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possible with care
unlike any other.**

How we're working to
change the game for kids



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LUCIO A. FRAGOSO, PRESIDENT & CEO

Friends and Supporters,

Over the last several years, we have seen what forward progress, momentum, and a relentless and unwavering commitment to mission can accomplish: world class, nationally leading pediatric care for anything a child might need - right here at home.

Today, Manning Family Children's proudly serves as an undeniable resource for kids.

Driven to push the boundaries of care and drawn together in unrelenting, joyful purpose, we measure our legacy in futures made possible and an entire region made healthier. This is a legacy that we have created together, and one that we have the great honor and responsibility to carry forward.

Our legacy is also about limitless opportunity and running toward what is possible.

This is what our new chapter as Manning Family Children's represents. Delivering on our vision to make Louisiana a national leader in child health, in 2025 together we cared for the most children in our history - 680,000 times that a child received expert care.

This past year, we also made accessing care easier with the opening of new clinics, paved the way with curative gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease, brought new innovations to our Heart Center, and broke ground on Walker's Imaginarium - just to name a few. And 2026 is already off to an extraordinary start as we became verified as the one and only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center in Louisiana and the Gulf South, and broke ground on our new, 60-bed Level IV NICU, expanding this lifeline of care for Louisiana's littlest.

As the undisputed and undeniable resource for the most complex health needs a child might face, our legacy is measured in futures made possible and care that is unlike any other. As we move forward with passion and purpose, the ongoing support of our community will help fuel our vision - and together, the future for kids is limitless.

Appreciatively,

Lucio A. Fragoso
President & Chief Executive Officer
Manning Family Children's



Welcoming new board members!

Under the leadership of Manning Family Children's Board of Trustees Chairman, Tod Smith, three accomplished business and community leaders joined the board last year. Sunni LeBeouf, Philip Gordillo, and Greg Stokes were welcomed as the newest trustees, bringing diverse expertise and a shared commitment to advancing the hospital's mission of delivering world-class pediatric care to children and families across Louisiana and the Gulf South.



Sunni LeBeouf

Sunni LeBeouf serves as Market Vice President for Cox Communications in Greater New Orleans, where she oversees daily operations and leads strategic initiatives focused on customer engagement, employee leadership, and community partnerships. Raised in New Orleans, LeBeouf is a graduate of Southern University and A&M College and George Washington University Law School, where she earned her Juris Doctor. LeBeouf previously served as Attorney for the City of New Orleans, and Acting Civil Chief and Deputy Civil Chief of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana. In 2020, New Orleans CityBusiness recognized her as Business Woman of the Year. In addition to serving on the Manning Family Children's Board of Trustees, LeBeouf is a Commissioner with the Regional Transit Authority and is active with the Jazz & Heritage Foundation Advisory Council, the International Women's Forum Louisiana Chapter, The Links Incorporated, Jack and Jill of America, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



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Philip Gordillo serves as Regional Wealth Manager for Louisiana at Hancock Whitney Bank, where he leads a multidisciplinary team providing private banking, investment management, and financial and estate planning services to high-net-worth individuals and families across the state. Gordillo joined Hancock Whitney in 1996 through the bank's management training program and has built a distinguished career spanning nearly three decades in commercial and corporate banking. Prior to his current role, he served as head of Hancock Whitney's Corporate Banking Group in South Louisiana. Gordillo earned his degree in economics from the University of New Orleans and is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. In addition to his professional leadership, Gordillo serves on the board of the Association for Corporate Growth—Louisiana Chapter and the advisory board of Jefferson Capital Partners.



Greg Stokes

Greg Stokes is Managing Partner of Stokes Family Office, where he oversees investment strategy, portfolio management, and long-term financial planning for the family's assets and philanthropic initiatives. Stokes earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the TCU Neeley School of Business. With a background in finance, law, and private investments, he brings a strategic approach to asset management and business advisory services. In addition to his professional work, Stokes is committed to supporting organizations that strengthen families and communities.



The highest level of trauma care is now a reality for Louisiana's kids

Manning Family Children's has achieved a major milestone in ensuring that the most advanced care is available for children across Louisiana and the Gulf South. In January, the hospital was verified as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS)—making it the first and only hospital in Louisiana and the entire Gulf South to achieve this distinction.

Level I Pediatric Trauma Center verification represents the highest level of pediatric trauma care available. It means that children facing life-threatening injuries have immediate access to a comprehensive team of pediatric trauma specialists, advanced technology, and highly coordinated care, available around the clock.

The designation reflects more than just clinical capability. Level I Pediatric Trauma Centers also serve as regional leaders in education, research, and trauma system development, helping improve pediatric trauma care far beyond their own walls.



“In addition to delivering comprehensive, around-the-clock care for our most seriously injured children, Level I Trauma Centers are responsible for advancing pediatric trauma care across the state and region,” said Dr. David Yu, Trauma Program Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer for Manning Family Children's. **“As an expert resource and regional referral center, our team offers comprehensive, highly specialized, multidisciplinary trauma care—from prevention to rehabilitation.”**

With this verification, Manning Family Children's provides 24/7 pediatric trauma expertise with immediate access to all required pediatric surgical subspecialties. The hospital maintains a dedicated Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and serves as the primary referral center for the most complex pediatric trauma cases across the region.

The trauma program also plays an important role outside of the hospital. Manning Family Children's leads education, training, and outreach for healthcare professionals and communities, participates in trauma research and performance improvement, and supports injury prevention initiatives designed to keep children safe.

For hospital leadership, the milestone represents years of dedication by physicians, nurses, and clinical teams committed to pushing pediatric care forward.

“We are committed to ensuring that nationally leading care for anything a child might need is available close to home, including those in need of lifesaving trauma care,” said Lucio A. Fragoso, President and Chief Executive Officer of Manning Family Children's. **“I am incredibly proud of our expert team who has worked hard to expand the lifesaving impact of our trauma program. As the first in the Gulf South to receive Level I Pediatric Trauma Center verification, this is another way we are working to push the boundaries of care.”**

For families across Louisiana and the Gulf South, this designation means that when the most serious injuries occur, the region now has access to the highest level of pediatric trauma care—right here at home.





A new home for Louisiana's littlest

In February, Manning Family Children's announced plans to build a new 60-bed, Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to support growth of the hospital's regionally-leading neonatology program. The new flagship unit will anchor Children's regional network and address a critical need for expanded capacity and advanced neonatal care as the only program in Louisiana and the Gulf South with every pediatric medical and surgical specialty under one roof.

The project will increase the hospital's current NICU capacity from 35 to 60 beds, expanding the LCMC Health regional neonatal network to nearly 200 beds.

"Offering the highest level of neonatal intensive care available, our expert team stands ready to receive babies born as early as 22 weeks, many weighing barely a pound," said Dr. Christy Mumphrey, Service Line Chief for Neonatology at Manning Family Children's. **"Their survival depends on the swift intervention, specialized equipment, and expert care with compassion provided by the state's top pediatric subspecialists from both LSU Health New Orleans and Tulane University School of Medicine."**

A specialized center of excellence for neonatal intensive care – and the only one of its kind in the region.

From the clinical team's depth of expertise to the strength of its regional network and academic partnerships, Manning Family Children's provides a level of care that simply doesn't exist anywhere else in Louisiana or the Gulf South.

The existing 35-bed NICU was built for a different era—one that saw fewer patients, smaller teams, and simpler technology. The new unit will be designed for complexity, built for growth, and equipped to deliver optimal outcomes for the tiniest lives – with hope and support for every family.

A national model for neonatal care right here in Louisiana:

The new 60-bed NICU will foster one, high standard of care across the region – as a lifeline for Louisiana's most fragile and critically ill babies.

Features of the new 70,000 square foot Level IV 60-bed NICU include:

increased capacity from 35 to 60 beds, modern, efficient design including private care environments, advanced technology, space that fosters family-centered care, a healing environment offering dignity, privacy, and comfort for families in crisis, dedicated step-down transition rooms, leading-edge staff space, and dedicated infant feeding and lactation support.



Help create a legacy of care and innovation

Manning Family Children's has launched a capital campaign to help make this vital investment possible. Philanthropic support of the expert neonatal care available only at Manning Family Children's helps make possible – more miracles, more birthdays, more first steps, and more bright futures.

Help ensure that Children's can reach more families, save more lives, and continue to provide the highest level of care for every newborn who needs it.

To learn more about naming opportunities and giving levels, please contact 504.896.9375 or visit manningchildrens.org/newnicu



Private patient rooms with space for families to room-in create a family-centered care environment.



A new home for Louisiana's Littlest
Missing Family Children



Passing the white coat: A new chapter in physician leadership

At Manning Family Children's, progress is powered by people whose leadership shapes the future of care for generations. This year, Manning Family Children's celebrated one extraordinary chapter in our story while welcoming the next.

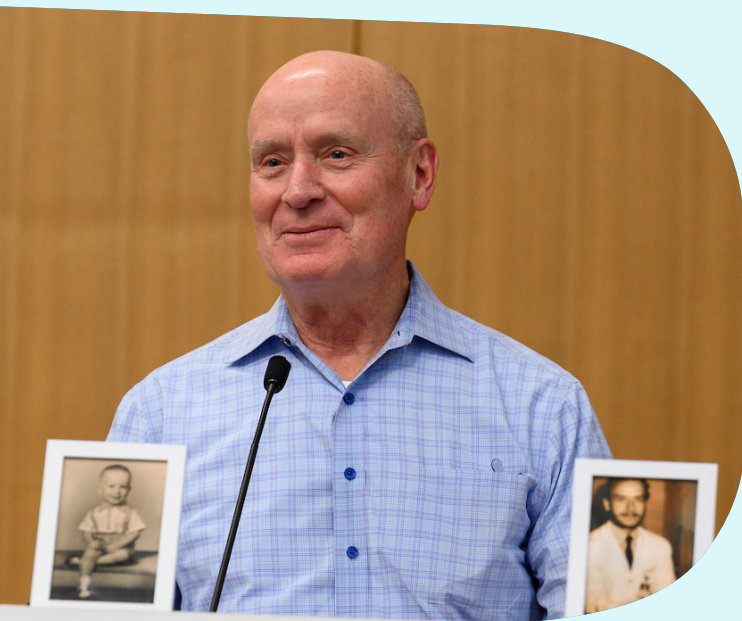
After more than four decades as a pediatric infectious disease specialist, physician leader and global health advocate, Mark Kline, MD retired at the end of January from his role as Chief Medical Officer and Physician-in-Chief for Manning Family Children's.

Dr. Kline's career has been defined by bold vision and unwavering commitment to children—both here in Louisiana and around the world. Under his leadership, Manning Family Children's strengthened its role as a regional and national leader in pediatric care, expanded critical clinical programs, deepened academic partnerships, and advanced research and innovation, each of which have improved countless young lives.

Beyond programs and milestones, Dr. Kline's legacy lives in the people he mentored, and the culture of compassion and excellence he helped cultivate both here in Louisiana, and through his pioneering work to bring modern treatment of HIV/AIDS to underdeveloped countries including Romania and Africa – making futures possible for hundreds of thousands of lives.

An equally exciting announcement was made as the hospital welcomed David C. Yu, MD, as the new Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Yu has dedicated 25 years to Manning Family Children's through his training, clinical practice, and numerous leadership roles. A respected pediatric surgeon and longtime medical staff leader, Dr. Yu has helped advance key multidisciplinary programs—including Trauma, Burn, and Wound Care—and played an important role in strengthening the hospital's recently designated Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, the only one of its kind in the region.

Dr. Yu's deep institutional knowledge, strong academic relationships, and unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for all children position him well to guide Children's into its next era. The enduring legacy of Dr. Kline and forward-looking leadership of Dr. Yu reflect a continued commitment to clinical excellence, compassionate care, and a healthier future for Louisiana's children.





Louisiana's
#1 ranked
 children's
 hospital,
 5 years in a row!



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Ranked among the world's best, 5 years in a row!

Last September, Newsweek released its 2026 list of the World's Best Specialized Hospitals, and for the fifth year in a row, Manning Family Children's remains the #1 and only children's hospital in Louisiana and Mississippi to be ranked.

The ranking program, compiled by Newsweek in partnership with global research and statistics firm, Statista, evaluates hospitals based on peer recommendations, accreditation, and patient outcomes. In the 2026 pediatrics ranking, Manning Family Children's was recognized number 34 in the United States and number 69 worldwide. **For parents and supporters, this recognition reinforces the hospital's commitment to delivering the highest level of care for kids – care that is unlike any other in the region.**

“To again be recognized among the world's best children's hospitals by Newsweek is a testament to the expert, lifechanging care that our providers and team members make possible every day,” said Lucio A. Frago, President and CEO of Manning Family Children's. “This important achievement represents our unwavering dedication to providing the very best care for every child, every time — right here at home.”

This ranking is more than just a number, it represents the team's unwavering commitment to provide the best possible care for every child, every time. With more than 40 pediatric specialties and 600 pediatric providers, Manning Family Children's serves families from across the Gulf South, delivering comprehensive care for complex conditions, from leading heart and neonatal care, to orthopedics and mental health care. Families can count on Manning Family Children's for any health need that a child may face, and always regardless of a family's ability to pay.



Leading with heart

Families with children facing congenital heart conditions need more than expert medicine, they need a team with heart that walks with them each step of the way, from childhood into adulthood. Over the last few years, the Heart Center at Manning Family Children's has seen significant growth in services to meet the needs of complex patients, from cardiothoracic surgery and cardiac intensive care, to new innovative ways to perform minimally invasive surgeries.



The Heart Center's team of experts is growing with the addition of two new physicians who joined the team in 2026. Internationally-recognized pediatric cardiologist Russel Hirsch, MD was named the new Chief of Pediatric Cardiology and Co-Director of the Heart Center. Dr. Hirsch

brings expansive expertise in pediatric pulmonary hypertension, catheterization, and intervention to the team – serving as an invaluable resource in the care of children with congenital and acquired cardiovascular disease.



The Heart Center also welcomed Michelle Sykes, MD who will lead the region's first pediatric pulmonary hypertension program at Manning Family Children's, bringing advanced, lifesaving care closer to home.

Innovations in Pediatric Heart Care

The Heart Center is also leading the way in pediatric heart care through its commitment to innovation. As the first in Louisiana to use virtual reality technology to plan pediatric heart surgeries, the Heart Center is working to reduce surgical time and improve outcomes. In the last year, minimally invasive options including new FDA-approved Occlutech ASD Occluder, a minimally invasive device designed to close atrial septal defects (ASDs) in the heart, and advanced procedures like the full percutaneous Stage 1 palliation for high-risk single-ventricle patients offering safer alternatives for medically fragile infants, have been introduced.

Through meaningful partnerships, the Heart Center is also bringing advanced heart care to children who might otherwise go without treatment. The Heart Center is proud to have a longstanding partnership with HeartGift Louisiana, which recently celebrated its 100th lifesaving surgery for children from around the world who do not have access to expert comprehensive care.

With new leadership, innovative care, and a commitment to expanding access, the Heart Center at Manning Family Children's is shaping the future of pediatric heart care, ensuring that families across the region can find world-class treatment, close to home.

Where care meets community: the first ThriveKids Community Clinic takes root in New Orleans East

Manning Family Children's recently celebrated the grand opening of its first ThriveKids Community Clinic in New Orleans East—an important expansion of care and the first physical location under the ThriveKids umbrella. Located within the New Orleans East Opportunity Center and serving students from Educators for Quality Alternatives (EQA) schools as well as the broader community, the clinic brings both primary care and mental health services directly to kids in a community where pediatric health services have been limited. With appointments available five days a week, providers offer comprehensive primary care services, while pediatric psychiatrists and counselors deliver essential mental and behavioral health support.

This milestone builds on the momentum of the ThriveKids program, which last year provided more than 20,000

mental health counseling sessions to students directly in schools in partnership with NOLA Public Schools and Jefferson Parish Schools. One-third of ThriveKids students live in New Orleans East, and half of the program's target schools for intensive mental health support are located in District E, making this community-based clinic both strategic and deeply impactful. Ongoing collaboration with academic partners at LSU Health New Orleans and Tulane University School of Medicine further strengthens the model of integrated, accessible care.

The ThriveKids Community Clinic reflects a shared commitment to remove barriers and meet children where they are—supporting the whole child, both mind and body. Because of this partnership, more children now have access to the health services they need, building a stronger, healthier future for the entire community.



Futures made possible and an entire region made healthier



When doctors across Louisiana, the Gulf South, and as far away as Florida refer their patients to Manning Family Children's, they are entrusting the care of babies and children with the most critical and complex health needs – **care unlike any other in the region.** This care is made possible thanks to the highly trained pediatric physicians, representing every medical and surgical specialty, who stand ready for anything a child might need. This isn't happenstance; **the groundwork to become a top destination for pediatric healthcare has been intentional and years in the making.**

“Around 2019, we knew there was a decision to be made, as the hospital was at a crossroads,” said Manning Family Children’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Lucio A. Fragoso. “We had to decide whether we were going to continue to serve as a really strong community children’s hospital or if we were going to become a true comprehensive quaternary children’s hospital, where no child ever has to leave the state to receive the highly specialized care that he or she might need. Our vision then was to become one of the best children’s hospitals in the country, by any standard. So, we’ve been on a warp speed journey for the last seven years. I often say that we’ve done three careers worth of work in that time, adding 200 new pediatric providers, doubling the size of our staff, building programs to ensure that anything a child might need is available – for every child, every time, right here at home.”





From an infrastructure perspective, the main campus was expanded by 230,000 square feet between 2018 and 2021, including a new 51-bed behavioral health center, a 28-bed cardiac intensive care unit (CICU), an expanded Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, and added capacity for emergency care, along with all new surgical, imaging, dialysis, and neurosciences centers. This enabled the growth and development of signature programs that are one-of-a-kind across the region. **Now, more children than ever before are receiving the specialized care they need – 680,000 kids in 2025 alone.**

Growth continues today with construction of Walker's Imaginarium, a first-of-its-kind child enrichment center opening later this year that is redefining the child healthcare experience, and construction beginning for a **new 60-bed neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to expand this vital lifeline of care for the tiniest and most fragile babies across the region** who are transported to Manning Family Children's for the highest level of lifesaving care.

“Ours is a standalone NICU, meaning that every other NICU in the state is affiliated with a birthing hospital, whereas Manning Family Children's has operated a specialized neonatal intensive care unit since the 1980s even though we do not deliver babies,” said long-serving neonatologist

Dr. Brian Barkemeyer, who led the hospital's neonatology division for nearly 30 years. “Ten to twelve percent of babies born will be admitted to the NICU for a variety of medical reasons. Manning Family Children's pulls from a geographic area which spans the Greater New Orleans area, along with the entire state of Louisiana, parts of Mississippi, and beyond. So, if a baby has a problem that can't be dealt with in the hospital NICU where he or she is born, it is likely the baby will need to come to us as the only Level IV NICU in the state with every medical and surgical specialty under one roof.”

According to Barkemeyer, there are three primary reasons why babies might be in need of neonatal intensive care – the primary reason being prematurity, followed by birth defects, and acquired conditions – for instance, a child born with spina bifida or a congenital heart defect, or something that wasn't present at birth but happened afterward. All are key drivers for neonatal care.

Barkemeyer added, "When I first began my career back in the late 80s and early 90s, the limit for successful treatment of preemies was around 24-weeks gestation. It's gradually crept down and is now somewhere around 22 weeks. Extremely low-weight babies are also much more likely to have associated medical and developmental complications down the road, but **we will always do everything we can to save them.**"

One such baby who received expert, lifesaving care by Dr. Barkemeyer and the team at Manning Family Children's is Py'lan Goldie Joseph. She was born at Touro on August 12, 2024. Mom, Na'Jai Thomas, was only six months pregnant when she needed an emergency C-section to save both herself and her baby after being diagnosed with pre-eclampsia, a disorder specific to pregnancy which brings on severely high blood pressure.

"I'll never forget that day," said Na'Jai. "They just couldn't get my pressure down, and the fluid around my baby girl was getting low, so before we both found ourselves in dangerous situations, it was necessary to deliver her. **When I first saw her after she was born, I could not believe how tiny she was – just one pound, four ounces.**"

At that weight and just 25 weeks gestation, Py'lan was considered a micro-preemie, a growing population cared for by the expert team at Manning Family Children's. Since most babies are born at 40 weeks, Py'lan entered the world extremely early, which came with multiple health concerns. **On day four, Touro transported Py'lan to Manning Family Children's where she would receive the highest level of care – a place of hope and healing where Py'lan and her family would spend the next 208 days.**

Diagnosed with broncho pulmonary dysplasia (BPD), Dr. Barkemeyer explained that it takes more time to develop the lungs outside of the mother's womb. Underdeveloped lungs meant a ventilator and later, a breathing machine, along with gastrointestinal issues, which required a feeding tube.

"Our goal with extremely premature babies whose lungs are still developing is that they are able to grow new healthy lung tissue over time," Barkemeyer added. "And that is what happened with Py'lan. She was able to make enough progress to eventually get off of oxygen support and get ready to go home."



Mom and dad desperately hung in there for the seven months their daughter stayed in the hospital fighting, coming to visit every day. "I read, I sang, I cried," recalled Na'Jai. "This is my child and I wanted her to know that her dad Phillip and I were here for her, and she just needed to keep fighting because soon it would all pass and we would be able to take her home. And that's what happened. On March 6, 2025, after seven months, our baby girl came home."

Py'lan has now been home for over a year and receives ongoing speech, physical, and occupational therapy to make sure she's on track for various developmental milestones. She is still learning to eat more comfortably and has a supplemental gastrostomy tube in her stomach by which nutrients and medications can be given directly. Na'Jai and Phillip are hopeful that the G-tube will soon be removed. Meanwhile, she's making great strides. "She's now standing by herself, and we're practicing walking with her," said Na'Jai. "She's in daycare while we're at work, so is surrounded by other kids, which she loves.

We're extremely proud of all the progress she's made."



Dr. Barkemeyer stresses that the type of lifesaving care that Py'lan received takes a village – a whole host of pediatric subspecialists who were an integral part of her care. That included neurologists, pulmonologists, cardiologists, gastroenterologists, and surgeons, along with her nurses, respiratory therapists, and countless other members of the care team.

"To fulfill the essential role we play across our region, our biggest challenge has been space – not having enough of it," explained Barkemeyer. "We're still utilizing the 35-bed NICU that was built in 2006, when our census can experience periods of more than 50 babies here at one time, requiring us to surge to other critical care units. Building out our new 60-bed NICU will mean all of our NICU patients will be in the same space, with adequate space for families, since they are a critical part of the healing process. **Construction began this spring for the new, state-of-the-art unit,** which will be housed on the fourth floor of our newest medical tower, and will be up and running in 2027."

One of the many facets that distinguishes Manning Family Children's from other pediatric programs is that it runs toward the problems, no matter how difficult they may be. For instance, Sickle Cell Disease is the most common genetic blood disorder in the world, impacting 120,000 people in the United States. And Louisiana has more cases of Sickle Cell Disease per capita than any other in the U.S. A debilitating disease that predominantly affects African-Americans, Sickle Cell Disease is responsible for shortening the lives of so many, while also causing chronic pain and frequent hospitalizations.

Complications from the disease include chronic pain, lung problems, eye problems, infections, kidney disease, and stroke, caused because sickle-shaped cells don't flow through the body normally. They tend to get stuck in tiny blood vessels, causing pain, and ultimately clogging up the circulatory system.

Although bone marrow transplants have been the traditional treatment option for those with serious complications, not everyone is a candidate because the procedure is reliant on finding a good matching donor. But now, with recent significant advancements that allow the altering of genetically modified stem cells, many more children and young adults can be treated (and functionally cured), before the disease begins to destroy their organs.

Manning Family Children's is now one of a select few nationally to offer this chance for hope and futures restored. "The first step is recruiting the experts, and we were fortunate to bring on Dr. Ben Watkins, who

was formerly at Emory in Atlanta, to lead our Stem Cell Transplant and Cellular Therapies Program," said Fragoso. "This isn't just about having the technical expertise, which is critical, but it's also about finding providers who connect with our community and want to be a part of it."

Now, with FDA approval of two gene-altering technologies, the genetic mutations of Sickle Cell Disease can be corrected with two different approaches. Dr. Watkins, who was part of the clinical trials in Atlanta, has helped develop the program here at Manning Family Children's, which completed the hospital's first gene therapy infusion this spring, a historic moment that was more than two years in the making.

22-year-old Daniel Cressy is the first patient in Louisiana and the Gulf South to receive gene editing therapy (utilizing Casgevy's CRISPR/Cas9 technology) to modify his hematopoietic stem cells to increase the production of fetal hemoglobin (HbF), which helps prevent the sickling of red blood cells.

Daniel has not had a chance to rid himself of the disease — until now. To get ready for infusion day, millions of Daniel's dysfunctional stem cells within his bone marrow had to be extracted from his body and sent to a laboratory in Scotland where they performed the highly technical gene editing. In March, after Daniel underwent chemotherapy to rid his body of the rest of his abnormal sickle cells, the new altered cells were infused into his body.

"I remember as a young kid, although I wasn't really conscious of what was going on, that I spent a lot of time seeing the doctor and having these pain crises," recounted Cressy. "Because of that I was often in the hospital, and each stay was about a week. That was pretty much a monthly occurrence."

Daniel decided years ago that he wanted to become a commercial airline pilot, but found out that the FAA would not consider him because of his Sickle Cell Disease due to medical safety requirements. Unwilling to give up on his dream, in 2023 Daniel appealed to the FAA through Louisiana Senator Bill Cassidy's office to see if there was any way they would reconsider.

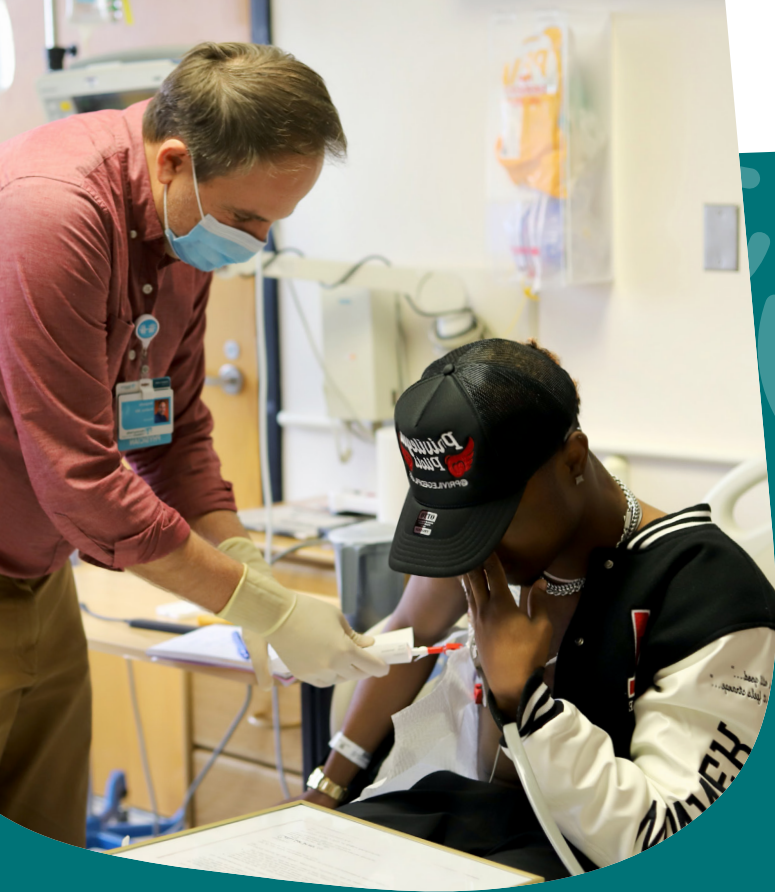
"The answer came back," said Cressy. "If I could cure my Sickle Cell Disease either through a bone marrow transplant or through gene therapy, then I could become a pilot. Gene editing had just



been approved for clinical trials, so I was following the studies closely. When I heard Manning Family Children's had been granted approval to engage in the process, I began to discuss options with my doctors here."

After years of involvement in clinical trials, Dr. Watkins is excited to now be doing the first case in Louisiana since the approval of gene therapy, with several additional patients now in various stages of the process to follow. For Daniel Cressy, his gene editing procedure could not come soon enough.

"I'm so excited about all of this," Daniel shared. "I've always wanted to run long distances, and shortly, I'll be able to. And I feel like God chose me to be the first one in the state because my story, once I do finally become a commercial pilot, is going to be inspirational for a lot of people. So, I'm excited to be the one undergoing this gene therapy at Manning Family Children's, and to share my story."



Adding to the list of recent achievements, in January, Manning Family Children's was designated a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons – the first and only in Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama.

"I presume most people have watched enough ER, The Pitt, and Chicago Med so that they understand the concept of what a trauma center is all about," said Manning Family Children's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. David Yu, who is responsible for establishing physician practices across the hospital, leading the medical staff, and spearheading new initiatives and programs.

"Louisiana has a well-organized statewide trauma care system that's independent of corporations and schools. There's essentially a list of adult and pediatric trauma centers by region and by levels: One, Two or Three. So, if a child or adult is picked up by EMS, there's a centralized system in place to know which hospitals have the capability of caring for people of differing ages, types of medical conditions or injuries."

From a clinical standpoint, the state wants both Level I and Level II pediatric trauma centers to be able to take care of kids with significant injuries close to home. Level I centers are expected to be regional and national leaders, setting policy standards, and leading the way in education and research. For example, because gunshot wounds are the leading cause of death in children, Manning Family Children's provides free biometric gun safes and education about secure storage of firearms.

The hospital also provides education and resources for safety around water, biking, and traffic, as well as fire safety, and serves as a resource for other facilities in the region.

Level I Pediatric Trauma Center verification is a big deal for families. When a child is badly hurt, everything happens fast. Fear takes over. Parents don't think about levels or systems, they think, "please save my child". A Level I Pediatric Trauma Center means that when that moment comes, everything and everyone that a child needs is already here – the right doctors, the right nurses, the right equipment, and the highest level of expertise, 24 hours a day, every day.

Having a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center in the state certainly is a game changer.

"We have people here 24/7/365, who are trained to take care of children experiencing life-threatening injuries – a family's worst moment," added Dr. Yu. "Our experts are capable of taking care of kids not just on a medical level, but on every level. I think anyone who has been to a pediatrician versus an adult doctor knows that the doctors, nurses, and the person sitting at the front desk all have a different kind of skill set when you work with children. We have physicians, nurses, therapists, and provide wraparound services like Child Life and behavioral health for kids who have been in bad accidents and are dealing with PTSD. We have designed a system to get a child from the time of injury to the time of complete integration back into school and normal kid activities. **This is what it looks like to give futures back.**"

From the lifesaving care of the NICU with every medical and surgical specialist needed to care for the smallest and most vulnerable babies, to the most advanced, life-changing gene therapies performed by no one else in the region, to developing Louisiana's first and only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, **Manning Family Children's proudly serves as the undeniable leader in the advanced care of children – investing when and where our kids need it most.**

"We run our hospital, clinics and community programs like a cause not a corporation, and we say yes to every child, every time, regardless of ability to pay," emphasized CEO Lou Fragoso. "We recently cared for a patient who needed a bone marrow transplant from Lafayette because no other hospital would take him, as he didn't

have insurance. So, Manning Family Children's accepted him with open arms. He was here for 180 days, and we celebrated him when he was cured of his disease. His family never got a bill, and now, he has his whole life ahead of

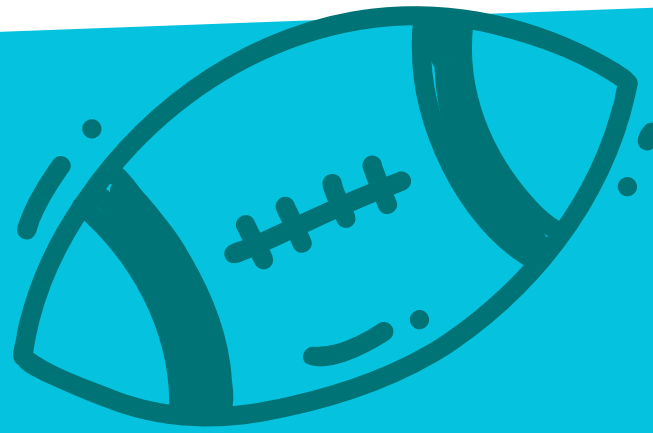
him. Last year, we provided \$17 million in free care. And we invested another \$17 million into our community programs which are designed to care for and support our most vulnerable kids and families, where they are."

"The economic and brain value we've brought to our state is incredible," continued Fragoso. "We've recruited extraordinary physicians from Texas Children's, Boston Children's, Stanford, Cincinnati, and many other centers of excellence. They are all coming here because they believe in what we're doing and are immediately connected to the mission. We have had a lot of success in recruiting great physicians to New Orleans because they see the opportunity to make a real impact here, and to be a part of driving generational change. Together, our legacy is one of countless futures made possible. Futures like Py'lan and Daniel. It's about how we lift up this community and change the trajectory of an entire region. Countless futures saved, and countless futures restored."



Manning moments

The Manning family creates special moments for patients and staff throughout the first year as Manning Family Children's.



Texas Longhorns quarterback, Arch Manning, paid a visit to kids spending their holidays in the hospital.



Archie and Cooper Manning participate in a luncheon for donors and community leaders, highlighting how the hospital is working to change the game for kids.



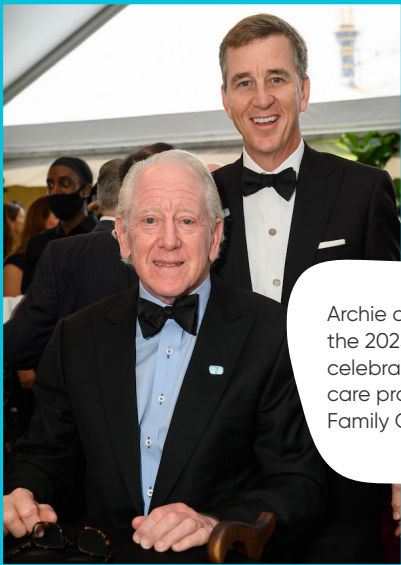
Archie Manning visited the hospital to read "Family Huddle," a children's book written by Archie, Peyton, and Eli Manning. Copies of the book were donated by the family for patients.



On the one year anniversary of the hospital's renaming, Archie Manning proudly helped unveil the Manning Family Children's Legacy Wall—a tribute to 70 years of compassionate care and a lasting commitment to the generations ahead.



Archie Manning joins in for the 2025 Holiday Parade Press Conference at Manning Family Children's, honoring the parade's "Royal Court," -- Queen Jules, Queen Abigail, and King Abron.



Archie and Cooper attend the 2025 Sugarplum Ball, celebrating 70 years of care provided by Manning Family Children's.



Manning Family Children's and LCMC Health leaders attend last year's Manning Passing Academy at Nicholls State University.



Archie and Cooper Manning join in the fun as the hospital kicked off football season and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September 2025.





We all scream for ice cream!

Nine-year-old Abigail "Abby" Fisher is no stranger to overcoming challenges. In January, the Manning Family Children's patient was honored for her strength and resilience when the Baskin-Robbins® Joy in Childhood Foundation® named her its newest Pint-Sized Hero.

The recognition came with a sweet surprise – and meaningful support for the hospital.

In Abby's honor, the Baskin-Robbins Joy in Childhood Foundation, represented by Baskin-Robbins Brand Head Jerid Grandinetti and Vice President of Brand Marketing and Culinary Nicole Boutwell, presented a \$31,000 grant to Manning Family Children's. Abby was also surprised with a year of free ice cream, and patients and staff were treated to a celebratory Pint-Sized Hero ice cream party at the award presentation.

The grant will support Walker's Imaginarium, a first-of-its-kind, 15,000-square-foot child enrichment center currently under construction at Manning Family Children's. Scheduled to open this fall, Walker's Imaginarium will provide an engaging, healing environment where patients and families can spend meaningful time together while in the hospital.

Abby, who has Treacher Collins Syndrome, a rare inherited condition affecting the growth of the skull and facial bones, embodies the spirit of the Pint-Sized Heroes program. Despite the medical challenges associated with her diagnosis, she approaches life with remarkable strength and infectious positivity that uplifts those around her.

Her care team describes her as resilient, kind and full of energy – a child whose bright spirit fills every room she enters.

The Pint-Sized Heroes program recognizes children across the country who are receiving care at children's hospitals and continue to inspire their communities. Powered by Baskin-Robbins and supported by franchisees, team members, partners and guests, the Joy in Childhood Foundation aims to bring moments of happiness to young patients facing serious challenges.

For Abby and her fellow patients at Manning Family Children's, the celebration was about more than just ice cream – it was a reminder that courage can be honored, joy can be shared, and even in a hospital setting, there is always room for something sweet.





Community giveback events rally support during **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

Last September, Manning Family Children's honored Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with tailgates, game days, and giveback nights across the region. The community showed up in full force to turn the month into something both meaningful and memorable.

Manning Family Children's partnered with local businesses and community organizations to host a series of giveback events in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The events raised awareness for pediatric cancer while bringing the community together to support children and families receiving care at the hospital's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

One of the month's highlights was the second annual Tailgate Fest, a full day of football game watching, block party style. Hosted by Urban South Brewery, the event featured food, games, and community spirit, along with the debut of a special limited-edition Apricot Lager created to benefit the Manning Family Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders with each sale throughout the month.

The hospital also partnered with Tulane Football for a special 'Go Gold' game-day during the Green Wave's exciting win over Duke. Pediatric patients, Zoe and Patrick, joined in the festivities, helping represent the many children receiving care at Manning Family Children's while raising awareness for childhood cancer in front of a packed house at Yulman Stadium.

Throughout the month, many local businesses hosted giveback nights, donating a portion of proceeds to support the pediatric cancer program at the hospital. Participating partners included Reginelli's Pizzeria, Picnic Provisions & Whiskey, The Daily Beet, The Backyard, Walk-On's Sports

Bistreaux, Pure Barre, and Art for Good. Together, these partnerships demonstrated the powerful role the community plays in supporting children facing cancer and blood disorders.

As a special part of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Manning Family Children's also welcomed Hyundai Hope On Wheels for a special event highlighting the ongoing fight against pediatric cancer. Hyundai Hope On Wheels, an organization backed by Hyundai Motor America that is committed to advancing the fight against pediatric cancer through both research funding and public awareness, has supported Manning Family Children's year after year.

During the visit, Hyundai Hope On Wheels presented a \$100,000 Impact Award to support the hospital's pediatric oncology program. The funding helps advance care and provide support services for children and families receiving treatment.

A signature moment of the event was the organization's well-known handprint ceremony, where pediatric patients placed colorful handprints on a Hyundai vehicle that travels across the country to raise awareness for childhood cancer. Partnerships like Hyundai Hope on Wheels play a vital role in helping ensure children across Louisiana and beyond receive care unlike any other, close to home.

While Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is one month out of the year, the fight for the many children battling cancer at Manning Family Children's continues year-round, driven by the strength of patients, the dedication of their care team, and the unwavering support of a community committed to making a difference.

Celebrations **bring joy** to patients

Celebrations are a way of life in New Orleans—and at Manning Family Children's, that spirit carries into the hospital halls, bringing the joy of the holidays and carnival season to team members, patients, and their families. Take a look at some of the many moments of joy created at Manning Family Children's.



Rehabilitation patient, Kyler, crowns the 2026 Bacchus King, actor Patrick Warburton.



The Krewe of Tucks, Krewe of Thoth, and Krewe of Endymion paraded through the hospital concourse letting the good times roll and spreading joy to patients, staff and families.

Krewe of Thoth



Krewe of Endymion



Krewe of Tucks



Patients pose with one of the renowned Budweiser Clydesdale horses outside of the hospital concourse.



All families are invited to catch throws as patients lead the parade through the hospital concourse.



On Thoth Sunday, the 610 Stompers perform just for patients and families before marching in the parade that rolls right in front of the hospital.



Patients and families watch the parade in a special viewing area outside of the hospital.

Manning Family Children's kicked off the holiday season with the Light Up The Season Ceremony, inviting patients, families and the community to watch as a special patient flips the switch to light up the campus.



The event begins with a performance of The Nutcracker by the Delta Festival Ballet dancers.



There is even an appearance from Santa himself.



The 5th annual Light Up The Season Radiothon, presented by the Ray & Jessica Brandt Family Foundation, made the holiday season brighter at Manning Family Children's raising \$179,940 for Manning Family Children's.



WWL Radio, Bayou 95.7 Magic 101.9, and B97 broadcast live from the hospital, interviewing patients, staff and leaders. This year, the Bobby Hebert Sports Show was joined by special guest, Archie Manning, with call-in interviews from Eli Manning and Drew Brees.

Ring in a new chapter: An artistic tribute to life after cancer by Terrance Osborne

A new work of art that also marks one of the most meaningful moments in a patient's journey was installed at Manning Family Children's in March. The piece, called "Rebirth," is an original installation by renowned New Orleans artist, Terrance Osborne. The vibrant piece, depicting a New Orleans second line of healthcare heroes, now serves as the backdrop for the moment a patient rings the bell when their cancer treatment is over. This moment is seen as a celebration, marking the start of a new life beyond cancer.

Osborne's work is instantly recognizable to many locals. Known for his bold colors and energetic scenes celebrating the culture of New Orleans, his art often captures the joy, music, and movement that define the city's spirit.

"The bell is a symbol of a new start. It's a point where you're cured, and the child can ring the bell to announce to everyone in the hospital that they are cured and they're leaving to go home to be with their family," Osborne said. "So, it's a wonderful experience to put the bell into a piece of artwork."

In a special ceremony on March 2, Manning Family Children's unveiled the meaningful piece of art. Previous bell ringers and their families gathered with hospital leaders and community supporters for the unveiling ceremony. It was only fitting to have a special performance by local New Orleans musicians, the legendary Rebirth Brass Band, as patients second lined with Terrance Osborne through the concourse to the area where the bell is displayed.

Physicians and leaders highlighted the remarkable work happening every day at the hospital's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. 14-year-old Kelsey Farris, who received a successful Bone Marrow Transplant treating her Sickle Cell Disease, left the audience with the inspirational words she spoke after she rang the bell last year – "It's going to be hard. There are trials and tribulations, but you are going to get to the finish line. And when you do, you'll look back and think to yourself,



'Wow. I did that.' And if you can do all those trials and tribulations, you can do anything else that you put your mind to."

Manning Family Children's is home to the largest pediatric cancer and blood disorders team in the Gulf South, offering advanced treatments and leading-edge research close to home for families across Louisiana and the region. In 2025 alone, 31 children rang the bell, celebrating the completion of cancer treatment, while the hospital performed 30 stem cell transplants – the most in its history.

For families who have endured months or years of treatment, the bell-ringing ceremony is one of the most emotional milestones in a child's journey. "Rebirth" now provides a permanent place for those moments of joy, reflection, and hope, honoring the courage of patients while celebrating the promise of what comes next.





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Where the Garden Grows: The 44th annual Sugarplum Ball

On Saturday, March 28, Mardi Gras World transformed into a vibrant garden in full bloom as guests gathered for the 44th annual Sugarplum Ball, presented by LEMOINE. Themed "Where the Garden Grows," the unforgettable evening celebrated growth, generosity, and impact – all in support of the vital mission of Manning Family Children's.

Co-chairs Meg Baldwin and Mary Martin Roth led the evening alongside auction co-chairs Sarah Petitto and Amy Rougelot, food co-chairs Meredith Claiborne and Ashby Navarro, and more than 100 host committee members who worked tirelessly to champion this year's fundraising event – the most successful to date with \$1.7 million raised.

Top sponsors kicked off the evening at the Floral Fête VIP Party, presented by the Ray & Jessica Brandt Family Foundation. Guests enjoyed cuisine from Ralph Brennan Catering & Events, Napoleon House, and Ralph's on the Park, along with elegant live music that set the tone for the night ahead.

The main event featured an extraordinary culinary experience with food provided by more than 40 beloved local restaurants and caterers. Signature cocktails and beer were generously provided by Crescent Crown, the Sazerac Company, and Goldring Family Foundation, with wine from Republic National Distributing Company.



Wills and Lauren Hover representing presenting sponsor, LEMOINE

An exciting silent auction offered unique experiences, fine jewelry, artwork, vacation packages, sport memorabilia and more, inspiring spirited bidding throughout the evening. Guests also had an opportunity to purchase remaining chances for the \$50,000 Flourishing Fortune Cash Raffle, made possible through the generous support of the Ray & Jessica Brandt Family Foundation, adding to the excitement and anticipation as the winner was announced live on stage.

Entertainment by Az IZz, an eight-piece Motown band from Atlanta, kept the dance floor full and the energy high from the ENFRA Stage, carrying the celebration late into the evening.

For more than four decades, Sugarplum Ball has remained one of the hospital's most important fundraising events – ensuring that Manning Family Children's can continue to say yes to every child, every time, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Each sponsorship secured, ticket purchased, and auction item bid on helps expand access to advanced

pediatric care right here at home. Manning Family Children's is deeply grateful to leading sponsors, including LEMOINE, ENFRA, The Ray & Jessica Brandt Family Foundation, American Safety, LLC, In-Telecom and Motorola Solutions, Our Lady of the Lake Children's Health, CMA Technology Solutions, Deloitte, First Horizon Bank, LSU Department of Pediatrics, LSU Health New Orleans Offices of the Senior Vice Chancellor and School of Medicine Dean, Mardi Gras World and River City Venues and all who made the evening possible, with a steadfast commitment to helping children grow, heal, and thrive.

Lou and Jill Fragoso pictured with Michael and Sara Cooper representing Stage Sponsor, ENFRA



2026 Co-Chairs Meg Baldwin and Mary Martin Roth



A spooktacular success: Boo at the Zoo 2025

Each October, the New Orleans community gathers for one of the most anticipated events of the year—Boo at the Zoo—and 2025 was nothing short of spooktacular. Presented for the first time by Keesler Federal Credit Union, this beloved Halloween tradition welcomed more than 15,000 guests, making it one of the largest and most impactful community events the hospital hosts.

Designed as a safe, family-friendly daytime celebration, Boo at the Zoo transformed the Audubon Zoo into a frightfully-fun Halloween dream filled with costumes, candy, and countless smiles. Families enjoyed three dedicated trick-or-treat areas, ensuring little ghosts and goblins could collect their goodies with ease while experiencing all the thrills of the season. From photo opportunities to the fan-favorite haunted house and visits with beloved zoo animals, there was excitement around every corner.

A meaningful highlight of the weekend was the interactive Animal Clinic, staffed by some of the hospital's pediatric specialists. Children adopted a new stuffed animal that they then took through stations for check-ups and bandaging, offering a playful glimpse into the compassionate, expert care provided across Manning Family Children's every day. It was a powerful way to connect fun with purpose—reminding families that behind every smile is a mission to heal and serve.

Boo at the Zoo benefits the missions of Manning Family Children's and Audubon Nature Institute, helping ensure children and families across our region have access to specialized care and enriching community experiences.



Thanks to our generous sponsors including Keesler Federal Credit Union, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, Event Producers, Pan American Life Insurance Group, Valero, Chaffe McCall, Humana, Labcorp, Legacy Buick GMC, Pelican Pointe Carwash, Terminix, Wendy's – and the countless volunteers and community partners who helped make the event a success.





A parade of hope kicks off the holiday season — New Orleans style!

On Sunday, December 7, tens of thousands of families lined the streets of downtown New Orleans as the 4th annual Manning Family Children’s Holiday Parade rolled through the heart of the city – a joyful celebration made possible in partnership with Kern Studios, WDSU, New Orleans & Company, and Audacy New Orleans.

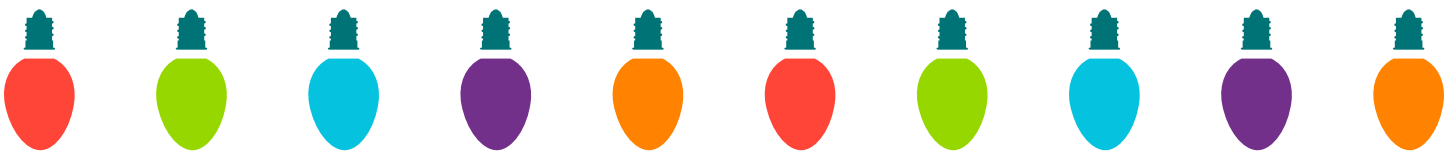
Now in its fourth year and recognized for the second consecutive year as a Top 10 Holiday Parade by USA Today 10Best readers, this beloved tradition continues to grow in both scale and impact. Thirty holiday-themed floats, 10 high-flying helium balloons, dozens of marching bands and dance groups, and Santa himself brought the magic of the season to the streets of downtown New Orleans.

But the true heart of the parade was found in its royal court. Leading the procession were 11-year-old Abron, 7-year-old Jules, and 9-year-old Abigail – Manning Family Children’s patients named this year’s King and Queens. Their smiles embodied what this event represents: resilience, hope, and the healing made possible through compassionate pediatric care.

WDSU’s live broadcast of the event aired patient stories, and the celebration reached families across the region – sharing not only holiday cheer, but also highlighting the powerful mission of Manning Family Children’s. Patients also contributed in a special way by decorating one-of-a-kind ornaments that were thrown along the route, each a symbol of courage and creativity.

The parade is more than a festive kickoff to the holiday season. It is a community-wide celebration of the 70-year mission and undeniable impact of Manning Family Children’s.

Thanks to the generous support of parade sponsors Kern Studios, WDSU, New Orleans & Company, Audacy New Orleans, b1BANK, Coca-Cola United, Downtown Development District New Orleans, French Market District, Louisiana Office of Tourism, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Sherwin Williams, Cool Brew, and Ruby Slipper – Manning Family Children’s was able not only to celebrate the joy of the season, but to also strengthen its ability to serve even more children and families across the region.





Manning Family Children's annual Providers Campaign continues to transform care

Since 1990 members of the Manning Family Children's medical staff have campaigned annually to raise funds for the hospital. The annual Providers Campaign is one of Manning Family Children's foundational fundraising traditions, with a proud 36-year history contributing nearly \$2M to fund both capital and programmatic needs.

Kyle Fulton, MD, Kristen Lindsey, CPNP, and Christy Mumphrey, MD co-chaired the 2025 Providers Campaign, which raised nearly \$100,000 in support of the hospital's new 60-bed, Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



In keeping with tradition, the end of the successful giving campaign was marked by a Réveillon celebration at Delacroix Restaurant. During the event, the newest members of the Providers Legacy Society were recognized for their longstanding support of the campaign. Two new annual awards were also introduced: the Provider Legacy Award, recognizing the lasting impact and achievements of a long-serving member of the medical staff, awarded to Dr. Brian Barkemeyer, and the Early Impact Award, honoring a provider with fewer than five years on the medical staff who has made an exceptional early contribution, awarded to Dr. Ben Watkins in 2025.

With each year of the Providers Campaign, physicians and advanced practice providers continue to show their commitment beyond the bedside, investing in the future of care and helping ensure the hospital remains a place where all patients receive the highest level of care.





Patient assistance funds make a life-changing impact

Patient assistance funds play a critical role in supporting the patients and families served by Manning Family Children's. Having a child in the hospital can come with a heavy burden on families, including out-of-pocket costs for co-pays, medications, medical equipment, transportation, lodging, and lost income from missed work.

Patient assistance funds help bridge this gap by providing timely, compassionate support when families are under the greatest stress. Patient assistance funds can cover essential non-medical needs—such as gas cards, meals, housing support, or utility assistance—that directly impact a family's ability to stay focused on their child's treatment and recovery.

Manning Family Children's is grateful to the many donors who have helped provide the wraparound support that families need when facing a healthcare challenge.

The Leaman Family Fund

Established in 2001 by Paul J. Leaman, the Leaman Family Fund has provided critical financial assistance to patient families for the past 25 years. Thousands of patient families have received support ranging from assistance with utility bills and other housing expenses to assistance with purchasing lifesaving compound prescription medication, not covered by insurance.

A few years ago, Mr. Leaman designated an estate gift to help continue the Leaman Family Fund at Manning Family Children's. Following his passing in November 2025, his generosity will continue to make a lasting impact, ensuring that thousands of patients and families will continue to receive financial support during their most vulnerable times. The hospital shares deep gratitude for the support of Mr. Leaman and his family, and his legacy will live on in the lives impacted for many years to come.

The Al Copeland Foundation Patient Family Assistance Fund

Over the past three years, patients and families receiving care in the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Manning Family Children's have received support from the Al Copeland Foundation Patient Family Assistance Fund.

Since its inception, the Al Copeland Foundation has provided much needed assistance to hundreds of families, helping to relieve some of the burdens families face when their children are battling a cancer diagnosis. This ongoing, generous support allows families to focus solely on the health and wellbeing of their children who are fighting the toughest battles. Special thanks to Al and Liz Copeland, members of their family, and foundation supporters for the generous contribution of \$50,000 to the fund in 2025 to continue to make an extraordinary impact on families, together.

