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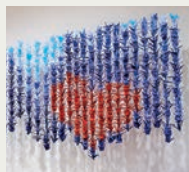
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

We believe that art has the power to heal and reassure. From the whimsical and playful artwork throughout our hospital to the live music of local musicians, art helps families discover peace and joy during difficult times.

The recent exhibition in the Le Bonheur event space, *1,000 Paper Cranes* by local artist Hannah Lewellen, is a visual representation of hope, healing and good fortune. This inspiring installation epitomizes the dedication, sacrifice and teamwork of Le Bonheur – a strength and commitment to children that your gifts help make possible.

We are fortunate to have generous supporters like Hannah lend their talents to give back to Le Bonheur. From pottery, to woodturning, to origami, to music, I am in awe of the artists' gifts you will read about on the following pages, and I am humbled by their support of Le Bonheur. Keep reading to see how they are making a difference in creative ways.

You are also making a difference. While we have faced many challenges thus far in 2020, we also have much to celebrate and be proud of. For the 10th year in a row, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has been named a "Best Children's Hospital" by *U.S. News & World Report*. The U.S. News badge is a sign of excellence in pediatric medicine and it means that parents can count on us and our unparalleled commitment to children and their health. Thank you for helping us achieve this special honor.

As always, we are grateful for your continued generosity. Your support enables us to provide expert care for children, and is bringing hope to their families.

Sincerely,



Michael Wiggins, MBA, FACHE

President

Le Bonheur Children's Hospital





Potter Tab Boren and her daughter Mia



Molding what Matters

Mississippi potter uses art to raise more than \$250,000 for Le Bonheur

Growing up in her grandparents' pottery shop, Mississippi native Tab Boren learned how to throw on a potter's wheel at the age of 12. As a third-generation potter, Boren quickly took to the craft.

Today, Boren has her own flourishing family business — selling her pottery online, in her Mantachie, Miss., store and wholesaling to 75 retailers nationwide. With her husband, Ken, and five children each playing a crucial role at Tab Boren Pottery, she has created her own signature style.

“My pieces are art, but they are meant for everyday life,” said Boren. “I get excited testing new pieces and unloading the kiln every morning.”

Boren also offers pottery classes for people wanting to learn the craft. A chance encounter at one of her classes 20 years ago led to her longstanding relationship with Le Bonheur.

Alisa Sides, who was president of TWIGS Le Bonheur (Together We Initiate Growth and Sharing) at the time, took Boren's class and was so impressed with her work, she asked Tab to create a bowl they could sell to benefit the hospital.

Boren agreed, and the piece was a huge success.

Since then, Boren has sold thousands of pieces to benefit Le Bonheur and raised more than \$250,000 for the hospital through TWIGS Le Bonheur. From heart-shaped pieces to bowls to crosses to holiday ornaments,

2,553

Number of Tab Boren Pottery pieces sold for Le Bonheur in 2019

Money raised in 2019:
more than \$18,000



Boren has used her talents to help children — including her own daughter — for 20 years.

Five years ago, Boren took her then 12-year-old twin daughters Mia and Madison shopping for clothes. Little did they know, the outing would be lifechanging.

While shopping, Boren noticed Mia slouching in the dressing room mirror.

“I told Mia to stand up straight and she said ‘Mom I am,’” Boren vividly recalled. “I was concerned and called our local clinic here in Mississippi. After examining Mia, they referred us to Le Bonheur.”

Mia was self-conscious and private about her condition, not wanting to share with her friends or extended family.

At Mia’s appointment with Le Bonheur Orthopedic Surgeon Derek Kelly, MD, the Borens learned she had a spinal curvature that would require surgery and the fusion of nine vertebrae.

“Dr. Kelly and Le Bonheur were great,” said Boren. “They welcomed our family and made us feel safe and well cared for.”

Following her successful surgery, Mia walked the halls of the hospital, building her strength before she was permitted to go home. She amazed her medical team with her persistence and dedication and was discharged five days later.

Boren has raised more than \$250,000 for TWIGS Le Bonheur in the past 20 years, selling thousands of handmade pieces of her pottery to benefit the hospital.

Today, Mia is brimming with confidence and her family is proud of her progress. She visits Le Bonheur for X-rays every 18 months but she has had no further back issues following her surgery.

"We are so thankful for Le Bonheur," said Boren. "Children and their parents need a place to depend on and Le Bonheur is that place."

Following Mia's experience, Boren's commitment and adoration of the hospital only deepened — her gratitude and generous soul have led her to support Le Bonheur year after year.

"Tab's greatest strength is her humble spirit of giving," said Connie Haygood, Le Bonheur Foundation Special Events Manager. "She has a servant's heart and she shares that with others daily through her time and talent. We are so grateful for her continued generosity."

Supporters buy her pottery not only for its beauty, but because they know it will help patients and their families at Le Bonheur.

In 2019, she sold 2,553 pieces to benefit Le Bonheur including more than 2,150 of her top-selling Christmas ornaments.

"Her love for helping the children of Le Bonheur is an inspiration," said TWIGS Le Bonheur past President Rene Horton. "She reminds me of this quote 'I can't think of a better representation of beauty than someone who is unafraid



Each unique pottery piece is handmade at Tab Boren's Mississippi studio where she uses more than 25,000 pounds of clay per year.

to be herself."

A self-proclaimed perfectionist, Boren sketches ideas and turns to nature for inspiration. She uses more than 25,000 pounds of clay each year to mold her handmade pottery.



Potter Tab Boren's holiday ornaments are a top seller for Le Bonheur, with more than 2,150 sold in 2019.



Tab Boren Pottery is a family business for third-generation potter Tab Boren. Tab and her husband, Ken, are pictured with their five children: Chris, Mia, Madison, Marshal and Riley.

Boren crafts her pieces on the pottery wheel and then takes them through a multi-day firing process in her kilns, pouring her heart and special touch into every piece of pottery.

While she is honored by her accolades and career successes, for Boren, family is the most important.

Boren's children and husband all help to make the business a success.

Mia and Madison

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Tab Boren, Mississippi potter

work alongside their brothers: 18-year-old Chris, 16-year-old Marshal and 7-year-old Riley. Each child serves in a unique role suited to their strengths — helping unload the kilns, painting and glazing pieces, rolling out slabs and assisting with processing orders.

"I am most proud of getting to do a job that God made me for, and I am fortunate to get to do it with my family," said Boren. "I love what I do, and I'm very blessed to be able to create." ❤️



To purchase Tab Boren Pottery to benefit Le Bonheur, go to www.tabborenpottery.com/lebonheur

FAMILY

TIES TO LE BONHEUR RUN DEEP FOR MUSICIAN

Prior to finding fame with his band Drew Holcomb and the Neighbors, native Memphian Drew Holcomb spent countless hours at Le Bonheur.

When he was 8 years old, he suffered a head injury after a golf club accident. Within five hours, Holcomb was in surgery at Le Bonheur.

Despite being scared as he was wheeled into surgery, his fears subsided when he was wheeled past Le Bonheur's Bunny Lane, where he was able to select his own special item.

Holcomb fully recovered but never forgot his time at the hospital.

"When I think of Le Bonheur," said Holcomb, "it feels like a home when you're in trouble and need help."

His experience at Le Bonheur included his younger brother, Jay, who was diagnosed with spina bifida. Through the course of his life, Jay Holcomb underwent 24 surgeries at Le Bonheur.

On one such occasion, Jay experienced a seizure while Drew was in the room.

"I was scared but glad that he was in such great care," recalled Holcomb. "Everyone was always friendly to my family, and I felt confident and at home at Le Bonheur."

Presented with the opportunity to give back to the hospital that played such an important role in his life, Holcomb has graciously contributed — from singing to children at the holidays to shout outs to Le Bonheur's health care heroes on social media during the current pandemic.

Le Bonheur also approached Holcomb about using his hit song "Family" for the employee giving campaign and he quickly agreed, donating the music rights in memory of his brother.

The song was accompanied by a video of




Photo by Ashlin Paige

Native Memphian Drew Holcomb gives back to Le Bonheur through his music.

Le Bonheur Associates from across the hospital dancing to the song and enjoying the music as a health care family.

Moments like this are the heart of Holcomb's music and success.

"The reason we have fans is because they let us into their lives and their stories, which is what music is all about," said Holcomb. 

To view Le Bonheur's employee video (inspired by Drew) visit Le Bonheur's Facebook page

1,000 Paper Cranes

Exhibit celebrates dedication, teamwork of Le Bonheur heroes

You Come Together When it Matters.

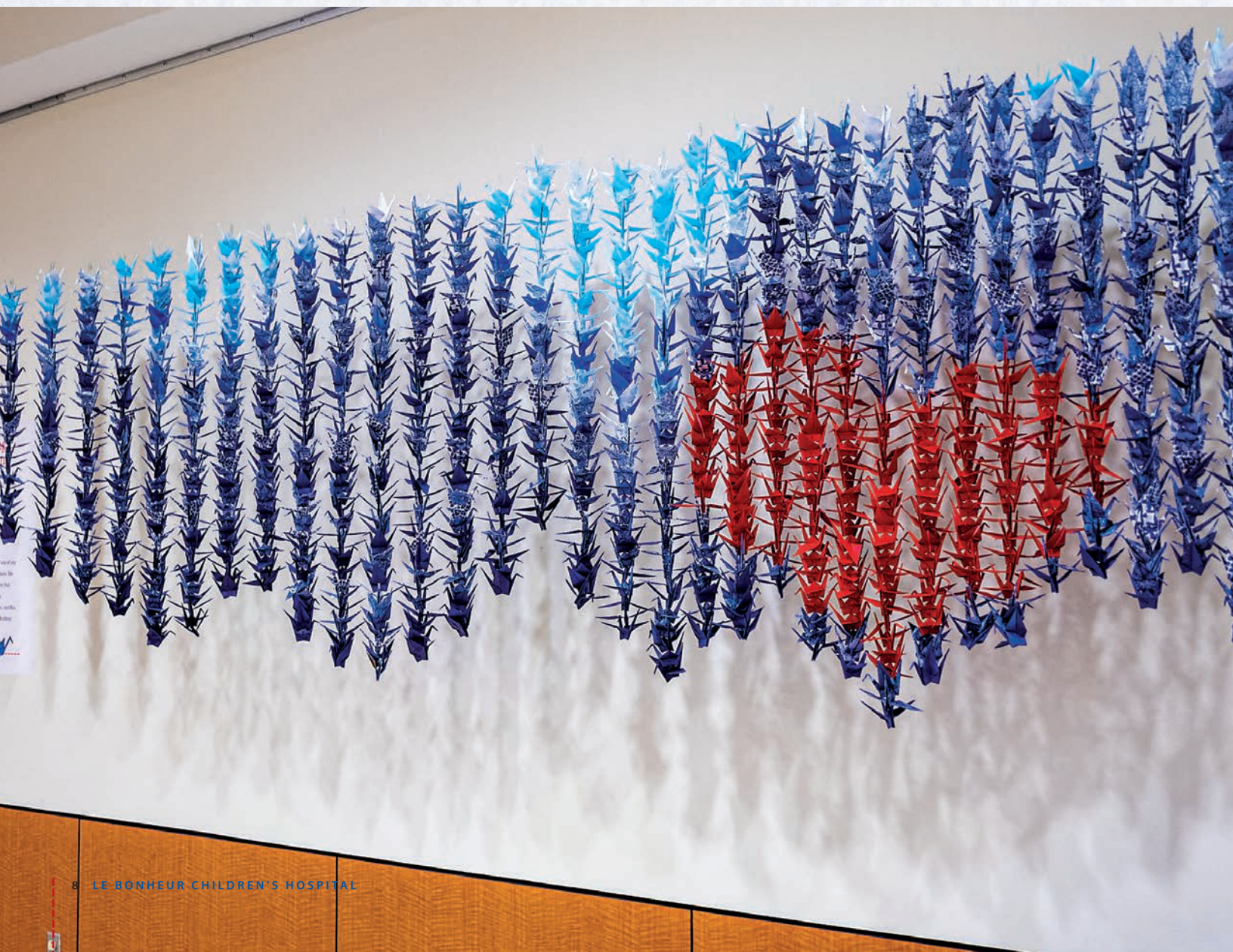
You Provide Hope and Healing to Others in Challenging Times.

It Takes All of Us.

A one-of-kind art installation tells these inspiring truths to the hundreds of staff members who pass through the halls of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital each day.


It is a gift that Le Bonheur Art Director Linda Hill wanted to offer to Le Bonheur's health care heroes as COVID-19 began to affect the region.

The names of the nearly 200 Le Bonheur departments were written inside each paper crane in a Le Bonheur exhibit. Words of hope, strength and acknowledgment were included for staff.



The names of the nearly 200 Le Bonheur departments were written inside each crane, along with words of hope, strength and acknowledgment. The installation is a small way to visually celebrate and thank Le Bonheur staff working tirelessly to keep

Artist Hannah Lewellen

“The symbols of hope, healing and good fortune seem so important to have within the walls of a children’s hospital, and incorporating the colors of Le Bonheur made it even more personal,” said Linz. “I have heard many staff members remark about how they feel it is particularly touching during the pandemic.” 



It takes all of us.

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Le Bonheur's Event Space installation is a small way to visually celebrate and thank Le Bonheur staff working tirelessly to keep everyone safe and healthy during this pandemic.



Give to Le Bonheur Without Writing a Check



Donating appreciated securities – such as stock or mutual funds – to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital is a tax-wise approach to supporting our mission, so we can keep helping children like Maelee. When Katie Peters-Larson could not get an

explanation for the seizures her daughter Maelee Larson was suffering more than 100 times a day, she turned to the experts at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital for answers.

Many donors choose to give gifts to Le Bonheur using long-term appreciated stocks and mutual funds due to the attractive tax advantages associated with such gifts. The benefits available to you when making a charitable contribution of stock or mutual funds may include:

- Avoiding federal tax on the capital gain
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- Making a larger gift at a lower original cost to you

Please contact Cathy Wilson at **901-287-5575** or **Catherine.Wilson@lebonheur.org** regarding any questions or to make a gift.

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Diagnosed at Le Bonheur's nationally ranked Neuroscience Institute with Dravet Syndrome doctors were able to identify what was causing her seizures for the first time.

A top-notch medical care plan and participation in clinical trials have significantly reduced Maelee's seizures — she is now experiencing one seizure every two months. Your gift helps make that possible.

Help ensure that all children and their families will find top-notch care and hope at Le Bonheur for generations to come.

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Shaping Support

West Tennessee Woodturners turn hobby into fundraiser

In 2016, when members of the West Tennessee Woodturners saw a sign announcing a Le Bonheur outpatient clinic would be coming to Jackson, Tenn., they knew they wanted to help in some way.

“Le Bonheur has a tender spot in my heart,” said group member Bill Wyche. “When you think about all that goes on in the world today, it’s just wonderful that there’s a place like Le Bonheur that’s so giving.”

Many of the woodturners make children’s toys, so finding a way to use their talents to help Le Bonheur felt like the perfect fit. Bill reached out to another group he’s active in, the Jackson International Food and



Arts Festival, to see if there was a way to combine talent and resources for Le Bonheur.

He encouraged fellow woodturners to donate toys and other items they could sell at the annual festival. The members also demonstrate their craft at the event. In the four years since they started this project, they’ve raised

Handcrafted bowls adorn the walls in the Le Bonheur Children’s Outpatient Center in Jackson, Tenn.



nearly \$7,000 for Le Bonheur.

"Our group just appreciates Le Bonheur so much for what they do in our community," Wyche said. "It used to be a burden for parents in this area to load up and make the trek to Memphis, but now they've got access to wonderful care right here in Jackson."

The West Tennessee Woodturners was founded in 2009 by a group with shared interests in woodturning. Now they aim to promote the hobby and share knowledge among woodturners not only in West Tennessee and Northeast Mississippi, but across the country. ❤️



The West Tennessee Woodturners have donated nearly \$7,000 from selling their creations at craft shows.





United in Song

Musicians for
Le Bonheur Help Patients
Sing Their Blues Away

Local musician Justin Jagers uses Musicians for Le Bonheur to bring together fellow artists to perform at Le Bonheur.

For Justin Jagers, giving back to Le Bonheur is a family tradition. Watching his dad, local meteorologist Jim Jagers, ride his bike year after year for Go Jim Go inspired Justin to find his own way to help local children.

“Dad was the inspiration behind this,” Justin says. “But I don’t look as good in spandex as he does, so I needed to find a different way to get involved.”

In 2010, Justin and his band were working on a new album and considering different ways to market their songs. It was around that time that the idea of a new project –

Musicians for Le Bonheur – hit him. The band put together a few live shows and made some low-budget CDs to sell, all with the hopes of landing a few new fans and raising awareness for Le Bonheur.

Off and on for the next few years, Justin and his musician buddies made new music, and little by little, their

Musicians for Le Bonheur project caught the attention of other artists and groups who wanted to be a part of each year's album.

After they wrapped up the 2015 album, Justin felt like he needed to focus on his non-musical career. When he began to work for the Northcentral Electric Cooperative in 2017, he realized how important charity and community involvement were to his new employers.

In hopes of bringing back Musicians for Le Bonheur and making it even bigger, Justin proposed that the Northcentral Electric Cooperative come on board as the sponsor of the project. The organization loved the idea and felt like it was a great fit for their community outreach goals.


Starting in 2018, Northcentral Electric Cooperative put its support behind the project, which allowed Justin and the committed artists to create a more polished and professional album. They were also able to take it one step further — bringing live music to the patients and families at

Le Bonheur.

Musicians for Le Bonheur represents artists from all over the Memphis region who believe in the healing power of music. They want to use their talents for a greater good.

Justin works with Le Bonheur child life specialists to arrange for artists to come to the hospital where they perform in the hospital's Event Space. They also visit patients in their rooms when they are unable to leave.

"We've gotten the project up to where we need it to be, and now we're able to involve other small business to help," Justin said. "The thing we love

doing the most is bringing music to the patients and bringing a smile to their face. Huge moments get created, and that's where this project shines." 



Justin Jagers hits the studio for a Musicians for Le Bonheur recording session.

Visit MusiciansForLeBonheur.com to learn more about the project and the artists involved, and to purchase an album of your very own.



Musicians for Le Bonheur represents artists from the Memphis region who believe in the healing power of music. They want to use their talents for a greater good.



Finding Peace

Emergency Department physician discovers artistic way to support hospital

At the humming pottery wheel, hands thick with wet clay – that’s when Emergency Medicine Specialist Amy Hertz, MD, is able to relax. As she molds the material slowly and carefully into a new shape, she’s able to let go of the stress of the previous days’ shifts.

“It’s a satisfaction unlike anything I’ve felt before,” said Hertz. “When my hands are in the clay, I’m able to lose myself in my thoughts. If the clay falls apart, it’s OK. Nobody died. It’s just clay.”

Hertz has spent her 30-year medical career in the trenches of Le Bonheur Children’s Emergency Department, one of the busiest in the country. Two years ago, she took a pottery class at a local studio, Belltower Coffeehouse and Studio, and fell in love. She signed up for a more intensive one-week class, then joined the studio at its highest membership option. Soon, her days off were spent at the pottery wheel working at her new craft.

Le Bonheur Emergency Department Physician Amy Hertz, MD, has found stress relief at the potter’s wheel – and a new sense of community at Belltower Coffeehouse and Studio, a local coffee shop and pottery studio of which she has become a minority owner.

"After talking to the hospital's marketing department, I started making coffee mugs with the Le Bonheur heart. As a way to give back, I said I'd give \$5 of each sale back to the hospital," said Hertz.

And so began DocPottery 901.

Through mostly word of mouth, Hertz has sold more than 800 mugs, raising more than \$4,000 for Le Bonheur. She also makes Tic Tac Toe boards, bowls, tile hanging art



Check out Le Bonheur Emergency Department Physician Amy Hertz's work on Instagram at [@docpottery901](https://www.instagram.com/docpottery901) or go to her website at www.docpottery901.com.

To order a mug (\$35 + tax each), email docpottery901@gmail.com.





Amy Hertz' hobby has turned into a business creating Le Bonheur-themed coffee mugs.

and mugs for her synagogue.

"Nurses began asking me about them, and patient families began writing me, telling me about their Le Bonheur stories. I've loved hearing how many people love Le Bonheur. It's not something we really get to hear about in the ED," she said.

As interest in her work grows, Hertz is spending more time at the studio, where she's found a new community of friends. She retired this summer in order to focus on her favorite venture.

"In the ED, we are always a little on edge, doing critical thinking often without a break to eat or anything else. I arrive to work for my shift expecting the worst and often wondering if I'll know the correct steps to take for each and every child. With my pottery, it is a chance to sit and focus on myself. I have never really focused on myself," said Hertz. "I'm lucky in that I've found something I love and can still give back to Le Bonheur." 



Infectious Disease Specialist Nick Hysmith, MD (left), and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Heather Smallwood, PhD, are leading the pediatric aspects of the CIViC-19 study, which aims to uncover more about the clinical, immunological and virological characterization of COVID-19.

Investigating COVID-19

Le Bonheur physicians, researchers study pediatric impact

At the onset of the pandemic, scientists across the world posed many questions about how COVID-19

would affect children, specifically populations who were already immunocompromised or living with

respiratory conditions. Le Bonheur scientists were no different, eager to find answers to how they could help



their patients.

Leading Le Bonheur's efforts to find the answers is Terri Finkel, MD, PhD, vice chair of Clinical Affairs at Le Bonheur.

"My aim is to connect researchers for collaboration opportunities in our weekly 'think tank' meetings," said Finkel. "More than 50 individuals from Le Bonheur, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital and more are connecting in order to partner on pediatric COVID-19 research efforts."

This research is possible thanks to Children's Foundation Research Institute (CFRI) – a partnership between the Children's Foundation of Memphis, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. The CFRI, funded by generous donors, provides the infrastructure and resources to conduct successful, state-of-the-art biomedical research

into diseases that affect children, like COVID-19.

Better understanding the disease's effect on children allows Le Bonheur leaders to provide clearer guidance to

Hysmith, MD, who is the clinical director for pediatrics for the study.

The study aims to define characteristics that influence how severe the disease is in an individual as

well as identify potential medication and therapy opportunities to combat COVID-19.

"Understanding the relationship between clinical characteristics and patient variables that influence the immune response and disease severity is vital to improving diagnosis, prediction and treatment

of COVID-19," said Hysmith. "The experts on this team cover a wide range of areas in order to investigate both the adult and pediatric populations impacted."

The study will allow for rapid reports to share with local COVID-19 response teams. The rapid reports can provide an accurate risk assessment of key populations in Memphis and better community management from improved test timing.

"Practically, we hope to be able to help the Memphis area quickly by providing a data-driven management of return-to-work and school policies based on viral shedding," said Hysmith. ