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# HEART of the Matter



Le Bonheur president and CEO Meri Armour with Kamari Orange (left) and Jeremy Killingsworth

## Dear Friends of Le Bonheur,



Building a new Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center is one of the single most important things this city will ever do. Without good health, kids can't go to school. Without good health, children become disadvantaged in their ability to grow into productive, skilled and educated adults. Without good health for all our children, the potential of our community diminishes. None of us should take the role we play in Le Bonheur's future for granted. What each of us does individually matters. It matters to our patients and their families and it really does make a difference for the children and families we serve.

At Le Bonheur Children's, we are attentive to all the problems affecting our patients, including poverty and societal issues that adversely affect children's health. Every day our staff – over 1,900 professionals and 600 physicians – gives generously of themselves by doing whatever they can for the children in our care, giving back in wonderful, magical ways, making Le Bonheur Children's better because of their efforts. Kids can't get this kind of total care just anywhere. To meet their needs, they need a children's hospital.

While construction continues on our new facility, it will take all of us – our staff, donors, friends, volunteers and the community – to ensure that when the building is completed in 2010, Le Bonheur can continue to advance the causes of pediatric care throughout our community. It will take all of us to be successful in our quest to rank among the best pediatric hospitals in the United States.

The children of this community really need us. They need you. You are making a difference for them. We thank you for joining us as we change the world, one child at a time.

Warmest Regards,

Meri Armour, M.S.N., M.B.A.  
President and CEO  
Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center

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### On the cover:

Emma LaCroix  
with her father, Jason,  
and grandfather,  
Bob Bennett

# Investing in Le Bonheur's Mission



## FedExFamilyHouse To Open in 2010



### A Home Away From Home

As Le Bonheur Children's national reputation grows, so too does the number of patients who travel a long distance to seek exceptional care at our facility. Thanks to Frederick and Diane Smith, Alan and Susan Graf and the generosity of FedEx Corporation, a place for Le Bonheur families to stay while their child is in the hospital is becoming a reality.

The FedExFamilyHouse will be the first facility in Memphis to provide housing for families of patients receiving extended care at Le Bonheur Children's.

Financial support for the FedExFamilyHouse will come from a \$2.3 million donation from FedEx Corp. and personal donations from Frederick W. Smith, chairman, president and CEO, and his wife Diane, and Alan B. Graf, Jr., executive vice president and CFO, and his wife Susan.

"For more than 50 years, children from around the world have received exceptional care at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center," Alan Graf says. "We believe this donation will improve the lives of children and their families and reinforces Le Bonheur as one of the leading children's medical centers in the country."

### Long Overdue

Last year, Le Bonheur Children's provided inpatient and outpatient services to more than 130,000 children from 50 states. Approximately 30,000 of those children

came from outside Shelby County to receive specialized treatment at Le Bonheur Children's.

Time and again, the number-one problem cited by these out-of-town families is the absence of safe, affordable and conveniently located lodging. When children are patients at Le Bonheur Children's for long periods of time, their families are responsible for their

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*— Meri Armour  
President and CEO  
Le Bonheur Children's*

own accommodations. Other similar residential facilities in Memphis are not available to Le Bonheur patients. Many of these families must stay in hotels and this gets costly.

"Le Bonheur desperately needs comfortable and conveniently located accommodations for parents who must stay overnight or for extended periods," explains Susan Graf, a Le Bonheur Foundation board

member and Le Bonheur Club member.

"Due to the lack of a Le Bonheur-affiliated family lodging center, the hospital can only offer families minimum assistance."

Susan learned at a young age how long-distance health care impacts a family. When she was 9, her mother moved with her disabled brother to Philadelphia for his medical treatment while Susan and the rest of the family lived in Boston. Her aunt came to live with Susan and her brothers. By age 10, Susan was cooking, cleaning and helping to run the household.

"It was so hard on my mother to go alone and get an apartment in a strange city so she could stay with him," she recalls. "It was such a stressful time for her to begin with, caring for a child undergoing neurosurgery in the 'dark ages' and also worried about her children at home."

### An Answer to Prayers

As hospital leaders develop plans for the new FedExFamilyHouse, the voices of parents are guiding the way. The 24-suite facility is scheduled to open around the same time as the new Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center – summer 2010. The FedExFamilyHouse will be a home away from home for families who travel long distances to seek care at Le Bonheur Children's.

Patti Reed, a member of Le Bonheur Children's Family Partners Council, is part of the team that is helping to design the new

residential facility. For Patti, this is a special way to share her experiences from years ago when she stayed at a similar facility when her daughter needed surgery not available in Memphis.

Patti's daughter, Jessica, was born without the left side of her heart – a condition called hypoplastic left-heart syndrome. The surgery Jessica needed 21 years ago was experimental and only offered in Philadelphia. The family lived in a Ronald McDonald House for three months and returned twice for additional surgeries.

Patti offered insights that only a parent could. "The personality of the house changes," she says. "Sometimes you need quiet time and space and other times you need company to celebrate milestones happening in your child's life."

#### Plans in Motion

The FedExFamilyHouse will be located in Legends Park at the corner of Poplar Avenue and Ayers Street – across the street from the new hospital.

The facility will offer 24 private suites, which include two double beds, a private bathroom, a window seat that becomes a bed, a closet and plenty of storage for suitcases and belongings, a desk,

space for a crib and more. Additionally, each family will have access to living and family rooms, a teen lounge and indoor and outdoor children's play areas. A special feature will be the kitchen with four separate cooking areas, 24 refrigerators and individual pantry storage for each family.

The dining area has booths and

tables that can be moved to accommodate families that want to dine together.

The design team also took into consideration the importance of outdoor space to families who spend many hours in hospital rooms. "We were very intentional about incorporating natural light and spaces into the design of the house," says Dave Rosenbaum, Le Bonheur's vice president for building. "The

design creates outdoor spaces and ensures that all interior spaces have natural light."

The FedExFamilyHouse will be built in a U-shape with the center containing screened and covered porches, a fountain, a children's play area and an outdoor barbecue grilling station. A dining terrace borders the indoor dining area and Poplar Avenue.

"The generosity of FedEx, its leaders and employees, is world-class and all of us at Le Bonheur are excited and grateful for their commitment to build the FedExFamilyHouse," says Meri  
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### No Haven for Rest

Their 4-year-old daughter was flown to Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center following a devastating automobile accident. Immediately upon arrival, she was rushed into surgery where a pediatric neurosurgeon and two pediatric heart surgeons spent nearly eight hours working to stop the bleeding in her brain and to repair the damage to her heart. A four-week stay in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit was followed by several weeks in a patient room recuperating from injuries that nearly took her young life.

Her family lived several hours away from Memphis and Le Bonheur Children's, which meant her parents were faced with an agonizing decision. An older child was at home and needed to be in school and the father needed to continue working. The young girl needed her mother nearby and, of course, the mother did not want to leave her side. During this time of separation, anxiety and stress, there was no haven of rest or respite for the family.

## Leading by Example

### FedEx Drives Hospital Expansion with Leadership Gift



When Le Bonheur Children's unveiled plans in 2005 to expand the hospital campus to almost 1 million square feet, FedEx was already on board with the project. The plans called for a new facility to be located north of the current hospital on what was previously the site of the Memphis Mental Health Institute at Poplar and Dunlap, adjacent to the current Le Bonheur campus.

FedEx was one of the first to pledge their support toward our mission with a \$5 million leadership gift that helped drive the hospital expansion plans forward. The neuroscience unit

inside the new facility will be named to honor their generous gift.