The Shaw and Stephen Thompson Patient Assistance Fund

Created in loving memory of Shaw and Stephen Thompson by Ann Thompson and her family, this patient assistance fund provides support to patients receiving care in the Behavioral Health Center at Manning Family Children's, and their families.

In addition to providing much needed financial assistance, the fund also helped establish a resource closet located within the unit to help address any clothing or hygiene needs for patients arriving for care at the Behavioral Health Center.

Manning Family Children's is deeply grateful for the generosity of the families and foundations who continue to support patients and families who experience healthcare challenges and to the donors who support these funds. Continued support of the hospital's patient assistance funds honors the legacy of generosity by providing hope and relief to families in their times of greatest need.



100 miles. 100 kids. 1 MISSION.

Running for the future of kids' health

100 Miles. 100 Kids. 1 Mission. began as a bold idea rooted in purpose: to turn an extraordinary physical challenge into a powerful movement of hope. Inspired by the strength and resilience of the patients cared for at Manning Family Children's, President and CEO Lou Fragoso set out to run the Leadville Trail 100 Run, one of the most challenging ultramarathons in the world, with each mile dedicated to a Manning Family Children's patient.



The campaign became a meaningful way to honor the journeys of children who have faced serious medical challenges. Each mile carried the name and story of a different patient, whether battling cancer, recovering from trauma, or navigating complex conditions. The community was invited to take part by sponsoring a mile, sharing stories, and contributing to a collective goal of raising critical funds to support the hospital's mission – one mile at a time.

In August 2025, after two previous attempts, Fragoso crossed the finish line after more than 29 hours on the course, completing the 100-mile journey through the Rocky Mountains. In a powerful moment, he was joined in the final stretch by patient Brian Marelo, who was born with Spina Bifida and has overcome the toughest obstacles to pursue his passion of wheelchair racing.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and sponsors, the campaign raised more than \$200,000 to advance Manning Family Children's mission of providing expert care for every child, regardless of ability to pay. More importantly, it created a lasting movement—one that united the community around a shared purpose and reminded us that true endurance is not measured in miles, but in heart.

Gifts of hope

support healing for children and families



In February, Manning Family Children's received a \$50,000 grant through the Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Award, a national program that supports nonprofits making a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve. The award benefits the Morgan Rae Center for Hope at Manning Family Children's, a vital community program that supports children and families who have experienced abuse, neglect, and human trafficking. Within the center, children receive medical evaluations, forensic interviews, trauma therapy, and case management from a team specially trained to care for vulnerable children with both expertise and compassion.

The annual Chick-fil-A True Inspiration Award recognizes organizations whose work reflects service, compassion, and care for others.



With the support of Congressman Troy Carter, two of Manning Family Children's vital community programs received federal funding this year, with the goal of keeping kids safe. First, with a \$1M grant to expand the Safe Children Initiative across Southeast Louisiana in partnership with United Way. This investment will help sustain and expand the hospital's gun safety program, helping to keep guns securely stored and away from kids.

An additional \$1M in support was secured through Congressman Carter for the Manning Family Children's Morgan Rae Center for Hope to provide support services for child victims of abuse and violence.

Through partnerships like these, Manning Family Children's can continue walking alongside children and families when they need it most, helping to create brighter paths forward and stronger futures for children across the community.



Walker's Imaginarium takes shape, opening for play this fall

Construction of the 15,000 square foot, first-of-its kind child enrichment center, Walker's Imaginarium, began last summer, and in October, the final structural beam was placed – signed by staff, patients, families, friends and supporters. This celebratory moment represents the vision and generosity that has made this amazing project possible.

Building construction will reach completion this summer, with several months of exhibit installation to follow, as the hospital prepares to open for play in November. This incredible project, envisioned in partnership with Kids Join the Fight and in loving memory of Walker Beery, is a gift for the children of the community from the community – made possible entirely through philanthropic support. It's not too late to be a part of this first-of-its kind program that is reimagining the child healthcare experience.

Learn more at manningchildrens.org/imagine



Glow with us: Join our Suncatcher Circle



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6-inch diameter
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Learn more, and purchase your suncatcher at manningchildrens.org/glow

Join our Suncatcher Circle and bring light and hope to Walker's Imaginarium

Manning Family Children's and Kids Join the Fight are partnering with Cazador-del-sol, the original suncatcher, to bring light and hope to the exterior of Walker's Imaginarium with an installation that will allow for donor names to be etched into your personalized suncatcher that will be on permanent display.

Take a moment to imagine all of the happy, life-changing moments that Walker's Imaginarium will create despite the challenges that many healthcare journeys can bring and join the Suncatcher Circle – adding your family's legacy to this next chapter.



A network of hope: Supporting kids through Children’s Miracle Network

As the largest network of children’s hospitals in North America with the mission to increase fundraising efforts and grow access to pediatric care, Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) is proof that progress is stronger in numbers.

In January, CMN launched a new brand and commitment to ensure a healthy future for kids across the country. Through partnerships with 170 children’s hospitals across the nation, CMN’s network elevates awareness for local children’s healthcare needs, and helps raise critical funds for hospitals like Manning Family Children’s.

Manning Family Children’s has been a proud member of CMN since 1984, receiving more than \$34 million in funding to help support its vital mission.

Over the last 42 years, Manning Family Children’s has elevated stories of impact by selecting a local CMN Champion. This year’s champion is Hezekiah Martinez, a 3-year-old who was diagnosed with Leukemia when he was just two. Today, Hezekiah is thriving after a lifesaving bone marrow transplant selflessly donated by his mother, and care from the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Manning Family Children’s.

Through point-of-sale campaigns, CMN retail partners such as Love’s Travel Stops, Costco, Walmart, Sam’s Club, Panda Express, and others help share stories like Hezekiah’s, inspiring community support and enabling Manning Family Children’s to grow its mission and advance lifesaving pediatric care. Last year’s Walmart campaign raised more than \$545,000, a 41% increase from the previous year.

Mission is strengthened through the incredible support of community partners who bring people together to make a meaningful impact. Through signature events like the Marriott Auction and Golf Tournament, CMN partners at Marriott International help elevate awareness and raise critical funds.



Community-driven efforts like the English and Hispanic radiothons, held in partnership with Audacy, Tropical 105.7, and Latino Mix 97.5, help expand the hospital’s reach and inspire listeners across the region to give generously in support of vital programs.

The dedication of local organizations like Greek programs at local universities, including Phi Mu, whose year-round fundraising initiatives, from cornhole tournaments to dance marathons, rally their network around the mission.

With the continued support of Children’s Miracle Network and its dedicated partners, Manning Family Children’s remains committed to building a healthier future for every child, every time, for generations to come.

Giving Krewes



Celebrating our 2025 Giving Krewes

Manning Family Children's Giving Krewes is our uniquely New Orleans way of honoring the generous community of supporters who help advance our mission by contributing \$1,000 or more in annual support. Whether giving through a signature event, making a gift to the Kid's Fund, supporting a specific program, service, or capital project, our Giving Krewes recognize all cumulative annual giving, and provide a special way for us to honor and thank our donors. This listing recognizes the generous support of all 2025 donors \$2,500 and above.

To join our Giving Krewes or to learn more, visit manningchildrens.org/krewes or contact the Development Office at 504.896.9375.

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680,000
KIDS CARED FOR



70
YEARS
AND **ONE** BOLD
NEW CHAPTER
FOR KIDS



61,400
Emergency
Department visits

4

New clinics in Houma,
Thibodaux, and New Orleans East



\$32M
provided in
charitable care
and community
programs

317,200+

PRIMARY AND
SPECIALTY CARE
VISITS



163

AVERAGE
DAILY
CENSUS

322



LIFESAVING
helicopter transports

13,845

Surgeries performed



30 STEM CELL TRANSPLANTS

31 BELL RINGINGS
celebrating the end
of a cancer journey



12

solid organ
transplants



9,800+
dialysis
visits



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