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# 40 YEARS STRONG

## CHF CELEBRATES AN IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY!

1982 was a great year ... “Chariots of Fire” was named best picture at the 54th Academy Awards presentation while “Hill Street Blues” took home the Emmy for best drama series and “Barney Miller” won for best comedy series; the Penn State Nittany Lions won their first NCAA Football Championship and the North Carolina Tarheels defeated the Georgetown Hoyas to take home the NCAA Basketball Championship; the San Francisco 49ers won the Super Bowl, and the great Los Angeles Lakers led by the iconic Magic Johnson took home the big prize for the NBA that year.

For the kids of Oklahoma, 1982 was an exceptional year because a group of friends with a passion for children and a commitment to medicine came together to create Children’s Medical Research, Inc., also known as Children’s Health Foundation of Oklahoma. Our founders had a vision for what pediatric healthcare could be not only in Oklahoma, but also across the US and throughout the world. We are so grateful for the vision and leadership of our founders in 1982, and throughout the past forty years.

Even though medicine, both research and in clinical practice, has changed exponentially over the years, one thing has never changed: One hundred percent of the funds raised by CHF still stays right here in Oklahoma serving our kids first – every gift matters, whether it is a dollar or one million dollars. Our donors, local partners, and national CMNH partners are key to our success and our work now and in the future.

All of us at CHF are excited about the future as we expand our vision and mission to collaborate throughout our great state. “When we work together, miracles happen and kids’ lives are changed,” said Kathy McCracken, Executive Director of CHF, “Over the past 24 years, I have seen the faces of grateful parents, have heard their stories of triumph over critical illnesses and injuries, and have shared in their sorrow when a beloved child loses their personal battle. I know all of us are working for kids here and everywhere, and I am so proud of where we’ve been and where we are going.”

Thank you – we could not make a difference without you. Stay tuned for what’s to come in 2023 and beyond. We need you on our journey into the next forty years and more!





# RYLIE AND ABBY

## OUR 2022 CHAMPION CHILDREN

In 2009, on her 3rd birthday, Rylie was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (Pre-B). After successfully receiving treatment at the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders (JECC), Rylie continues to be an inspiration to her family and friends, especially to her little sister Abby. Seven years after Rylie's diagnosis, she noticed a lump on the neck of her sister, Abby. The team at the JECC diagnosed Abby with Ganglioneuroblastoma, an intermediate tumor that arises from nerve tissues. After opting out of chemotherapy treatment, the surgeon removed 80% of the tumor. Rylie, sixteen years old, and Abby, eight years old, are both sharing their stories to help raise money to fund pediatric cancer research and help find a cure for childhood cancer.







## DANCING FOR A MIRACLE

The 14th annual Dancing for a Miracle gala to benefit Children's Health Foundation was a fun-filled evening full of color inspired by the theme "Color Me Dancing"!

More than 1,100 guests filled the ballroom at Embassy Suites-Norman to watch our award-winning professional dancers and celebrity dancers delight our audience with a dance routine deemed fit for an episode of ABC's Dancing with the Stars! The evening kicked off at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception and a silent auction followed by a live auction, a seated dinner, and the incredible dance routines from our professional and celebrity dancers.

Ten local celebrities, each paired with a professional dancer, took the stage for this year's competition: Jenni and Adam Aguilar, Dr. Amanda Bogie, Joleen Chaney, Pepper DeVaughn, Tyler DeVaughan, Jason Henderson, Shiny Rachel Mathew, Mary Blankenship Pointer and Jaena Poppe. Professional dancers were Brian Franks, Darren Fernandez, Hays Hopkins, Kylee Hopkins, David Hyer, Dr. Catherine Pisano-Picard, Ken Sprou, Meagan Schofield, and Danny Shak.

Mary Blankenship Pointer and David Hyer were the overall Dancing for a Miracle winners raising more than \$99,000 during the dancing and fundraising competition. Collectively the celebrity and professional dancers helped raise over \$500,000 for Children's Health Foundation.

"This event wouldn't be successful every year without our amazing sponsors such as the Chickasaw Nation, The Ann Lacy Foundation and the Embassy Suites Norman who were the presenting sponsors this year," said Kyle Essmiller, Dancing for a Miracle Chairman. "We are so thankful for their commitment to our event and their vested interest in helping the future generations of Oklahomans."

For more information, please contact Tessa Traxler at [Tessa-Traxler@chfkids.com](mailto:Tessa-Traxler@chfkids.com) or 405-348-4446 X4.





# STARLIGHT BALL



The 20th Starlight Ball supporting Children's Health Foundation took place on October 29, 2022. This carnival-themed formal event celebrated the 40-year anniversary of the Children's Health Foundation and its meaningful impact on our community.

Carnival performers, whimsical treats, and tunes spun by DJ Daisy O'Dell entertained guests as they arrived. During the seated dinner, guests listened to the emotional yet inspirational story of Luke and Holly Barron and their family's journey with pediatric cancer and their quest for kindness. Guests also had the opportunity to bid on some amazing live auction items and silent auction packages. Party-goers danced the night away to DJ Daisy O'Dell!

Children's Health Foundation was proud to present the 2022 Miracle Maker Award to The McLaughlin Family for their outstanding dedication and unwavering spirit to help others.

Thank you to our ring leaders (Event Co-Chairs), Brooke and Sean Halleran and Melanie and Ryan Hayhurst, as well as their fabulous committee members. They helped make this year's gala rival the Greatest Show on Earth. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, and attendees for not only making this event possible but helping Children's Health Foundation continue its essential work to make a difference in the lives of Oklahoma children and their families.







# SWING FROM THE HEART \$140,000

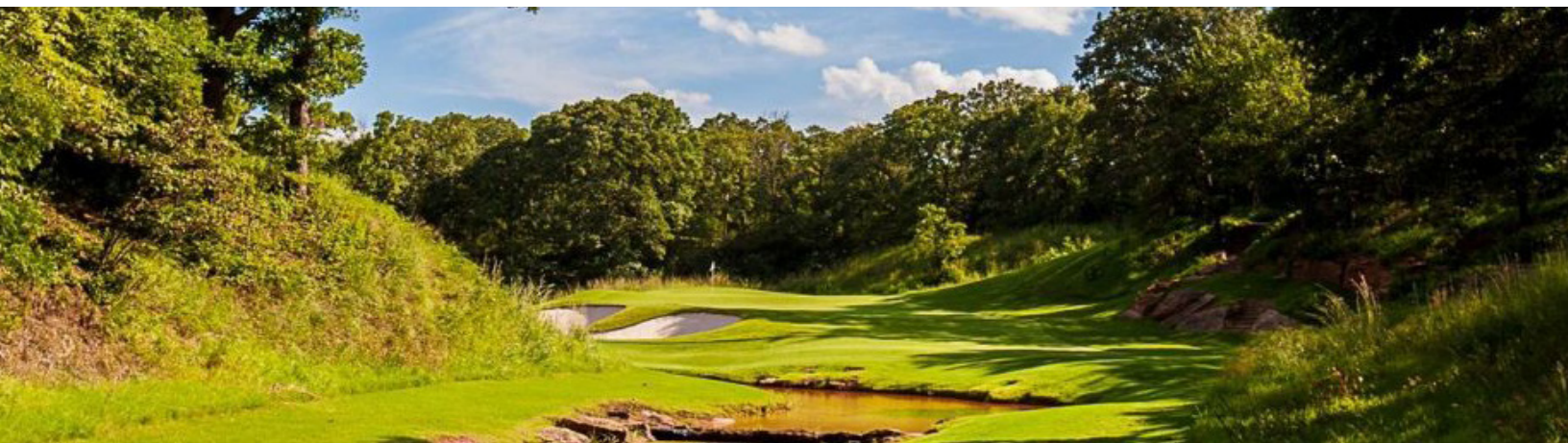
## BRANDON WEEDEN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR PEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERY

Brandon and Melanie Weeden hosted the 12th Annual Brandon Weeden “Swing from the Heart” Golf Challenge on June 23, 2022. The event was held at the prestigious Karsten Creek Golf Club in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Brandon Weeden and his wife, Melanie, have witnessed firsthand the challenges for Oklahoma’s children in need of cardiac care through their friendship with the family of twelve-year-old Gavin. The Weedens created their foundation to endow a chair in pediatric cardiac surgery at Children’s Hospital. This endowment is creating research and financial resources that will help Children’s Hospital continue to grow its already prominent program. Through personal resources and your help, the Weedens are able to continue to grow this endowment.