Le Bonheur Children's neurosurgery team has documented some of the world's best survival rates for children with brain tumors. The reputation of the program at Le Bonheur Children's is drawing patients from across the United States and many foreign countries who seek treatment here. There were 1,257 admissions to the program in 2007. More than 22 percent of those children came from outside the Mid-South area.

The FedEx Neuroscience Institute will feature a 24-bed inpatient unit that will

be located on an entire floor in the new Le Bonheur Children's. The institute will treat children suffering from brain tumors, seizures, traumatic brain injuries, spinal disorders and other neurological challenges. The high level of care offered in this unit will be supported by Le Bonheur Children's specially trained neurological team, which includes neurosurgeons, neurologists, neuropsychologists and others. The unit will be staffed by more than 35 specially trained registered nurses.

The FedEx Neuroscience Institute will feature spacious patient rooms with comfortable  
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Armour, Le Bonheur Children's president and CEO. "FedEx is known internationally for its guarantee to be right on time with the right solutions and their partnership in this endeavor delivers on that promise in real humanitarian terms."

### Going Green

Before the FedExFamilyHouse design started, a team from Le Bonheur Children's traveled to visit Ronald McDonald Houses across the country. In cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago, the team talked to parents and the staff that run the homes.

Sustainable design was also a key request. "Just like the new Le Bonheur Children's, the FedExFamilyHouse will be one of the first LEED-certified children's hospital family facilities in the country," Rosenbaum says.

Three factors were taken into consideration when designing the sustainable FedExFamilyHouse: environmental and energy efficiency, economic efficiency and community focus/social responsibility. Some of the green elements include energy-efficient heating and air, use of recycled materials, reduced energy consumption and native plants and efficient irrigation.

### Opportunities To Help

For years, FedEx has supported Le Bonheur Children's through volunteer activities and financial contributions. FedEx also supports organizations that share a commitment to children's health and safety, including SafeKids Worldwide, March of Dimes, ORBIS International and numerous children's hospitals in the local communities where its team members live and work.

When the new FedExFamilyHouse opens in 2010, many volunteers will be needed to assist with day-to-day activities for the families, special events and other programs that are planned. Many of these volunteers will be employees from FedEx, while others come from the community.

"FedEx plays an active role in improving lives in the communities we serve," says Vicki Carayianna, communications adviser. "Our team members volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours each year to make our local communities better places. They are very supportive of this project and excited about volunteering their time."

Le Bonheur Children's has already received calls and e-mails from many in the community who want to help. "It's exciting to know that even before ground is broken for the house, the community understands how important this project is to the families who travel to Le Bonheur Children's," Armour says. ■



FedExFamilyHouse  
Poplar Avenue Frontage

## FedExFamilyHouse Amenities

- Safe and relaxing outdoor spaces — courtyard, dining terrace, children's play area, screened and covered porches
- Living and family rooms
- Children's play area and teen lounge
- Eating area that can be arranged for multiple families sharing a meal together
- Four kitchens with pantry space that include 24 refrigerators and storage for each family
- Community conference room
- 24 suites on the 2nd and 3rd floors with a lounge and laundry on each floor
- Room suites include two beds, private bathroom, window seat that becomes a bed, closet and plenty of storage for suitcases and belongings, desk and space for a crib

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accommodations for two parents or caregivers. Another feature of the unit will be a hospitality center to give families a respite from their child's hospital room while enabling them to remain close enough for easy access to their child.

The family hospitality area will have a kitchen with a refrigerator, microwave and food preparation space. Visitors can bring food to caregivers to cook for their family and educational activities such as cooking classes for healthy diets will be offered.

Cozy seating areas will feature many comforts from home and provide a setting to invite interaction with other families who are experiencing many of the same emotions. Part of this large area also will serve as a play area for patients, siblings and friends. It will have toys and built-in play activities available 24 hours a day. This inviting center will offer a welcome refuge for families to relax, unwind and heal.

"Le Bonheur Children's has a vision to become a nationally renowned children's hospital," says Meri Armour, president and CEO of Le Bonheur Children's. "To reach that goal, we must provide the best in state-of-the-art medical facilities and programs, as well as outstanding support services and amenities for our patients and families. The FedEx Neuroscience Institute will provide these critically needed amenities and support for our families." ■

## Emma LaCroix



### The Diagnosis

Seven-year-old Emma LaCroix is a "girlie girl." She loves pink, purple and purses. Horseback riding is her thing. When it comes to Disney World, she'd rather meet a princess than Mickey or Minnie and she got that chance last year on her 7th birthday.

Emma was born with mitochondrial disease, a rare genetic disorder that causes damage to the brain, muscles, kidneys and the endocrine and respiratory systems. She has a very complex form of the disease, and as a result, she has a loss of motor control, gastrointestinal disorders, swallowing difficulty, poor growth, respiratory complications, seizures and is susceptible to infections.

As the only child of Karrie and Jason LaCroix, Emma was three months old before they noticed any developmental delays in their baby. At the time, they were living in South Bend, Indiana. After being evaluated at two different medical facilities near their home, Emma was finally referred to a mitochondrial disease specialist who was located in Atlanta. After two days of testing, Emma's diagnosis was confirmed. Her parents were told Emma's prognosis was unknown and that there was no cure for her disease.

### The Road to Memphis

Like most parents with a special-needs child, Karrie and Jason sought the support of their loved ones and decided to return to Memphis, where Jason had grown up, to be with his family. His parents, Anita "Gayle" and Robert "Bob" Bennett had recently returned here for Bob's job as chief learning officer and vice president of Human Resources at FedEx Corporation. Jason also found work as a FedEx customer-information services manager in tactical planning and engineering.

Since they moved here in 2004, Emma has been cared for by physicians at Le Bonheur Children's. In the past four years, she has been admitted to Le Bonheur Children's as an inpatient four times. Her condition makes her extremely susceptible to infections like pneumonia. Emma has also been monitored in the EEG Monitoring Unit at the hospital.

"It's very comforting to have confidence in Le Bonheur Children's physicians," says Karrie, a registered nurse affiliated with a physicians



Emma with her father, Jason, and grandfather, Bob Bennett

practice at Methodist North Hospital. "When we do have to go there, they are compassionate and very understanding. They are very willing to listen and learn since there is not much known about mitochondrial disease. They are so responsive to our needs."

Emma is in a wheelchair. She uses a percussion vest for daily respiratory treatments and uses nebulizer treatments to help with

her breathing. She has a gastrostomy tube for feeding and takes as many as 20 pills and supplements every day. An oxygen monitor is always connected to her. Her prognosis is still unknown, yet the beaming, smiling youngster is always joyous and has a great sense of humor.

"We live life day by day," Karrie says. "We enjoy every day and live each day to the fullest."

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### FedEx Cares

"You can't imagine the stress involved when your child is in the hospital and critically ill until you go through it," Karrie says. "It can be financially draining for many families."

When Karrie and Jason learned about the plans to build the FedExFamilyHouse at Le Bonheur Children's, they were elated for all the out-of-town parents who find themselves needing a safe and comfortable place to stay while their child receives treatment at Le Bonheur Children's.

