are likely to be sick more often and hospitalized more frequently.³

As we move toward training our own pediatricians, Valley Children’s is committed to exposing residents to our diverse populations and various communities, and teaching them how to be advocates for those they treat. The program hosted the Central Valley Healthcare



Disparities panel in July, an event funded by a grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics. The event, which explored issues adversely impacting children’s health in the Valley, was another way to train residents, and others in our organization, to advocate on behalf of our children and families.

Our organization has taken a vital step by launching Valley Children’s Pediatric Residency Program. Our hope is residents who have completed our program will continue to practice in our community, easing the health burdens on the Valley’s children.

The start of Valley Children’s Pediatric Residency Program is the next step in our network providing high-quality, comprehensive, compassionate care in our communities – now and in the future.

¹Source: Medical Board of California

²Kidsdata.org, a program of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health.

³American Academy of Pediatrics.



Inaugural Resident Class and Staff



Valley Children's Pediatric Residency Program

Affiliated with Stanford University School of Medicine

Learn more about our residency program at: valleychildrens.org/annualreport

For 65 years, we have grown as our patients have grown. Multiple generations have trusted us to care for their children. Meet some of the families who have experienced the journey with us.

One Hospital for All: Complete Hematologic Care for the Cazares Family



Roberto Cazares and his family

More than a quarter century ago, Roberto Cazares needed his first tooth extraction at the tender age of 6. His dentist noticed the blood wasn't clotting, and advised Roberto's parents of a potential bleeding disorder. A visit to the original Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno confirmed the diagnosis of hemophilia A, a genetic disorder in which blood doesn't clot normally.

The rough-and-tumble nature of boyhood naturally led to cuts and scrapes as Roberto grew. For a child with hemophilia, even a minor injury could call for a trip to the hospital. Roberto routinely received Factor VIII treatments at Valley Children's to stop the bleeding.

"I remember one time falling at school, and I banged my cheek really hard on a metal bar," said Roberto. "My parents took me to Valley Children's."

Now 34, Roberto is married with two children. His 7-year-old daughter, Emmy, previously received treatment for a heart murmur and anemia at Valley Children's. She later participated in My Life Our Future (MLOF) genotyping testing to screen for hemophilia. Emmy tested positive as a carrier, but has not shown symptoms of the disorder.

Shortly after Roberto's childhood diagnosis, his mother and her sisters were tested for blood factor levels at Valley Children's. All tested as carriers of the hemophilia gene, but none have shown symptoms. However, Roberto's brother, Jose, was also diagnosed with hemophilia A.

"Valley Children's was always there for me as I grew up," Roberto continued. "Other than those minor injuries, I pretty much lived a normal life."

Roberto and Jose continue as patients of Valley Children's through the adult hematology practice. Nearly three decades after his diagnosis, Roberto brings Emmy for annual checkups with the pediatric providers at our Hemophilia Treatment Center. "I always had a great experience there," he said. "I figured my daughter should get the same level of quality care I got."

“Valley Children's was always there for me as I grew up.”

– Roberto Cazares



Emmy Cazares

The Beat Goes On: Mom and Son Get Similar Heart Repair



“Valley Children’s has been amazing from day one, every nurse, every doctor.”

– Joshua Knapp

Each April 13, the Knapp family celebrates a birthday for their son Logan, even though he doesn’t grow a year older until November.

“We celebrate his heart birthday,” said his mother, Marie, who had a similar heart “rebirth” nearly 30 years ago. She was 5 years old in 1988 when cardiologists surgically repaired her atrioventricular septal defect. She was 5 months pregnant when she and her husband, Joshua, learned their son could require similar care.

“Logan had a valve that wasn’t quite formed all the way,” Joshua said.

Dr. James Prochazka has practiced pediatric cardiology at Valley Children’s for 40 years. In his early days, doctors couldn’t offer the fetal echocardiogram that helped diagnose Logan’s heart defect in utero. Months before Logan’s birth, surgical plans were already underway for an open-heart procedure similar to his mother’s – but not immediately after his November 2010 birth.

“We came to Valley Children’s monthly, watching for a time when he wasn’t gaining weight,” said Marie.

Logan was 5 months old when the day arrived: “His lips would turn a little blue and he was tired all the time.”

Dr. Malcolm MacDonald, pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon and co-medical director of perioperative

services at Valley Children’s, created two functional valves out of Logan’s common valve, and closed a hole inside his heart. Logan’s parents noticed the results immediately.

“They turned him into the Energizer Bunny,” said Joshua. “His energy level after that was through the roof. He was eating and drinking double or triple the amount he was beforehand.”