This year’s event was presented by Devon Energy and raised more than \$140,000 for the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Program. Other sponsors included Frito Lay, Thurman Lynch Allstate, QuikPrint, First United Bank, Clubby Seltzers, Bank of Oklahoma Financial Securities, Echo Investment Capital, Mercedes-Benz of Oklahoma City, Homes by Taber, Scott Fischer and Justice Golf Car.

The funds raised through Brandon Weeden’s Annual Golf Challenge will support Dr. Harold Burkhart, M.D., and the Children’s Heart Center at Children’s Hospital in Oklahoma City. With your support, the pediatric cardiothoracic surgical program has undergone a tremendous amount of growth in a relatively short period of time.

In the past, the majority of children in Oklahoma who needed heart surgery had to seek cardiac care out of state. Because of your help, Children’s Heart Center is able to provide the highest of pediatric cardiac care, utilizing a multidisciplinary team of heart specialists, surgical teams with highly specialized operating rooms, and the only dedicated pediatric cardiovascular intensive care unit in the state here at the Children’s Heart Center. In addition, they are participating in groundbreaking research allowing them to help lead the way in the treatment of pediatric cardiac surgery.





# DREW NEVILLE CHARITY CLASSIC

Children's Health Foundation will host the "Drew Neville Charity Classic" Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament that will benefit their pediatric cancer and cardiac surgery programs. The tournament will be held on June 25 & 26, 2023 at Oak Tree National. This event will be one for the ages! Children's Health Foundation has already secured many celebrities and pro golfers to participate in this event and we are very excited to be a part of it!



## DREW NEVILLE CHARITY CLASSIC

The funds will benefit both pediatric cancer (50%) and cardiac surgery (50%). This tournament gives us the opportunity to come together and make a larger contribution to the health care of children in Oklahoma. Not only will we be raising significant funds for children with heart conditions, but we will help support the many families who are battling a diagnosis of pediatric cancer.

The event will include a Pairings Party on Sunday, June 25, where the teams will meet the celebrity or pro golfer they will be playing with. Monday, June 26, will be a bogie max best ball scramble format at Oak Tree National Golf Course.

If you are interested in a team (field is limited to 18 teams) or sponsoring the tournament, please reach out to Jeremiah Lane at [jeremiah-lane@chfkids.com](mailto:jeremiah-lane@chfkids.com) or visit [www.chfkids.com/dncc](http://www.chfkids.com/dncc).

# LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS ... OH MY!

## Miracle Kids and Families Enjoy a Day at the OKC Zoo

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon on October 16, when Children's Health Foundation's miracle kids and grateful families gathered at the OKC Zoo with CHF employees and volunteers from Express Employment International. For the past two years, Express Employment philanthropy has generously hosted "Zoo Day" for CHF kids and their families to enjoy an all-paid excursion to the zoo with unlimited access to the animals, shows, and a lunch just for them to relax and HAVE FUN with their families and friends. "All of our kids and families look forward to our annual Zoo Day every year, and enjoy precious time away from home in a fun and stress-free environment," said Linzy Farrant, Chief Development Officer for CHF. "Kids with chronic illnesses and special needs love the chance to just be kids for a day. Parents look forward to spending time with other parents who, like them, juggle the daily challenges of living, loving, and caring for a precious child with health issues."