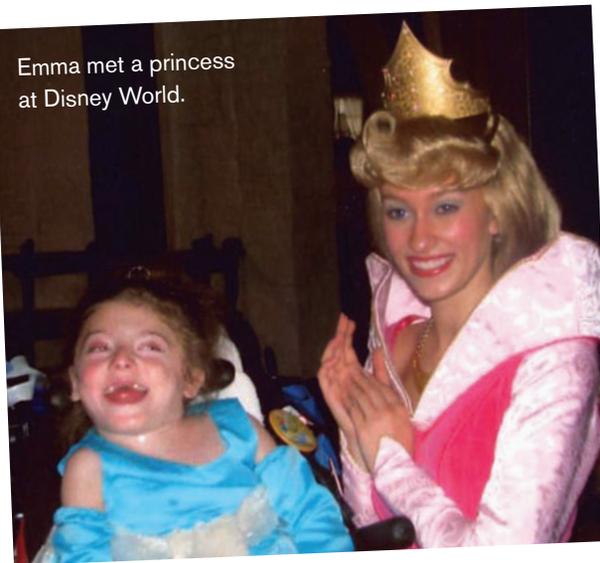
"When Emma was in Atlanta for her diagnosis, we stayed two nights at the Ronald McDonald House there," Karrie recalls. "When your child is ill and you are away from home with no place to stay, the stress level goes even higher. The added expense incurred from staying in a hotel becomes another burden. It's comforting to know you have a place to go nearby and if something happens to your child can be there with them in a matter of minutes. It is also a place to talk with other families who are going through similar experiences with their ill children."

The FedExFamilyHouse will provide housing for families of patients who receive extended care at Le Bonheur Children's. Scheduled to open in 2010, the FedExFamilyHouse will provide a place for the families of patients, like Emma, who live outside of Memphis a place to stay just across the street from the new hospital.

"We all want the best for our children," says Karrie. "We know that we are taking Emma to the best possible place that we can. It will be amazing to have the FedExFamilyHouse available for Le Bonheur's out-of-town families," Karrie says. "Here they are, in a strange city with no idea where to stay. It will be a nice place for them to get some sleep and have a warm meal. It will meet their basic needs so they can stay strong to meet their child's needs when they go home." ■

— By Kini Plumlee

Emma met a princess at Disney World.



*FedEx sponsored a trip for Emma and her parents to visit Disney World on her 7th birthday. She had lunch with a princess, spent a day at Sea World and two days at Universal Studios. Her entire family - all grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins - joined in the fun.*



Emma with her mother, Karrie



## Bedside Teaching Is Rewarding for All



Last spring, when an 18-year-old Memphis high school student was undergoing treatment at Le Bonheur Children's, she wanted some help with her studies to pass the Gateway Test in algebra. She could not graduate otherwise.

In stepped Shelly Burr, a full-time school teacher with Le Bonheur Children's Child Life Department. Burr tutored the student at her bedside for two weeks prior to the test to help ensure that her graduation would happen as planned.

However, on the day the test was to be administered, the patient was receiving heavy medication and was unable to take the exam.

At that point, Amy Paller took charge. Paller, a Memphis City Schools (MCS) teacher who works with Burr to coordinate studies for Le Bonheur Children's patients, received permission from MCS to administer the test for this student on another day. The student, who is legally blind, took the test given by Paller the following day while she was still in the hospital.

"High school students, especially seniors, are very conscientious about getting their assignments and not falling behind," Paller says. "They want to graduate."

So, Paller read aloud the questions on the test and filled in the patient's answers for her. Then she delivered the finished exam to the Board of Education. "The patient passed with flying colors and she did graduate," Paller says.

It's moments like these that stand out for Burr and Paller in their continuing efforts to provide instruction to students who find themselves at Le Bonheur Children's for one reason or another. The kids might be patients at Le Bonheur for a couple of days, a week, an extended stay or even receiving ongoing treatment such as dialysis. Regardless of their illness, homework and classroom studies continue. Providing classroom instruction to sick children and lending a gentle hand with homework can be one of the most important aspects of successful health care.

"We try to normalize the hospital environment for children as much as possible," Burr explains. "Helping them continue their school studies can help to improve their health as much as other aspects in their overall care. Adds Paller: "Working on something makes them feel better, the day goes by much faster, and they have a better attitude. It also gives



them something to look forward to every day."

And when patients are discharged?

"We make sure they transition back into the school setting as smoothly as possible," Burr says.

Paller has a degree in special education from the University of Memphis. She has taught for Memphis City Schools for 26 years and has five years' experience in a hospital setting.

Burr received a bachelor of science degree in therapy recreation from Penn State and a master's in education from the University of Pittsburgh. She has worked with children in other hospital settings as a certified therapeutic recreation specialist, reaching the children's rehabilitation therapy goals through recreational activities. Currently, she is studying for a doctorate in Special Education at the University of Memphis.

Burr and Paller work with grades K through 12, on all subjects, in all hospital units. On any given day, they may see six or seven patients each; on busy days, as many as 10 patients each. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Burr teaches eight high school dialysis patients. Other days, they might assist in helping to set up homebound teaching services for patients who cannot return immediately to school upon discharge.

Patients who are able to leave their hospital room sometimes perform better in a school environment. To meet this need, Burr and Paller occasionally utilize Le Bonheur Children's Creative Arts Studio

**Tyler Harris, LaShayla Crane and Tyler Hedrick keep up their studies with the help of teachers Shelly Burr and Amy Paller.**

as a makeshift classroom. When the new Le Bonheur opens in 2010, it will include a separate classroom for this purpose, according to Burr.

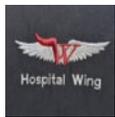
Teaching at bedside does present a few challenges. Nurses are constantly checking the medical equipment, leading to many distractions and disruptions. However, for Burr and Paller, what they gain from their efforts far outweighs any drawbacks.

"The connection you can build with students with medical needs or disabilities is special," Burr says. "It helps them feel comfortable knowing someone is advocating on their behalf. We're able to concentrate on the whole child, not just their academic needs. If I can help them leave the hospital with one assignment finished and off their plate, and alleviate some stress, I have made a bigger difference in their education than if I taught them in a regular classroom." ■

The Child Life Program is working on an endowed status for the future of the school program. For information on how to contribute to that endowment, please call the Le Bonheur Foundation at (901) 287-6308.

# Champions for CHILDREN

## Family Donation Honors Birthday



When Kathe Moore was brainstorming ways to celebrate her father on his 80th birthday, one idea kept coming to mind –

Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center. To help commemorate this special day, Kathe sent a letter to family members and friends encouraging them to make donations to Le Bonheur Children's in honor of her father, J.A. "Jac" Crisler III.

"Instead of a party or any other gift for him, I thought it would be wonderful to help an important institution in Memphis with a donation in honor of Dad," Kathe says. "Our family has a great medical heritage and all of us are interested in the well-being of children."

The Crislers have a long-standing history in the Memphis medical community. Jac Crisler's father and grandfather – Drs. J. A. Crisler, Jr. and Sr. – were well-respected Memphis physicians who founded the Crisler Clinic. When Jac's grandfather retired and his father enlisted to serve during World War II, the Crislers sold their

clinic to Methodist Hospital. Upon his return to Memphis, Jac's father performed surgeries in a Methodist operating room reserved exclusively for him.

Jac Crisler's grandson, Crile Crisler, also pursued a career in the medical profession. Crile serves as the director of patient transportation at Le Bonheur Children's and carries on the Crisler name in the Memphis medical community. Crile also continues the heritage of Jac Crisler's other grandfather, Dr. George Crile Sr. George Crile was one of the founders of the famed Cleveland Clinic and his son George Crile Jr. – Jac's uncle – practiced there also.

"Le Bonheur Children's is growing to meet the challenges of caring for the children of today and tomorrow with the building of a new hospital," Kathe wrote in her letter to friends and family. "What better way to honor Dad than to be part of helping the wonderful, caring associates of this fabulous children's facility as they embark on construction of a new building

that will embrace family-centered care, healing, collaboration and hope."

A special area in the new hospital will be named in honor of Jac Crisler.

"I received numerous encouraging phone calls and notes from both family and friends upon receipt of my letter as to what a great idea they thought this was," Kathe says. "Many do not even live in Memphis! All of us are interested in the well-being of children and Le Bonheur Children's is such an important asset to this area in that regard. The results are a testament to the love and respect we all share for my wonderful dad. It just goes to show what you can do for the right cause if you just ask." ■

If your family would like to establish a fund to support Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, contact the Le Bonheur Foundation by calling (901) 287-6308 or e-mail [caseyk@lebonheur.org](mailto:caseyk@lebonheur.org).



Crile Crisler, Kathe Moore and J.A. "Jac" Crisler III

# For the LOVE of Le Bonheur

## Giving for the Next Generation



At two years of age, Olivia Sigman is quite the talker. She can recite the alphabet and loves books. Like most 2-year-olds, her energy level is set in high gear and her grandparents, Carol and Glenn Sigman, find it hard to keep up with her. But it hasn't always been this way.

When Olivia was eight weeks old, her pediatrician discovered she had a hole in her heart and referred her to a cardiologist. At nine months, she was referred to Le Bonheur Children's. On New Year's Eve morning 2008, Olivia received heart surgery while Glenn and Carol, along with her parents Mark and Elizabeth Sigman, waited anxiously.

"The whole Le Bonheur Children's experience was amazing," Carol says. "From a grandparent's point of view, we were treated the same as Olivia's parents. We felt welcome. Everyone went out of their way for us and were very encouraging that we spend time with her during her stay in the hospital."

Olivia spent a week in Le Bonheur Children's Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) recovering from surgery. She has had no recurring problems.

One of the things Carol and Glenn remember most about this time was the feeling they received when they walked into Olivia's CVICU room.

"Everybody was so dedicated," Carol says. "One evening, her doctor and nurses were sitting around her bed and we were struck by the respect they had for the entire family. The whole hospital



Carol and Glenn Sigman with Olivia

contributed to our overall feeling of being comfortable with where she was being cared for. We knew there was no better place for her than Le Bonheur Children's. Every time I have an opportunity I tell people they have no idea what our community has at Le Bonheur."

In gratitude for Olivia's recovery, and for the

the other way if it had not been for her physician, the equipment available to her and the medical advancements that have been made. This gives you a real grasp on how far we've come and adds to our feeling that Le Bonheur Children's has a place in the future and will care for children for years and years and years to come." ■ — *By Kini Plumlee*

care Olivia received at Le Bonheur, Carol and Glenn made a gift to the new Le Bonheur Children's in honor of the CVICU team. Their contribution, along with one from Olivia's parents, is earmarked to help fund the cardiovascular unit.

"We all want our children and grandchildren to be healthy," Carol says. "Le Bonheur Children's serves a purpose that no other Memphis hospital serves. There are so many people with children in financial distress who are helped by Le Bonheur Children's. Olivia's situation could have been so much

## How To Become a Grateful Family

If you or someone you know would like to honor those who were there for you during your child's treatment, consider making a contribution through Le Bonheur Children's Grateful Family Program. Perhaps you would like to recognize the nurse who held your hand as your child was wheeled into surgery. Maybe you would like to honor your child's or grandchild's physician or the child-life specialist who made your child smile during a scary procedure. The Grateful Family Program offers a way for you to give back to those who gave of themselves to care for you and your child.

A gift to Le Bonheur Children's Grateful Family Program may be designated to the new hospital or toward a special area or department of the hospital that helped your child. Your gift can help Le Bonheur Children's provide care using the latest medical tools and equipment, ensure that the comforts of home are available at the hospital or fund research that solves childhood illnesses. Upon receipt of your gift, Le Bonheur Children's will send a card to the health-care professional(s) you wish to honor.

To make a gift, call Kristen Bartal at (901) 287-6305 or e-mail [bartelk@lebonheur.org](mailto:bartelk@lebonheur.org). ■

# The POWER



## 5 PROJECTORS \$6,800

Special projectors have been mounted in the radiology department in examination rooms for CT scans, ultrasound and DEXA scans to project moving pictures of kid-friendly objects like tropical birds, fish, balloons or planets on the walls. This distracts young patients and helps them become less afraid of the sometimes frightening equipment. It is also entertaining for children who grow restless during the long procedures. Ultrasound tech Apprecia Lee-Bailey (pictured above) demonstrates the child-friendly projector in the DEXA scan room.



## 2 MRI DVD PLAYERS \$53,750

Special MRI-safe DVD players have been installed in the radiology department to enable patients to watch their favorite DVD while undergoing tests. This distraction helps them remain calm and still during long MRI scans and sometimes prevents the child from having sedation. CT tech Beverly Walters (pictured above) relieves the fears of patient Hayden Stegall with colorful projections on the CT scanner.



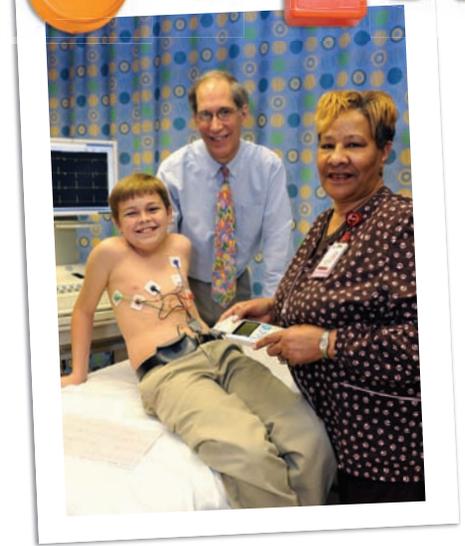
## ANESTHESIA MACHINE \$73,818

Your gifts assisted 750 patients who underwent surgical procedures last year through the purchase of a new anesthesia machine that administers anesthesia gases while monitoring multiple physiological systems, including the heart, lungs and other vital functions. Dr. Luis Barranco (above) is pictured with a new anesthesia machine and gas monitor.



## OPHTHALMOLOGY MICROSCOPE \$98,300

Your contributions purchased an ophthalmology microscope that helped about 500 patients with vision problems in 2008. The scope is used for delicate eye surgery and procedures such as cataract removal and lens implantation.



## EKG HOLTER MONITOR \$2,042

Dr. Glenn Wetzel and EKG tech Johnnie Richardson (above) demonstrate the EKG holter monitor to patient Jackson Cockarell. Your donations helped purchase this monitor, a small recording device to assist our young heart patients. It monitors the electrical conduction of little hearts for up to 48 hours, which gives cardiologists a better understanding of how the patient's heart works throughout the day and night and enables them to better diagnose clinical problems.



## 2 INTRACRANIAL MONITORS \$31,855

Patients with brain injuries need special monitoring and your gifts helped us purchase devices to measure whether their brain pressure is within a safe, normal range. The intracranial monitors (above and at right) alert caregivers if the pressure reaches a level that needs immediate attention.



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# GIFTS

Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center relies on donors like you to help create a place of healing and hope for children. Your gifts help us do that by enhancing services and creating new programs that might not exist without your support. On these pages are just a few examples of ways your donations were used in 2008 to benefit our patients.

## ENT MICROSCOPE \$24,650

The ENT microscope (at right) in Le Bonheur's surgery department helped 2,200 children have better communication last year. It is used for ear, nose and throat procedures such as cochlear implants, ear tubes and eardrum repair.



## RIGID BRONCHOSCOPE \$136,752

Tina Hendrick (above) stands with the rigid bronchoscope equipment that helped improve the breathing of more than 1,600 children last year. It clears obstructions, removes foreign bodies and performs diagnostics.



## EMG MACHINE \$34,468

Your gifts helped purchase this electromyography (EMG) machine to evaluate multiple medical issues, including patients with feelings of numbness, tingling or burning sensations, weakness in the arms and legs, carpal tunnel syndrome, diabetic neuropathy and more. Technician Marion Banks (above) demonstrates the new EMG machine with the help of Le Bonheur neurologists Dr. Masanori Igarashi and Dr. Namrata Shah.



## HEART LUNG PERFUSION SYSTEM \$50,700

With your help, this heart lung perfusion system was purchased for Le Bonheur Children's Intensive Care Unit. Much like those used in the operating room for patients having open heart surgery, this machine gives a child's body time to heal and rests the heart or lungs until they can function normally again. Pictured above: ECMO coordinators Ashley Powell and Robert Beck demonstrate the heart lung perfusion system in Le Bonheur's Intensive Care Unit.

# Around the HALLS

## Patients and Families Provide Vital Input for New Hospital

The phrase “patient- and family-centered care” is used a lot in children’s hospitals around the country. At Le Bonheur Children’s, it is more than just a phrase. It has become a way of life.

As the hospital builds a 12-story, \$327 million patient tower, patients and families are at the center of all decisions. Two groups are helping guide those decisions – the Family Partners and Teen Advisory councils.

Le Bonheur’s Family Partners Council is made up of parents of longtime and frequent patients, who provide input on the design of the new hospital, serve on hospital committees and advocate on a state and national level about issues important to children’s health care.

With input from the Family Partners Council, each room in the new hospital will include areas for two parents to stay, while giving them an unobstructed view of their child.

Playrooms and gathering spaces, as well as lactation rooms for parents and staff, are being designed on each patient floor. The facility will feature many play areas, a mini-movie theatre and a large parent resource center with access to learning materials, the Internet and patient educators.

The Teen Advisory Council consists of teenage patients, siblings and friends of Le Bonheur. The group plans activities for patients and siblings, guides the hospital’s teen activities and provides input on issues of importance to teenagers, like hospital food quality. Family-friendly amenities include a family resource room, Dining On Call for patients, Care Pages, open doors on patient care units and activities on each patient floor. ■



Meri Armour and  
Dr. Christopher  
Knott-Craig

## Cardiothoracic Chief Named

Christopher J. Knott-Craig, M.D., is the new chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Le Bonheur Children’s. A practicing heart surgeon for almost 20 years, Dr. Knott-Craig is renowned in the field of complex neonatal heart surgery and has made significant advancements in the care of children with Ebstein’s anomaly. He comes to Le Bonheur Children’s from the Kirklin Clinic at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he served as chief of pediatric thoracic and cardiovascular surgery.

“Dr. Knott-Craig is an innovative surgeon with a passion for giving hope to children with congenital heart defects,” Le Bonheur Children’s president Meri Armour says. “Under his leadership, Le Bonheur’s Heart Institute will implement cutting-edge techniques while continuing to make contributions to the field of pediatric health care.”

In his new role, he’ll also serve as chief of the division of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. ■



## Van-tastic! Kohl’s Supports Safe Kids

The Kohl’s Cares for Kids program has renewed its partnership with Le Bonheur Children’s with a \$67,279 grant for 2008-2009 to help support Safe Kids Mid-South efforts to decrease accidental injury to children – the leading killer of children age 14 and under.

Safe Kids Mid-South, led by Le Bonheur Children’s, is part of a global network of

organizations dedicated to the prevention of accidents to children. Working to help families take active measures to prevent unintentional injuries to children and fire in their homes, Safe Kids also teaches safety, and works to improve laws and to make schools, homes and streets more child-friendly.

Since its inception in 2000, the Kohl’s Cares

for Kids fundraising program has turned the sale of children’s books and plush toys into more than \$102 million to help fund children’s initiatives nationwide while providing affordable books for millions of eager readers. Le Bonheur Children’s Safe Kids Mid-South is the local recipient of Kohl’s generosity.

In celebration of Kohl’s continued support

## First Heart Patient

When Barbara Stockwell Hill was 10, physicians found two holes in the upper wall of her heart. One was the size of a silver dollar, the other the size of a dime.

The year was 1959 and Barbara became the first of two Le Bonheur patients to undergo successful open heart surgery. It took Dr. Robert Allen and a team of 12 medical staff three hours to perform the operation, the first of its kind in Memphis utilizing the new heart lung machine that had recently been purchased by the



Madeline Smith presented her gift to Bernard, the hospital puppet and took a tour of the hospital.

## Arlington Child Celebrates Birthday by Giving to Others

When Madeline Smith recently celebrated her 7th birthday, she gave back to the hospital that helped her little brother. Jonah had surgery at Le Bonheur Children's when he was just three days old. Madeline asked her friends and family to bring donations for Le Bonheur to her party instead of a gift. She collected \$300 and the Peter Pan Children's Fund added another \$100 to her donation.

"Madeline is a sweet girl who made a big difference at Le Bonheur by asking her friends and family to support a cause dear to her heart," says Liz Salton of the Le Bonheur Foundation. "Through the Le Bonheur Birthday Club, children learn about philanthropy while supporting a cause that directly benefits them. It's an easy way to show kids how they can make a difference in their community."

Hosting a birthday or another party to benefit Le Bonheur is easy. To find out how, contact Liz Salton at (901) 287-4440 or e-mail [saltone@lebonheur.org](mailto:saltone@lebonheur.org). ■



Claudia Efrid and Barbara Stockwell Hill reminisce over a Kingsbury yearbook.



for 2009, the newly rewrapped Kohl's Safe Kids van was unveiled during the Kohl's Le Bonheur 5K Pumpkin Run and Safety Fair in October. Kohl's representative, Kristi Looney, presented the check to Susan Helms, director of injury prevention and Safe Kids at Le Bonheur Children's.

The van's theme, "Growing Safe Kids,"

features three former Le Bonheur patients who will help spread the safety message throughout the community. Safe Kids programs focus on child passenger safety, bike and pedestrian safety, fire and burn safety, home safety and water safety.

Kohl's Cares for Kids benefits more than 150 hospitals nationwide. ■

hospital. Less than six years previously, this kind of heart surgery was not available anywhere in the world.

Barbara attended the December Le Bonheur Club meeting as a guest of Claudia Efrid, a Le Bonheur Club member for 15 years, and shared her memories of that early Le Bonheur experience. Claudia's father had been the principal at Kingsbury Elementary where Barbara attended fifth grade and he had donated blood for Barbara's heart surgery.

"I'll never forget Claudia's father and all the teachers, coaches and others who gave blood for my operation," Barbara said, adding that she missed only 17 days of school.

A career librarian, Barbara married, has two children and five grandchildren.

"I applaud all your efforts to keep Le Bonheur going," she told club members. ■

# Corporate

# KUDOS



Le Bonheur's Foundation director Kavanaugh Casey (center) receives proceeds from Nucor Steel's 2008 Golf Tournament. From (left) John Arcement, Chuck Ryan, Casey, Sam Comella, Kellie Crain and Julie Coppage.