But one month after Logan’s first “heart birthday,” he fell into a pool at daycare. Found by a teacher, he was given CPR and rushed to Valley Children’s for an overnight stay.

There was no fluid in his lungs, but Logan’s near-drowning was scarier than his heart surgery “because we weren’t expecting it,” Marie said.

In November, Logan was given a clean bill of health, an excellent prognosis with no restrictions. It means that Logan can play baseball and soccer and his heart should last decades without problems.

Logan and Marie run a higher risk of atrial arrhythmia and atrial flutter as they move into middle age, but they can continue living normal, healthy lives, said Dr. Carl Owada, Logan’s cardiologist.

“Valley Children’s has been amazing from day one,” said Joshua, “every nurse, every doctor.”



Marie and
Logan Knapp

Pictured below:

Myrna waves to hospital staff as she leaves Valley Children's in 1952.

The Fresno Bee front page story on Nov. 16, 1952.



More Than a Bellyache: Doors Opened for the First Patient

The little blonde girl waving goodbye to hospital staff in 1952 was the first surgical patient admitted to Valley Children's Hospital.

It was stomach pain that wouldn't go away, said Myrna Zivanich, who was 9 years old at the time. She told her mother, who thought Myrna was making it up.

Eventually, her mother took her to the doctor, then a second doctor. The diagnosis was appendicitis.

Other hospitals didn't have bed space, but a new hospital they learned was opening at Millbrook and Shields avenues specializing in children's medicine. When they showed up, doctors told them an appendectomy was immediately necessary.

"The other hospitals had no surgical rooms, but Valley Children's accepted me," Myrna said.

There were no other patients that day, she recalled. "I was treated so well. As a kid, you're always impressed with somebody spoiling you rotten."

After surgery, Myrna received a doll from her mother. "I think my mom felt bad," she said, considering the reason for the cherished gift.

Myrna named the doll Susie. Susie has been restored twice and still has a home with our first patient.

Myrna returned to Valley Children's as an adult, working as a secretary in the neonatal intensive care unit and later as a unit aide. She settled into a position in the gift shop until her retirement 10 years ago. While there, she often let young shoppers in on a secret.

"I would tell them I was the first patient in this hospital ever, and I would tell them how old I was when I was here," she said. With the Guilds Hall of Fame steps away from the gift shop, Myrna would send them on a discovery mission to read about the Hospital's history. "Take your mom and have her show you," she would say, directing them where her picture from 1952 is hanging. Sometimes the children would return with questions about the little blonde girl.

"It's so neat to have them see you as their age," she said.

Thinking back on the hospital's modest start, Myrna, now 74, is astonished when thinking of herself as a trailblazer, the first of hundreds of thousands of patients to have walked through the doors of Valley Children's.





Myrna
Zivanich

Building Trust:

Decades of Continuing Family Care

Janet Ceja was born two months premature in 1981. Her lungs hadn't developed properly and she was driven 45 miles from Hanford to Valley Children's in Fresno before her mother could hold her.

"The doctors said it was a girl and they whisked her off to Fresno," said her mother, Gloria Rodriguez. "I did get to touch her hand, then she was gone."

Gloria had previously lost a child and Janet's birth was high-risk, too, illustrated by her inability to breathe correctly. Two days later, her mother finally saw her.

"I was at Valley Children's about two months," Janet said.

Gloria said the staff cared for Janet like she was one of their own children. "They would have her in their arms, taking care of her, feeding her."

Janet, her mother and her children have all come to rely on Valley Children's through a series of different health concerns.

At 6 years old, Janet would fall into trance-like states at school and forget activities occurring around her. She was diagnosed with petit mal seizures. Valley Children's became a regular part of her life for blood work and an annual electroencephalogram. Eventually, medication controlled her seizures and by age 13, she outgrew them.

Janet returned to Valley Children's – to yet another pediatric specialty – when her son, Caleb, was born in 2010 with extra toes, a condition known as polydactyly. "Everybody loves little baby feet," said Janet. "Everyone who saw him wanted to take his socks off."

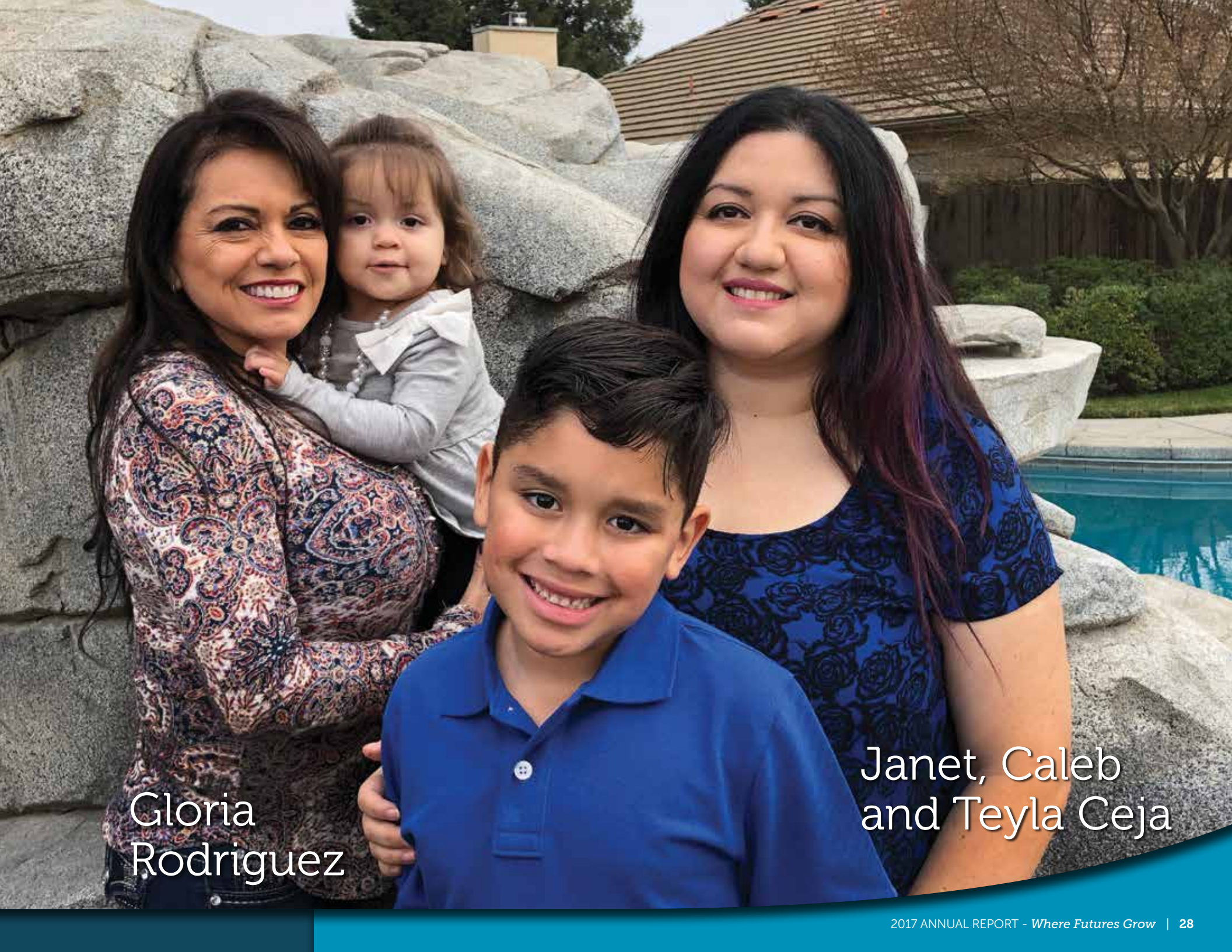
Having settled in Visalia, Janet took the short drive north to the same children's hospital her mother had trusted. "I couldn't put shoes on him," she said, recalling the difference the pediatric plastic surgeons made. "Now, it just looks like little creases over his feet. They did an excellent job. You really have to stare to see it."

When Janet became pregnant with her daughter, she was considered high-risk like her mother. Referred to Valley Children's for maternal-fetal care, Janet once again became our patient. Our maternal-fetal medicine specialists monitored her pregnancy, and in February 2016, she gave birth to a healthy nine-pound, eight-ounce daughter, Teyla.

"They took care of me during my pregnancy with the best care," she said. "Valley Children's has always been there for me which I'm very thankful for."

“The staff cared for Janet like she was one of their own children...They would have her in their arms, taking care of her, feeding her.”

– Gloria Rodriguez



Gloria
Rodriguez

Janet, Caleb
and Teyla Ceja

What Makes a Legend?

Inspiring Max's Medical Future

Children love to hear stories about the day they were born. Max Stephenson grew up with tales of a heroic doctor who not only saved his life, but would also serve as his inspiration.

Born in 1988 with "a hole in my heart," Max was rushed to the neonatal intensive care unit at Valley Children's Hospital, and placed in the watchful care of a devoted neonatologist known to him only as "Dr. Vish."