Bill Stoller, CEO and Chairman of the Board at Express Employment International sums up why they support CHF perfectly, "Because we believe that kids shouldn't miss out on experiences like a day at the zoo due to medical expenses, Express is proud to partner with Children's Health Foundation to do just that – let kids be kids." Children's Health Foundation appreciates its long-standing relationship with Express Employment International and values its commitment to providing much needed funding to Oklahoma nonprofit organizations that benefit children, education, medical research, the community, and the arts. Thank you Express Employment International for another fantastic day at the OKC Zoo!



## OKLAHOMA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION RANCH RODEO



The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association held the 38th Annual Ranch Rodeo August 19-20, 2022 at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie Oklahoma.

The Children's Health Foundation has been the selected charity since 1997. In that time, OCA has donated more than \$585,000 to CHF to help fund children's medical research and treatment for children right here at home in Oklahoma.

Proceeds from the ticket sales to the rodeo benefit CHF in addition to other fundraising efforts. This

year alone, they raised over \$10,000 during the "Pass the Boot" campaign. "Pass the Boot" is when cowboy boots are passed through the crowd so the fans can make additional cash donations.

Additionally, miracle families were invited to participate in the Kids Rodeo on Saturday, where they have an opportunity to learn first hand from the cowboys how to rope and even ride.

"While the competition keeps you on the edge of your seat, the real reason we have this event is to raise support for the Children's Health Foundation," said Weston Givens, Chairman of the OCA Ranch Rodeo Committee. Givens, a former OCA Ranch Rodeo participant says, that the camaraderie among the ranch teams, paired with the mission . . . 'Cowboys Helping Kids' makes participating worthwhile and enjoyable.

"Ranchers have a built-in instinct to care for others. We care for our land and animals and produce safe and nutritious food that nourishes people around the world. So, raising funds for CHF is not only natural for the cowboys, but it's heartfelt," Givens explained.

## GAMIN' 4 AVEN

Extra Life United has become a big part of the Children's Hospital Week celebration that happens in Orlando every spring. CHF's top streamer, Ryan Ritter, Ryan plays as a dedication to a little friend named Aven. Aven is the son of a couple close to Ryan and his wife. Aven lost his battle with Leukemia at the age of two.

Ryan's dedication to ending Pediatric Cancer has not only led him to travel and fulfill his dream of attending Extra Life United, but he also has used many crazy stunts to raise funds for CHF. At ELU, Ryan even got to meet Jo Ellen Enmon, the mother of Victoria Enmon, who Extra Life is inspired by, after losing her life to Leukemia in 2008.

He was inspired by the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals national Champion Children. By hearing the stories of each child and learning just how they have been helped by fellow gamers, Ryan has been encouraged to do even more. Aven's parents accompanied Ryan and his family to our very own Oklahoma gaming convention MiracleCon where Ryan helped host a panel discussion with Amber Hanneken and a member of Crowd Control to talk about Gaming for Good.



To learn more about Extra Life, visit [extralife.org](https://extralife.org)!



# KIWANIS CLUBS OF OKLAHOMA

## AIMING FOR MIRACLES

All you need is a shotgun and a good attitude to have a great time and raise money for an even better cause. The 11th Annual Aiming For Miracles Event raised an impressive \$90,000 for the Diabetes Program after matching contributions. This year's event, with 120 shooters, was held on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Silverleaf Shotgun Sports in Guthrie.



## CARS FOR CURES

On Saturday, August 27 classic cars filled the Regal Warren Moore Theater parking lot for the 2nd Annual Cars For Cures benefitting Children's Health Foundation.

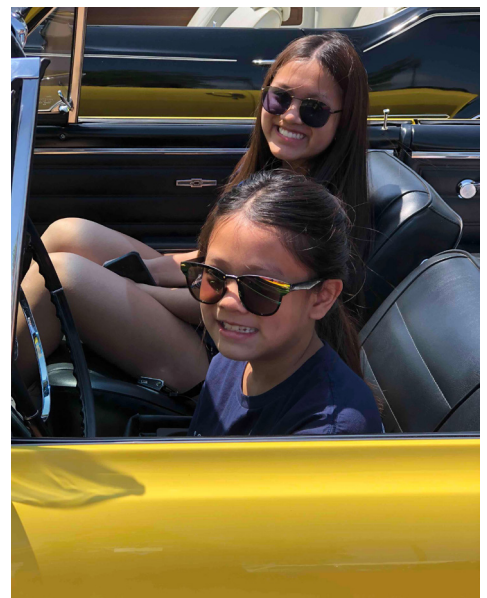
The car show, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Moore, has more than doubled its growth in just one year. What started as 50 cars and a few vendors last year grew to nearly 200 cars and over 40 vendors, making it a popular weekend family attraction.