Evie Boaz

## "Fore" the Kids

Since 2001, Nucor Steel's Hickman Division has hosted an annual golf tournament to benefit Le Bonheur Children's. The event brings together more than 250 customers, suppliers and employees from across the country to participate. Community leaders from Hickman, Ark., where the division is located, are also invited to take part in the fun.

"The tournament provides us an enjoyable opportunity to support Le Bonheur Children's while networking and building relationships," explains Chuck Ryan, shipping supervisor. Ryan, along with Sam Comella, vice president and general manager, Kellie Crain, human resources manager, and Julie Coppage and John Arcement, both inside sales representatives, serves on the Nucor golf tournament organizing committee.

"Nucor believes in giving back to the community and recognizes that Le Bonheur Children's is a world-class-quality health-care facility that places an emphasis on children and their needs rather than the bottom line," Ryan adds. "That is why Nucor supports Le Bonheur Children's."

Ryan also has a personal reason to support Le Bonheur Children's. "My 9-year-old daughter Abigail has been at Le Bonheur Children's on many occasions," he shares. "The excellent care she received there led to the committee's decision to select Le Bonheur as the recipient of the tournament proceeds."

In the seven years since Le Bonheur Children's has been the beneficiary of Nucor's golf tournament, more than \$500,000 has been raised for the hospital. Additionally, the company purchases Le Bonheur holiday greeting cards every year to send to clients during the Christmas season.

"We strive to support worthwhile regional charities," Ryan notes. "Ordering the cards each year is just another way to support this excellent pediatric care facility."

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Nucor makes more steel in America than any other company. As the nation's largest recycler, Nucor keeps approximately 20 million tons of scrap steel out of America's landfills each year. Nucor's Sheet Mill in Hickman processes over two million of those tons annually. ■

## Balloon Sales Soar Thanks to Walmart Cashier

Evie Boaz feels blessed to have three healthy and beautiful grandchildren. Even though none of them have ever been patients at Le Bonheur Children's, she understands just how important Memphis' only comprehensive pediatric hospital is for families.

Just knowing that Le Bonheur is there for the children if needed, she says, is the reason she has raised thousands of dollars since 2005 for Le Bonheur while working as a cashier at the Bartlett Walmart on Highway 64. Walmart is a national partner for Children's Miracle Network (CMN). Le Bonheur Children's is one of 170 pediatric hospitals in the United States that comprise CMN.

Each year Walmart retail stores around the country participate in a month-long campaign to raise funds for Le Bonheur Children's and other pediatric hospitals located throughout the United States. Employees such as Evie sell ask customers for a contribution to Le Bonheur Children's. Last year, area Walmart stores and Sam's Club locations raised more than \$265,400 for Le Bonheur Children's through the local CMN campaign.

Evie has been acknowledged at store

meetings for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of Le Bonheur Children's and CMN.

"Evie has far exceeded our expectations in this program with her level of love for the children," says Darrin Allen, store manager. "She has a very big heart and cares so much for the kids. She is so sincere about asking for contributions that customers can't help but make a donation."

"Evie's one of our best associates," adds Sharon Baylous, co-manager of the Bartlett store. "She asks everybody who comes through her line for a donation for Le Bonheur. She definitely has a heart for kids."

Modest and unassuming, this humble "fundraiser" for Le Bonheur Children's says she sold the balloons to help the kids, not for recognition.

"It's all about the children," Evie says. "Le Bonheur Children's has helped so many families. If all the Walmart cashiers would ask, can you imagine how much money we could raise for the hospital?" she adds enthusiastically. "Each donation helps some family with a sick child."

This year's Walmart and Sam's Club campaign runs from May 1 to June 14. ■

If you or your company is interested in hosting an event for Le Bonheur, contact the Foundation at (901) 287-6308.

## 2008 Foundation Highlights

More than \$13 million in new gifts and pledges was raised by the Le Bonheur Foundation during 2008. In this year “at-a-glance,” you’ll learn about the foundation’s accomplishments and activities made possible with the support of a generous community.

- The Le Bonheur Club donated \$527,553 to Le Bonheur Children’s, which exceeded their capital campaign commitment of \$2 million.
- TWIGS contributed \$191,000, pushing them over their original \$500,000 commitment for a total of \$535,000 raised for the new Le Bonheur Children’s.
- Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) contributed \$433,000 from 26 regional CMN partners, including more than \$265,000 raised by area Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club locations, \$94,000 raised by Fred’s, along with other CMN partners such as Costco and Phi Mu.
- Le Bonheur radiothons in Memphis, Jackson, Tenn., and Tupelo, Miss., raised a combined total of \$220,000 in pledges during 2008. The events are presented on FM 100 (Memphis), WWYN FM-106.9 (Jackson) and WWZD FM 106.7 (Tupelo).
- The 2008 Le Bonheur Golf Classic raised \$109,000 for Le Bonheur Children’s.
- The 2008 Family Affair raised more than \$106,000 for Le Bonheur Children’s.
- WREG TV’s Go Jim Go! raised \$76,650 through donations and pledges in 2008. This was more than \$40,000 above the 2007 event.
- The 2008 Kohl’s Le Bonheur 5K Pumpkin Run raised \$62,817, an increase of almost \$13,000 over the 2007 event.
- Gumtree TWIGS, a regional TWIGS group, held a Father-Daughter Ball in June 2008 that raised more than \$22,000 for Le Bonheur Children’s. They are the largest of all of the TWIGS chapters and donated more than \$50,000 to the hospital last year.
- Cowboys for Kids, a first-time fundraising event in Jackson, Tenn., raised more than \$31,000 for Le Bonheur Children’s.
- The Big Wig Ball, the first fundraiser held by YALL (Young Adult Le Bonheur Leaders), raised more than \$20,000 for Le Bonheur Children’s.
- The Grateful Family Program was introduced to encourage patient families to contribute to Le Bonheur Children’s in honor of a favorite physician or nurse.
- The IGive4Kids web site was launched to enable donors to buy toys and other needs for Le Bonheur patients.
- The Young Philanthropist Program continued to add more young donors to Le Bonheur through the Birthday Club, school programs and other activities.
- “For Kids’ Sake,” the Le Bonheur Foundation e-newsletter, was initiated for Le Bonheur friends and donors with e-mail access. Monthly e-blasts were also sent regarding upcoming fundraising events and Le Bonheur activities.
- *Le Bonheur* magazine was recognized for writing and production by local, regional and national communications organizations.



## Save the DATE

### APRIL 18 ■ BIG WIG BALL

Le Bonheur friends and supporters are invited to flip their wigs at the 2009 Big Wig Ball presented by Young Adult Le Bonheur Leaders (YALL) on April 18. This event, the second annual fundraiser hosted by the hospital’s young professional support group, will be 8 p.m. to midnight at Minglewood Hall, 1555 Madison Ave. (formerly Strings & Things).

Party attire is “cocktail cool” with guests sporting outrageous and colorful wigs. You’ll enjoy a hilarious time while trying to recognize friends who have topped off their gala garb with extreme bouffants. To round out the evening, there will be live music by the Ronny Raygun Band, karaoke and food from featured restaurants.

Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door and may be purchased online at [www.lebonheur.org/bigwigball](http://www.lebonheur.org/bigwigball) or by calling the Le Bonheur Foundation at (901) 287-6308.

### APRIL 30 ■ FAMILY AFFAIR

The 2009 Le Bonheur Family Affair culminates with the Miracle Maker Blast on April 30 at the Memphis Botanic Garden. Vying for the title of Miracle Maker Family of the Year are the Adair family of Moscow, Tenn., the Barton family of Olive Branch, Miss., the Catherwood family of Concord, N.C., the Dirks family of Baton Rouge, La., the Morrow family of Lakeland, Tenn., and the Perry family of Bartlesville, Okla.

This is the third event in which families have volunteered to utilize creative fundraising techniques to win the “friendly” competition to benefit Le Bonheur Children’s. Since February, families and friends of these volunteer contestants have helped by participating in a number of fundraising activities hosted by the families on behalf of our patients.

A Family Affair/Miracle Maker Blast will also be held in Tupelo, Miss., on April 28 at the BancorpSouth Conference Center – Hilton Garden Inn. Participating Tupelo families are the Daniel family, the Fisher family, the Hughes family and the Scott family.

Tickets for the Memphis event are \$50 for adults and \$15 for children. Kids ages 10 and under are free. Tickets for the Tupelo event are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children ages 11-17. Both events are geared for the entire family and will feature entertainment, food and a silent auction. The Memphis event also includes arts and crafts and learning activities for children of all ages.

For tickets and information on either event, call (901) 287-6308.

### JUNE 15 ■ CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

The 2009 Le Bonheur Children’s Golf Classic will be at Spring Creek Ranch on June 15. This year’s event will feature 18 top teaching pros who will critique your game during the first nine holes and help you improve your game on the last nine.

Events begin with a 7:30 a.m. warm-up. Tee time is 9 a.m. Upon registration, each foursome will be “assigned” to a teaching professional who is ranked among the Top 50 by *Golf Digest* or among the Top 100 by *Golf Magazine*. The pro will join your group on the practice range for a brief warm-up. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will be served for lunch on the practice range while you improve your golf swing. A post-tournament awards ceremony with refreshments begins at 5 p.m.

Cost to play is \$2,500 per person or \$10,000 per team of four. Sponsorships are available. For sponsorship information and to register to play, call (901) 287-6308. ■

# SCRAPBOOK



◀ Le Bonheur Club's 2008 Children's Fund Drive (formerly known as Gold Tag) raised \$418,804. This year's drive kicked off at a luncheon on Jan. 6. Pictured are the 2009 Fund Drive co-chairs Theresa Adams and Peggy Lovell.



◀ Memphis women paired up in support of Le Bonheur Children's at the first Wine, Women & Shoes Sip-n-Shop Marketplace on Jan. 29 and it was a perfect match for all. From great grapes to fancy footwear, more than 300 guests sipped Napa Valley wines, enjoyed a delectable foray of food from Memphis' finest restaurants and slipped on fabulous designer shoes. A fashionable footwear fashion show topped off the evening. The event raised \$94,000. Pictured are Candi and Samantha Gibson. Samantha, 19, was a Le Bonheur patient when she was 3.

▲ Le Bonheur Children's president and CEO Meri Armour spoke at a "get acquainted with Le Bonheur" luncheon in Oxford, Miss., last fall. More than 75 guests learned about the new hospital and plans for the future. Pictured are (top, from left) Gail Kimball, Armour and Susan Bryan. The event was held at the home of Barbara Davis (above, center). Pictured with her are Melody Webb (at left) and her daughter, Sloan Hunter.



◀ FedEx Employees Credit Association raised more than \$11,000 for Le Bonheur Children's with a silent auction and pecan sale. The association is a Children's Miracle Network partner. Le Bonheur Foundation special events coordinator Kristen Bartel (second from left) accepts the contribution from Kristen Babula (far left), Megan Taylor and Karen Graves.



◀ Representatives of the National Philoptochos Society presented Kavanaugh Casey (third from left) with a \$15,000 check for Le Bonheur's pediatric ICU. Pictured are (from left) Dr. Tom Spentzas, Mike Mohat, Casey, Loretta Taras, Dr. Stephanie Storgion, Mary Christy, Pauline Koplun and Fr. Paul Christy.



◀ John Thompson, a realtor with Germantown Properties, has raised money and collected toys for Le Bonheur's Bunny Room for eight years. Through his efforts and support from Germantown Properties and others, John has raised thousands of dollars and collected thousands of toys for Le Bonheur's kids. John and his wife, Lynn, have sponsored the Enchanted Forest and contributed to the hospital in countless ways. They know how important their support is. Le Bonheur saved the life of their daughter, Rachel, following a motor vehicle accident in 1995. Rachel is pictured here with a room full of toys collected and donated in 2008.

▶ During his visit to Le Bonheur Children's in November, Canadian Ambassador Michael Wilson (center) met with Dr. James Wheless, medical director of neurosciences, and Dr. Dennis Black, vice president for research at Le Bonheur Children's and scientific director of the Children's Foundation Research Center.

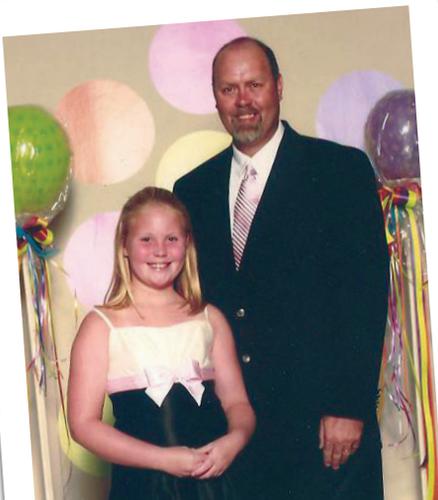


▲ For 30 years, the Enchanted Forest Festival of Trees has marked the beginning of the holiday season for Mid-South families. This year was no exception. From Nov. 23 through Dec. 31, children of all ages were captivated by the sights and sounds of Christmas at the annual holiday event presented by TWIGS of Le Bonheur at the Memphis Pink Palace Museum. The winter wonderland of animated characters, 50 illuminated Christmas trees and a Gingerbread Village thrilled more than 28,000 visitors and raised more than \$146,000. Pictured is Le Bonheur patient Lindsey Harris, honorary chairman of the Enchanted Forest, with her family.



◀ Hannah Durham and her father, Rick, attended the 2008 Gumtree TWIGS annual Father/Daughter Ball to benefit Le Bonheur Children's. More than 600 guests attended and the evening of dancing, food and fun activities raised more than \$23,000. This was the third year Hannah attended the event with her dad (see story on back cover). The 2009 ball will be June 27 at the Tupelo Furniture Market. For information, contact Connie Haygood at (662) 348-5505 or e-mail haygoodc@lebonheur.org.

▲ Le Bonheur Foundation Board Chairman David Stevens, Methodist CEO Gary Shorb and Le Bonheur President Meri Armour hosted an "unforgettable" Valentine's Day event for special donors and friends at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts. The pre-concert reception was followed by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra's production featuring the music of Nat King Cole. Pictured are (from left) Joyce Mollerup, Bob Buckman, Dr. Pat Wall, Carol Schwab, Dr. Steve Schwab and Jean Wall.



# In Gratitude



Emmy  
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The patients, families, physicians, staff and foundation board of Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center are most grateful to those who help us build for the future and enable us to provide exceptional clinical care, research, medical education and community outreach programs through their financial support.

Throughout our 57-year history, Le Bonheur Children's has thrived because of the foresight and generosity of our contributors and volunteers. Together, we are building a "new" Le Bonheur to do even more to transform care for the children. With your partnership, we can continue to give our patients the exceptional health care they deserve and improve medical outcomes for thousands of children.

It is our pleasure to gratefully acknowledge the following individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations for their generous financial support during the 2008 calendar year.

Their gifts to Le Bonheur Children's make this a place of healing and hope.

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## Red Wagon Circle

The Red Wagon Circle is composed of dedicated contributors who make annual gifts totaling \$1,000 or more.