The compelling story of undergoing heart surgery as an infant fascinated Max. He had no memories of his hospital stay and the account of those nail-biting days repeated to him by his parents over the years captured his imagination. Max didn't know what his doctor looked like, but pictured Dr. Vish monitoring his heart and helping him grow stronger.

Max didn't have any doctors in his family, but he could imagine the sights and sounds of working somewhere like Valley Children's. The legendary story of his birth never got old. And one day, young Max declared his intent to become a doctor when he grew up.

Upon his recent graduation from medical school, Max's desire to meet Dr. Vish became an urgent quest. Before beginning his emergency medicine residency at Stanford, he set out to find a man he'd never met yet felt he knew. His first attempts failed.

Finally, armed with the correct spelling of his neonatologist's full name – Dr. Nadarasa Visveshwara – Max reached out to Valley Children's and received a welcoming invitation to connect. He had waited a lifetime for this moment. His hand shook as he dialed the number.

"It was the most exciting eight minutes of my life," Max said regarding his call to the man who inspired his profession. Dr. Vish recalled Max's family in detail and offered to meet Max at the Hospital.

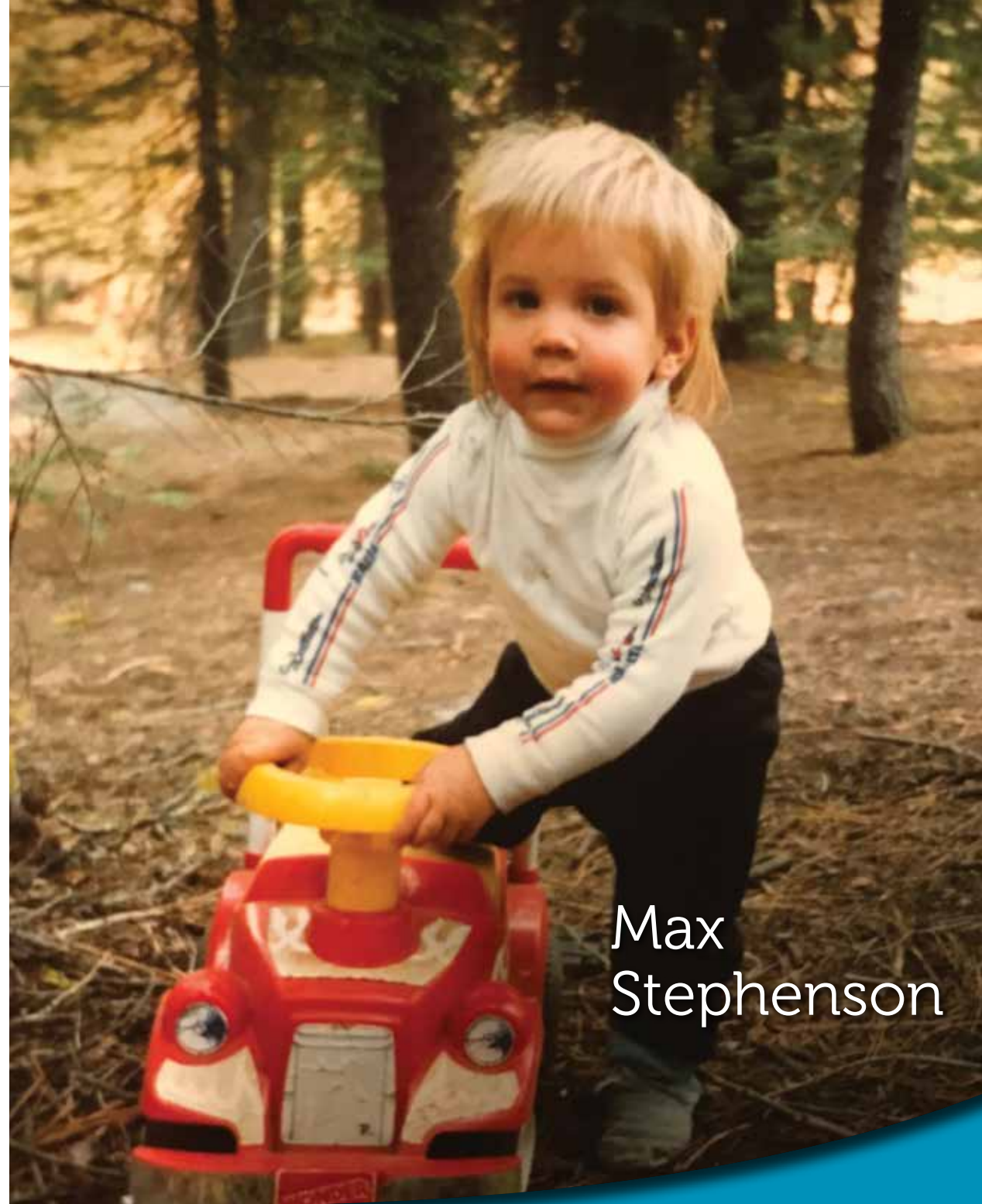
When that day finally arrived, Max fought tears as they shook hands for the first time. "Today I learned what makes a legend," he declared afterward.

"Dr. Vish and Valley Children's, you gave me everything," Max wrote in a letter. "Now it's my turn to give back."



Above: Dr. Nadarasa Visveshwara (left) meets Dr. Max Stephenson for the first time in 2017.

Right: Max at 2 years old.



Max
Stephenson

“*Today I learned what makes a legend.
Dr. Vish and Valley Children’s,
you gave me everything.
... Now it’s my turn to give back.*”

– Max Stephenson, MD

Award Highlights

Valley Children's Healthcare had another remarkable year. Our network received several awards, honors and recognitions that celebrate our commitment to our vision of providing the nation's best healthcare for kids.



U.S. News & World Report

For a second consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named Valley Children's Hospital one of the best children's hospitals in the nation. The Hospital ranked in three pediatric specialties in 2017-2018:

- Pediatric Diabetes & Endocrinology – conducts diabetes self-management classes and treats common endocrine disorders as well as very rare thyroid or pituitary tumor cases
- Pediatric Gastroenterology & Gastrointestinal Surgery – performs rare pediatric procedures such as endoscopic retrograde colangio pancreatography (ERCP) and advanced motility testing; offers clinics for inflammatory bowel disease and obesity
- Pediatric Orthopaedics – delivers outstanding care for fractures, congenital deformities and neuromuscular diseases



Workplace of the Year Award

Valley Children's was named a 2017 healthcare Workplace of the Year by the Advisory Board Company. Given annually to 20 organizations nationwide, the award recognizes hospitals and healthcare networks with outstanding levels of employee engagement based on annual survey results.

To celebrate, Human Resources and Marketing and Communications collaborated with physicians, staff and volunteers in the Hospital and with many of our Medical Group locations to create a lip-sync video to Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling." The video has received nearly 70,000 views and more than 600 likes on our YouTube channel. It highlights how wonderful, fun and energetic our workplace is every day.

Watch our staff lip-sync video at:
www.valleychildrens.org/annualreport



Most Wired Hospital/Network

Valley Children's works diligently to ensure technological capability to provide the best possible access to healthcare for children. In recognition of our efforts, the American Hospital Association named Valley Children's one of the nation's "Most Wired" hospitals/networks for excellence in information technology. Our ITS team was judged on progress in adoption, implementation and use of technology when it comes to infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety and clinical integration.

"Valley Children's has invested a great deal of time and resources in a robust patient portal that allows our pediatric specialists to reach out to families with updates and information," Vice President and Chief Information Officer Kevin Shimamoto said. "These tools help strengthen the relationship between our providers and the families we serve."



Beacon Award for Excellence

For a third consecutive time, the Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) earned the Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). The AACN measures leadership, staffing, evidence-based practice and outcomes against rigorous standards, and selects units demonstrating improvements in every facet of patient care. This prestigious award signifies a positive and supportive work environment with exemplary collaboration between colleagues and leaders, high morale and low turnover.

Valley Children's PICU was one of 24 in the nation and one of only four in California to receive the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence in this cycle.



Above and Beyond Award

Valley Children's Healthcare was given the Above and Beyond Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves, a branch of the Department of Defense, recognizing employers who demonstrate exemplary support of their Guard and Reserve employees.

"Valley Children's is humbled to be recognized for our efforts in supporting our military guard and reserve employees," said President and CEO Todd Suntrapak. "The real honor is having service men and women as part of the Valley Children's Healthcare team. The leadership, teamwork, strong work ethic, loyalty and value of 'service before self' demonstrated while serving our country is also exhibited in the workplace."

American Academy of Pediatrics



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Advocacy Training Grant Award

Valley Children's Pediatric Residency Program, affiliated with Stanford University School of Medicine, received one of four national Advocacy Training Grant Awards from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This award is given to programs seeking to strengthen advocacy training within their institutions. In our program's first year – before the inaugural class arrived – Valley Children's won the grant based on our innovation, interprofessional collaboration and desire to create a culture of advocacy for the Central Valley's underserved children.

Parts of the grant included program members attending the AAP Legislative Program in Washington D.C. and hosting the first Central Valley Healthcare Disparities Panel Discussion to explore issues adversely impacting children's health.

Consolidated Operating Revenues & Expenses

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Net Patient Services Revenue	\$562,628,672	\$564,867,503
Other Operating Revenue	<u>41,740,414</u>	<u>36,570,980</u>
 Total Operating Revenues	 604,369,086	 601,438,483
 Salaries and Benefits	 355,496,184	 331,271,974
Services, Supplies and Other	201,640,169	194,442,457
Depreciation	24,815,815	25,743,086
Interest	<u>6,493,198</u>	<u>6,955,002</u>
 Total Operating Expenses	 <u>588,445,366</u>	 <u>558,412,519</u>
 Available to Reinvest in the Mission	 <u>\$15,923,720</u>	 <u>\$43,025,964</u>

Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet

Assets	FY 2017	FY 2016
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 13,450,998	\$ 10,360,321
Board Designated Investments, Current Portion	6,566,011	6,292,925
Patient Accounts Receivable, Net of Allowances for Uncollectible Amounts	85,688,717	70,239,765
Other Current Assets	<u>71,477,687</u>	<u>87,937,293</u>
Current Assets	<u>177,183,413</u>	<u>174,830,304</u>
Board Designated Investments, Net of Current Portion	777,200,590	741,385,698
Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	286,313,743	257,721,460
Bond Trustee Assets	14,722,185	15,098,059
Other Long-Term Assets	<u>26,154,276</u>	<u>19,892,022</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$1,281,574,207</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,208,927,543</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 71,009,241	\$ 61,475,220
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>6,305,000</u>	<u>6,020,000</u>
Current Liabilities	<u>77,314,241</u>	<u>67,495,220</u>
Long-Term Debt	109,310,136	115,241,428
Other Long-Term Liabilities	<u>52,483,978</u>	<u>105,434,399</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>239,108,355</u>	<u>288,171,047</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,003,397,344	892,168,924
Temporarily Restricted	17,851,152	10,725,975
Permanently Restricted	<u>21,217,356</u>	<u>17,861,597</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,042,465,852</u>	<u>920,756,496</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$1,281,574,207</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,208,927,543</u></u>

Sprouting Up All Over

Since their inception in 1949, the Valley Children's Guilds have been an integral part of our network. Through the fundraising efforts of the founding Guilds, Valley Children's Hospital was constructed in 1952 at its original site in Fresno.

The Guilds have two primary objectives: to fundraise and develop ongoing community support for Valley Children's Healthcare. Historically, they are the largest financial contributors, reaching a \$29.5 million milestone since 1949. Currently, they are raising funds for The Guilds Heart Center Endowment (\$2M), The Guilds Child Life Endowment (\$1M) and The Guilds Spiritual Support Endowment (\$1M).

▼ Color the Skies Guild

The newest Guild in Modesto held its signature event in August 2017, Imagine Children's Ball, a premier wine auction and dinner. The event raised \$20,000 in its inaugural year.



As Valley Children's has grown throughout the Central Valley, so have the Guilds. True to their latest theme of "Sprouting Up All Over," we now have 15 Guilds throughout our service area. There are more than 1,200 members tirelessly working to raise funds. Two Guilds hold special events at their store locations, while 13 Guilds host signature events.

New growth and regrowth highlights

In 2017, we welcomed Color the Skies Guild in the Modesto area. We also celebrated a revitalization of two Guilds – Padrinos Guild and Los Rancheros Guild – and their efforts on gaining new members and achieving unprecedented fundraising goals through their events this year.



◀ Padrinos Guild

Padrinos Guild is the only all men's Guild, originally founded in 1991. Padrinos' signature event is the Annual Clay Shoot. This past August, the event raised more than \$20,000 for Valley Children's.

Los Rancheros ► Guild

The Los Rancheros Guild is a fun-loving group of women of all ages from the Fresno-Clovis area. They raised \$19,135 during the year through their signature event, the Central California Auto Show in Fresno, and other activities.





Alegria Guild
(1950)
\$2 million*
Madera Area



Color the Skies Guild
(2017)
Modesto Area



Holiday Guild
(1953)
\$2 million*
Fresno-Clovis Area



Kings Guild
(1949)
\$2 million*
Kings County



La Comida Guild
(1953)
\$2 million*
Fresno-Clovis Area



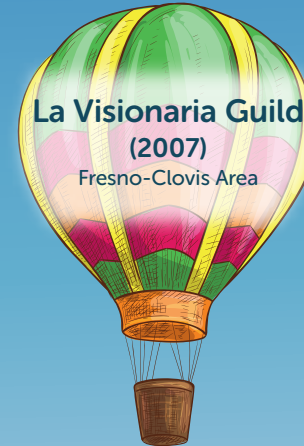
Las Madrinas Guild
(1953)
\$1 million*
Tulare County



La Feliz Guild
(1949)
\$3 million*
Fresno-Clovis Area



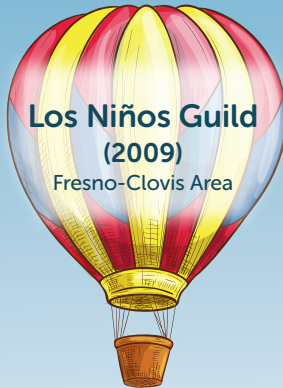
La Tienda Guild
(1952)
\$2 million*
Fresno-Clovis Area



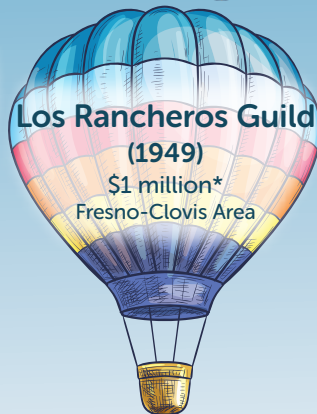
La Visionaria Guild
(2007)
Fresno-Clovis Area



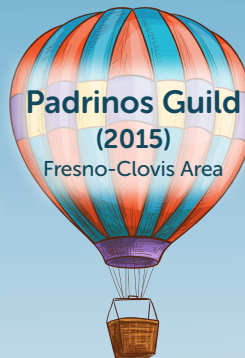
La Sierra Guild
(1999)
Mountain Area



Los Niños Guild
(2009)
Fresno-Clovis Area



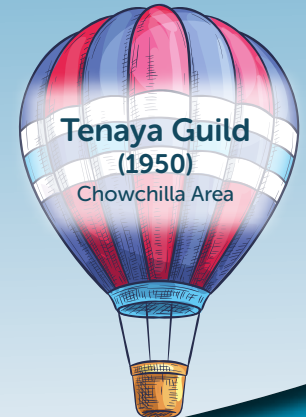
Los Rancheros Guild
(1949)
\$1 million*
Fresno-Clovis Area



Padrinos Guild
(2015)
Fresno-Clovis Area



Sequoia Guild
(1950)
Sanger Area



Tenaya Guild
(1950)
Chowchilla Area

*Million dollar milestone reached since inception

Helping to Fund the Future of Valley Children's



Expanding Access to Care

Valley Children's Healthcare has received generous financial support for the construction of new facilities in Bakersfield, Modesto and Fowler.

◀ Todd Suntrapak, Derek Carr, Jessica and Greg Coleman break ground for the Pelandale Specialty Care Center in Modesto on May 20, 2017.

Watch a video from President and CEO Todd Suntrapak thanking donors at: valleychildrens.org/annualreport

Philanthropists Fund Innovation

The President's Fund enables donors to fund employee-proposed projects to foster innovation and provide donors with a direct window into how their gift is used.

▼ **Bottom left:** David and Marilyn Britz have been President's Fund members for three years since the Fund's inception.

Bottom right: Jackie Rubottom who, along with Karen Persinger, proposed emergency travel bags for NICU and PICU patients who have undergone tracheostomies or have feeding tubes.



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5,000 emergency bags, lifesaving supplies and training for families with children who've undergone tracheostomies or with feeding tubes. Allow faster, critical care in emergency situations.	
PROPOSED BY	
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\$32,202	

Community Support for Valley Children's

◀ Gifts of Tomorrow Make a Difference Today

Because of the generosity of philanthropist Margaret Corasick, Dr. John Gates (pictured) became the second physician at Valley Children's to hold an endowed chair position. The Margaret Corasick Endowed Chair of Childhood Cancer Survivorship was funded in August 2017.



ABC30 Action News anchor Warren Armstrong meets with Jordyn and Samantha Leal. Samantha is a current patient at Valley Children's who utilizes multiple subspecialties.



In 2017, Wells Fargo generously sponsored Kids Day, the ABC30 "Futures Worth Fighting For" Telethon, the 19th Annual KISS Country for Kids Radiothon and Harvest Ball.



ABC30 Action News anchor Tony Cabrera meets former patient Kash Saldana at the ABC30 "Futures Worth Fighting For" Telethon on August 17, 2017. With the support of ABC30, generous sponsors and the local community, the Telethon raised \$89,385 for Valley Children's Hospital.



DJs Gnarley Charley & Jody Jo poses with Felicity, a former patient, and her family at the 19th Annual KISS Country for Kids Radiothon. The 2017 event raised \$170,827.



Table Mountain Casino President and General Manager Rob Goslin poses with George. Table Mountain Rancheria and Casino have been a consistent and generous supporter of Valley Children's through Kids Day and Harvest Ball, signature events of Valley Children's.

Donor List

Valley Children's gratefully acknowledges new gifts, multiyear pledges and payments on past years' pledges during the 2017 calendar year. Life-to-date giving is recognized on the donor wall at Valley Children's Hospital.

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Kings Guild	Los Rancheros Guild
La Comida Guild	Padrinos Guild
La Feliz Guild	Sequoia Guild
La Sierra Guild	Tenaya Guild
La Tienda Guild	

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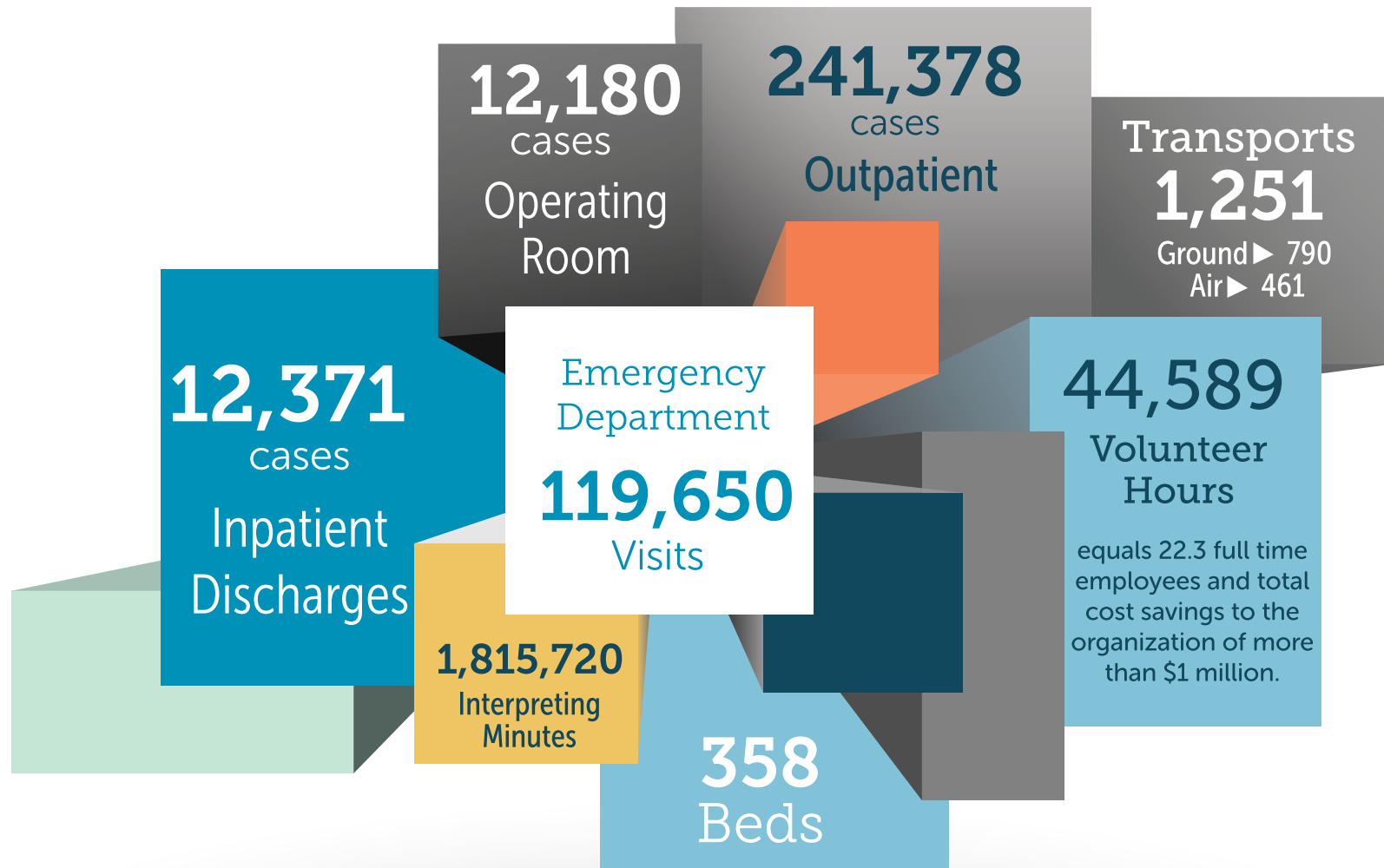
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