With matching funds, Moore Kiwanis was able to contribute a total of \$26,724.00 to the Diabetes Program from the Cars For Cures event.

# TINKER CAR SHOW

Every year, Tinker Federal Credit Union does so many great things for Children's Health Foundation through their Children's Miracle Network, Credit Unions for Kids program. In May of 2022, they hosted their 22nd Miracle Car Show. This year, they raised \$30,000. This annual event draws collectors of custom and modified vehicles from nearly every era. Besides displaying hot rides, TFCU brings in craft booths, tasty food, and more to raise funds for Oklahoma's kids.

While there are some great trophies to win in several categories, the one every participant wants to win is the Champion Child Trophy, where the kids pick their favorite cars. In 2022, collectors had two opportunities to win the Champion Child Trophy because cancer survivors Rylie (16 yr) and Abby (9 yr) each picked their favorite car. Abby picked a Model T because she likes cars that "look like carriages". Rylie, who just turned 16, had her eye on a much newer car.



# WALMART AND SAM'S CLUBS



Walmart continues to be our largest CMN Hospitals national partner for Children's Health Foundation with 84 locations. Walmart and Sam's Clubs have been fundraising for CMN Hospitals for 35 years this year and have raised more than \$10 million for Children's Health Foundation. Sam Walton knew what he was doing when he decided to put the fundraising into the hands of the associates. He knew that no one was going to care more about the local kids than the people working at the stores in those communities.

Creativity is the name of the game during their "Help Kids Live Better Campaign" in June and July. Walmart Market 353 hosted their yearly golf tournament at the Trails in Norman.

Our Walmart and Sam's Club locations raised \$13,000 more in 2022 than they did in 2021, proving once again that they really want to HELP KIDS LIVE BETTER! With the help of our top two locations, Walmart Supercenter 5071 in Lawton and Walmart Supercenter 7326 in OKC, raising nearly \$20,000 each, our 84 locations brought in \$500,000 during the campaign.



## CANCER SUCKS BENEFIT CONCERT

During the 16th annual CancerSucks benefit concert at Cains Ballroom in Tulsa, CancerSucks donated \$50,000 to Children's Health Foundation to support pediatric cancer research.

To date, CancerSucks has donated more than \$310,000 towards pediatric cancer research. The money donated is raised through various events, fundraisers, and apparel sales.



## DANCE MARATHON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & COLLABORATION RETREAT



In July 2022, our Dance Marathons traveled to Atlanta to learn from Children's Miracle Network staff and other Dance Marathon programs throughout the country. Two of Oklahoma's programs brought home awards from this annual conference! OU Dance Marathon won the Love's Case Study competition and Participant Communication award while BronchoThon won the Participant Stewardship award. Later in September, CMN hosted the annual Regional Collaboration Retreat in Norman, Oklahoma for Dance Marathons to meet with one another and have more intentional conversations with schools strictly in their market.



### OKLAHOMA DANCE MARATHON RETREAT

In September, all six Oklahoma Dance Marathons gathered together to share their school's best practices, have specific conversations regarding their positions, and discuss how other schools each handle their roles. This retreat gave our schools the opportunity to meet their peers who raise funds for the same foundation and work directly with one another. It reminded our students that they have resources within each other and helped them create more personal relationships across other schools.

### CHILD HEALTH DAY

On October 3, all of our colleges celebrated Child Health Day by raising awareness and encouraging their peers to register for Dance Marathon across their campuses. In total, Oklahoma schools raised over \$46,000 and registered over 1,700 participants. The University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma ranked nationally in their respective fundraising divisions for getting the most students registered for their events.







# TEEN BOARD

## TEEN BOARD HOSTS HALLOWEEN EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR CHF

The Teen Board hosted a successful Boo Bash event in Nichols Hills Plaza on Saturday, October 29. They had a petting zoo, trunk-or-treat, pumpkin painting, raffle prizes, and more! The Teen Board raised \$950 selling raffle tickets for attendees to enter to win prizes or vote for their favorite trunk-or-treat car.



# TRIVIA BOWL

## INNOVATIVE BOARD HOSTS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT AT FARMERS MARKET

The Innovative Board hosted their tenth annual Trivia Bowl at the OKC Farmers Market on Thursday, November 17. The night was filled with five rounds of trivia, unlimited food and drinks, silent and live auctions, and a stock-the-bar raffle. With more than 200 guests and 30 trivia teams, they raised more than \$36,000 for kids in Oklahoma! We look forward to seeing everyone at our eleventh annual Trivia Bowl next year.







# PATRICIA PRICE BROWNE PRIZE



“Spend time wisely with people and projects that matter,” and  
“work and play out of a sense of love and joy, not duty.” –Patricia Price Browne

We will celebrate and honor the legacy of Patricia Price Browne and her tireless work for children at the Patricia Price Browne Prize Dinner on May 16, 2023 and a lecture on May 17, 2023. The Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics is the only prize of its kind in the nation and 2023 marks the eighth presentation of the prize. Children’s Health Foundation is extremely grateful to the Browne family for the establishment of the Patricia Price Browne Prize and the Patricia Price Browne Distinguished Chair in Pediatrics. These efforts provide national leadership in the important area of medical ethics.

Every two years, the University of Oklahoma recognizes and awards a \$10,000 prize to a national or international health care professional who demonstrates outstanding ethical qualities in confronting the critical medical ethics issues of the day. Representatives of Patricia’s friends, along with health care professionals, participate in the selection of the prize winner. This year’s recipient to receive the prize

is Ezekiel Emmanuel, Ph.D., MD. Dr. Emmanuel is the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy and the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor at the Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

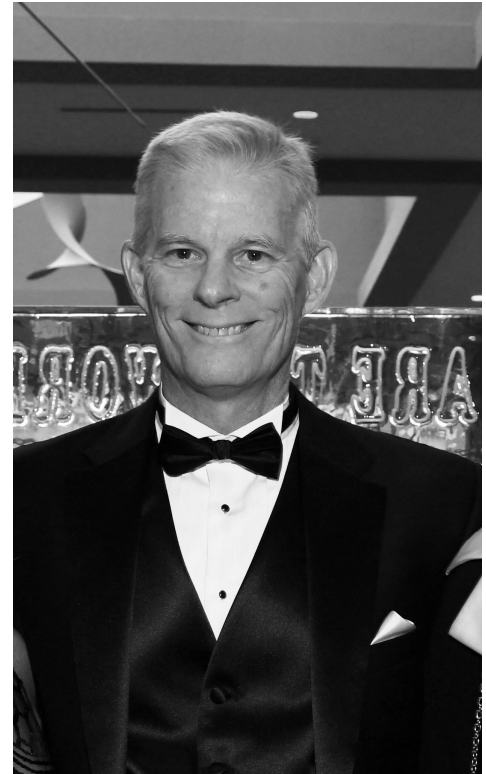
## 2022 MIRACLE MAKER AWARD WINNER

Our Miracle Marker Award Winner for our 20th Annual Starlight Ball was the McLaughlin Family. In 2012, Dave and Jean McLaughlin and the McLaughlin Family Foundation began their incredible support of Children’s Health Foundation and the children of Oklahoma. They understand that support of our programs ensures that children do not have to leave the state for specialized care, and they graciously support and attend many functions for CHF and for the patients and miracle families every year. Today, their gifts have been an integral part of the establishment of the Children’s Health Foundation Kasterke/Griggs/McLaughlin \$4 million Research chair in adolescent medicine. It has been an honor to have the McLaughlins partner with us in a variety of ways including Liz McLaughlin as a former board member, Chrissy and Rob McLaughlin as chairs of Starlight Ball in 2013, and Amy McLaughlin Gray as a co-chair for the event later in 2019. We could not be more thankful for their continued support through the years!



# QUOTE FROM CHF BOARD TREASURER

"We were blessed in that we had healthy children, and did not really need much from the Children's Hospital. When we opened the restaurant in the Atrium at Children's Hospital we began to understand that everyone is not as blessed as we were, and we began to see some of the amazing things being done at the hospital and by the doctors there. For example, the things being done for Pediatric Heart patients are amazing. We believe we should give back, and we don't know a better place to invest time and money than children's health. The Children's Health Foundation has done a great job in supporting pediatric health care and research to insure our kids receive the best care possible. Finally, without some of the things being done, our sickest children would have to go out of state for much of their medical needs, and by investing in CHF we are able to help to ensure that many of those needs can be taken care of here." - Randy Kamp, Board Treasurer



## GRATEFUL FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY

We had our annual Grateful Families Holiday Party on December 8. There was a lot of cookie decorating, crafts, and even a visit from a special guest!





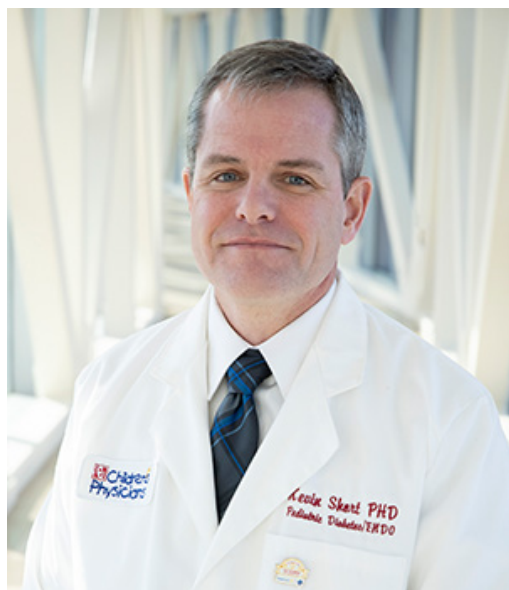


## CHF ENDOWED CHAIRHOLDER WINS ESTEEMED NATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD

Amy Middleman, M.D., MEd, MPH, CHF Kasterke/Griggs/McLaughlin Chair – Adolescent Medicine was honored with the 2022 Vaughn Rickert Vaccine Research Award from the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) in June 2022. Dr. Middleman, Medical Director of the Adolescent Medicine Clinic and Chief of Adolescent Medicine Section, was recognized for her publication, “Vaccines for Teens: Attitudes Across the Pandemic on Routine and COVID-19 Vaccines.” Before passing away unexpectedly in 2015, Dr. Vaughn Rickert was a well-known clinical psychologist and past president of SAHM committed to increasing the rates of adolescent vaccinations through research and advocacy. His namesake award recognizes the top-rated abstract submission focused on vaccination research. Dr. Middleman leads the Disordered Eating Program in the Adolescent Medicine Section at OU Children’s Physicians and collaborates with specialty-trained physicians, dietitians, mental health professionals and others providing comprehensive and collaborative care to young people between the ages of 10- and 23-years seeking care for adolescent-specific issues. Dr. Middleman and her team can be reached at (405) 271-6208.



## CHF CHOCTAW NATION ENDOWED CHAIRHOLDER RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES.



This past July, a research team led by our very own CHF Choctaw Nation Chair, Dr. Kevin Short, Ph.D. received a 2.3 million dollar grant awarded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Dr. Short and his team have been researching the rapidly increasing rates of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) in children driven mainly by the growing obesity epidemic. With this grant, Dr. Short and his team will aim to better understand the development of NAFLD in younger age ranges and hopefully discover new biomarkers to hopefully be used in monitoring treatments. Dr. Short is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the OU College of Medicine and serves as one of the Children’s Health Foundation’s beloved endowed chairs. We are thrilled for him and his team to have received this award in order to continue to further pediatric medicine and can’t wait to see the impact made by their research in order to provide the utmost care to Oklahoma’s children.

# EMERGENCY MEDICINE



The Emergency Medicine Mentor Program, chaired by our CHF Express Employment International Chair, Dr. Amanda Bogie, welcomed 36 students this past semester in research training opportunities. The Emergency Medicine Mentor Program is a new mentorship program aimed at introducing junior and senior undergraduates to medical research and possible careers in research. These select students were chosen based upon their GPA, earned credit hours, and their written responses in the OUPEMRAP application about their interests and future career goals. The Stanton L. Young Family Foundation makes this program possible through a generous grant that provides these students with the skills and resources in order to further their educations and soon go onto improve medicine for the kids of Oklahoma and across the world. When asked about the program, Dr. Bogie stated "It is my great pleasure to work with these young students. This program gives the students the tools they need to move into the direction of research. Over the course of the semester, each student receives 60 hours of in-person training in the Emergency Department in

addition to mentorship meetings and weekly lectures, which they would not have had without this grant." We are thrilled by Dr. Bogie and The Young Family Foundation for all they do in furthering pediatric medicine to ensure the best care for Oklahoma's kids.

# IN MEMORIAM

Recently, we lost one of our most beloved physicians and friends, Dr. Janna Journeycake. Dr. Janna Journeycake, CHF Ben Johnson Chair, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, passed away on November 20, 2022. We feel her loss acutely and know that our grief will not leave us soon. Our hearts go out to her family, friends, and her patients and their families at The Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

Janna truly loved her work and the children she treated; they were like her own. She was compassionate and loving and willing to do the hard work during the pandemic to keep clinic access for her patients. Her legacy will live through the countless lives that she has touched and the vast amount of work she did in pediatric hematology. She will be missed by many, but her courage and love for her family, friends and patients will never be forgotten.





# NEW ENDOWED CHAIRS

CHF HAS WELCOMED 8 NEW ENDOWED CHAIRS THIS YEAR

Shibo Li, M.D.  
CHF Kimberly V. Talley Chair -Genetics

Monique Naifeh, M.D.  
CHF Presbyterian Health Foundation  
Chair -Education  
(Aliya Hefner Research Lecture in Cardiology)

Mark Fergeson, M.D.  
CHF Harris D. Riley, Jr. MD Chair -Education  
(Riley Society Research Program/Lecture)

Peter Vitiello, Ph.D.  
CHF Terrence L. Stull, MD Chair -Research

Donna Tyungu, M.D.  
CHF Hobbs-Recknagel Chair -Infectious Disease

Arshid Mir, M.D.  
CHF Dr. Webb & Mrs. Alma Thompson, Jr.  
Chair -Cardiology

Marianne Dunlap, M.D.  
CHF James Paul Linn Chair -General and  
Community  
(Emil Stratton M.D. Research Program/  
Lecture)

Sirish Palle, M.D.  
CHF Griffin Family Chair -Gastroenterology

## CANCER INITIATIVE

Children's Health Foundation believes young Oklahomans deserve to have the most innovative cancer care and treatment available near their homes, families and communities of support. The childhood and the teenage years should be full of fun, family and friends, not years of pain and chronic sickness, doctor's appointments and hospitals, chemotherapy, radiation, and solitude. That's why we believe that making children's health a priority is best for Oklahoma now and in the future.

Children's Health Foundation has a goal of raising \$6 million dollars for the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. In this last stretch of fundraising, we must raise \$612,000 that will be matched 1:1 to meet our goal.

CHF wants children with cancer to do more than SURVIVE – we want them to THRIVE. We could not do our work without you. Please contact us any time at [childrenshealthfoundation@chfkids.com](mailto:childrenshealthfoundation@chfkids.com) or (405) 384-4446 X3 if you would like to make a gift or learn more about the exciting advances in cancer research taking place in Oklahoma City.

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