This Society takes its name from the red wagons used throughout Le Bonheur to transport patients. Membership in this society salutes the ongoing commitment made by these individuals which enables Le Bonheur to provide the best health care possible to the kids.

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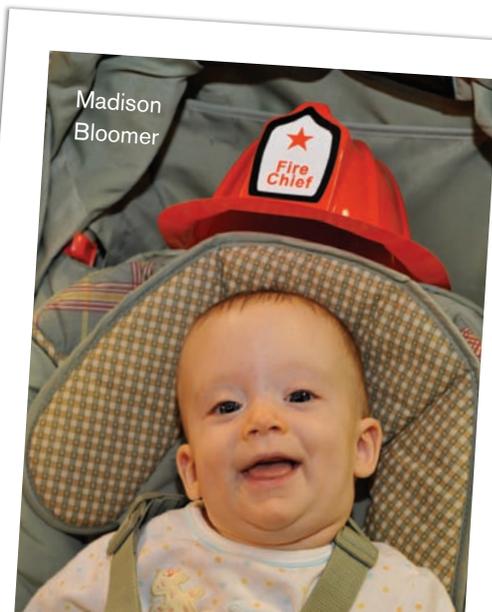
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Max Betts

Patients enjoy a Mad Hatter tea party hosted by Child Life. Children designed and modeled crazy hats and played flamingo croquet during the "Alice in Wonderland" inspired event. The White Rabbit made a special appearance but was, of course, running late.



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Give a gift and see how your investment makes a difference for children. Listed here are some of the ways you can give back to Le Bonheur Children's. Our Le Bonheur Foundation staff will be happy to work with you to achieve your wishes. A donation envelope can be found inserted in this magazine for your convenience.

## Young Philanthropists

Encourage your child or your child's school to become involved with Le Bonheur Children's. Learn more about our Kids Caring for Kids programs by visiting [www.lebonheur.org](http://www.lebonheur.org) or calling Liz Salton at (901) 287-4440.

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A gift made through your estate will help preserve the future of Le Bonheur Children's and safeguard our role in providing quality children's health care for generations to come. Planned gifts permit Le Bonheur Children's to provide continuing support for the well-being of patients today and in the future. Such gifts include bequests, life insurance policies and life income plans, such as charitable trusts and gift annuities. Not only can planned gifts provide possible tax savings, they also can provide increased income for you, your spouse or other members of your family. When you designate all or part of your estate to Le Bonheur Children's, you'll join others as a member of the DreamBuilders Society. For information, call the Le Bonheur Foundation at (901) 287-4430.

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Volunteers, supporters and friends of Le Bonheur Children's host more than 120 events each year. Among the special events you are invited to support are gala parties, silent auctions, golf tournaments, walks and runs and the annual Enchanted Forest and Festival of Trees. You support our patients by participating in such events. Also, please consider volunteering your time with patients and families. For information, call Michelle Stubbs at (901) 287-5688.

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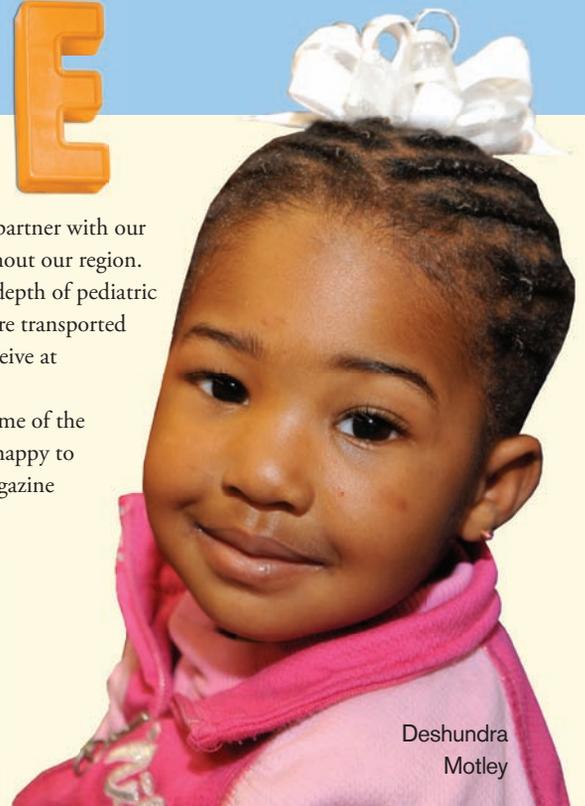
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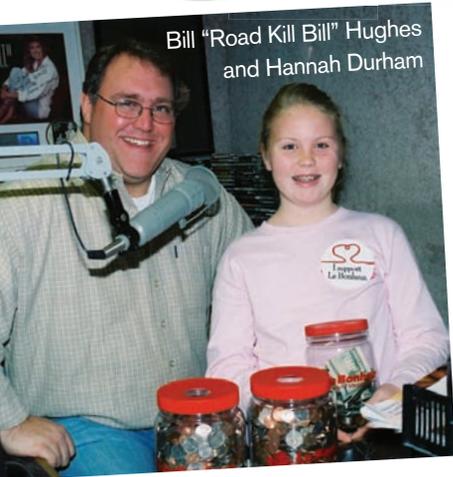
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# KIDS



Bill "Road Kill Bill" Hughes and Hannah Durham



While Hannah Durham and her father, Rick, were driving from their home in Baldwyn, Miss. to Tupelo to attend the 2008 Father/Daughter Gumtree Ball to benefit Le Bonheur Children's, Hannah asked him why he took her to the ball every year.

"Some people cannot afford the cost of doctors when their child is sick," Rick replied. "When we buy a ticket to attend the ball, the money goes to help Le Bonheur give kids the best medical care possible."

The fundraiser for Le Bonheur Children's is presented annually by the Gumtree TWIGS.

The 2008 event was the third consecutive ball that the Durham duo attended. Hannah, 9, had heard of Le Bonheur Children's and knew that her father participated for several years in a softball tournament to benefit the hospital but there was something about his answer that struck a chord. She decided right then, on the way to the dance, to do something special for Le Bonheur's kids on her own.

With help from Connie Haygood, regional representative for Le Bonheur Children's, Hannah became a Change Wizard for the 2008 Le Bonheur Radiothon in Tupelo. Sponsored by Wizard 106.7, the Change Wizard program encourages collecting change for contributions to Le Bonheur Children's during the radiothon promotional period.

Hannah contacted stores in her hometown to place Change Wizard collection canisters at checkout registers. For two weeks, she kept close tabs on eight containers, logging the dates and amount collected at each location. Additionally, during the first home game of the Baldwyn Bearcats football season, Hannah handed out cookbooks and wrist bands for donations to Le Bonheur Children's. Her goal was \$300.

When Rick drove Hannah to the Wizard radio station in Tupelo to present her donation live-on-the-air, the amount she raised had reached \$606. "I hope this money helps save a kid's life," Hannah told Bill "Road Kill Bill" Hughes and Kelli Karlson, the morning deejays on Wizard 106.

"I am so proud of her," Rick said. "Just seeing her at such a young age wanting to help other kids and their families was reward enough," he added, as tears rolled down his cheeks. "She learned a very important life lesson: giving back when you are blessed so others may have a chance at new beginnings."

The 2009 evening of dancing, refreshments and activities for dads and their daughters will be held June 27 at the Tupelo Furniture Market. For information, contact Connie Haygood at (662) 348-5505 or e-mail haygoodc@lebonheur.org. ■ — By Julia Adames

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