

You made
a difference
for kids.



Kennedy, 10 months old
epilepsy monitoring

Carter, 1
heart surgery



This year, your gifts have helped more children than you can imagine!

Carter was born with a hole in his heart, but his mother never gave up hope that this wouldn't be the end of his story.

The stories go on and on, and you are woven into each of them. Insurance only pays the minimum, and we believe kids deserve more. Because of your gift, we can offer the best to every child and family when they need us.

We are incredibly grateful to call you our partner and friend in this important work of serving children. Thank you.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Meri".

Meri Armour, MSN, MBA

President

Le Bonheur Children's Hospital

BEST
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITALS
USNews

RANKED IN
8 SPECIALTIES
2018-19





Because of you, Nori celebrated her first birthday.

When a doctor told Jennifer that her daughter wouldn't live long after birth, she couldn't catch her breath. The birthing hospital said there was nothing left to do, so Jennifer and her husband John pushed to have Nori transferred to Le Bonheur. Because of your support, our team fought every day for Nori. And her room was packed to celebrate the milestone that once seemed impossible – her first birthday.

“No one treated Nori like there was no hope.” - Jennifer, Nori's mom



Because of you, Samuel ran a 5K after a heart transplant.

When Samuel’s heart started to fail, the team at Le Bonheur was ready. As one of the nation’s top 10 pediatric heart programs, the team kept Samuel’s heart going until a new one could be transplanted. And then his rehab team kept him going when his body was adjusting to his new heart. In August, they ran a 5K together.

“In a dark moment, I remember Dr. Boston looking at us and saying ‘What we’re going to do here is save this boy’s life.’ It’s like everyone in the room disappeared, and I just prayed over my son.” ~ Auset, Samuel’s mom

Samuel, 17, with occupational and physical therapists Zada Hyatt, Sara Anderson and Kayla Wilson

Because of you, Valerie found a partner in her child's doctor.

Our son, Simon, has epilepsy. I know his neurologist, Dr. Fulton, wishes he could cure him and all the other children he treats, but barring a miracle, that won't happen for our son. What makes Dr. Fulton truly special though is the fact that he's walking with us through this. Our boy isn't merely a case or a diagnosis on a screen to our incredible physician. He receives outstanding attention, care and compassion. Dr. Fulton is in the trenches with us, and we trust him and his judgment completely. There is no one else we would rather have treating our sweet little guy and nowhere else we'd rather be.

Valerie, Simon's mom



Simon and
Stephen Fulton, MD



**Because of you,
we are a step closer
to finding cures.**

Le Bonheur's Biorepository for Integrative Genomics (BIG) Initiative enrolled its 10,000th sample this year. Thanks to your support, we're building one of the few pediatric DNA warehouses that will unlock the mysteries of childhood diseases like asthma and cystic fibrosis.



Because of you, Hayleigh will change the world.

Your support means we can partner with first-time teen moms to help them navigate the first few critical years in their child's development. Together, we're laying the foundation of the social, emotional and cognitive skills kids need to thrive for years to come.

Hayleigh and mom Latoya



Leeya, 17, with Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.)

Because of you, Leeya was strong enough to be an advocate on Capitol Hill.

Two years ago, Leeya's lymphatic system was under attack. Her family felt helpless after another hospital left them with more questions than answers. At Le Bonheur, Leeya found pediatric experts who knew how to get her back to the business of being a teenager. This summer, she went to Washington, DC, to fight for legislation that would help provide specialized care at children's hospitals.



**Because of you,
Hallie's family had
a comfortable and
free place to stay
while she recovered
from brain surgery.**

Thanks to generous donors,
we'll open 51 new rooms
and suites for families
at FedExFamilyHouse in
November. No family pays
to stay at the house.

*"FedExFamilyHouse was
a gift. It gave us one less
thing to worry about, so we
could focus all our energy
on Hallie."* - Brianna, Hallie's mom

Brianna, Hallie and Aaron, Pittsburgh, Penn.



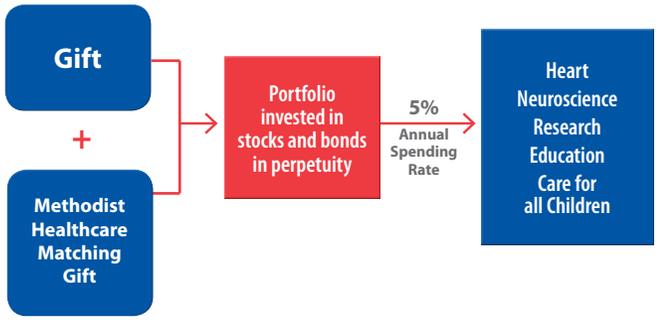
Madison, 10
tonsil and adenoid surgery

**Because of you,
Madison wasn't
afraid of surgery.**

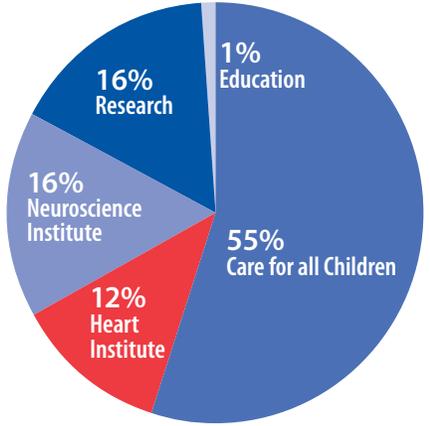
We believe kids aren't little adults. Because of support from donors, we have staff ready to help kids understand and cope with the uncertainties of being in the hospital.

“Le Bonheur offers peace of mind to parents. We are so grateful for the specialized and attentive care our daughter received.” - Valerie, Madison's mom

Because of you, we're securing Le Bonheur's future. The hospital's endowment grew this year as generous people like you helped to ensure future generations can always count on Le Bonheur. The endowment provides sustainable funding so that Le Bonheur can grow and serve children today and for years to come. When you give to the Le Bonheur endowment, **your gift will be matched.**



Gifts to the Endowment



Total given/pledged \$27,920,000 | 11,338 gifts | 1,500 Le Bonheur employees gave



*“I’ve heard story after story,
it’s the whole Le Bonheur
team – they will save children
when other people will not
take the chance.”*

- Courtney, Coulter’s mom

Coulter, 10
brain tumor



Le Bonheur
Children’s Hospital

lebonheur.org/giving | 901-287-6308



@lebonheurchild



/lebonheurchildrens



/lebonheurchildrens



/lebonheurchildrens



/lebonheur_child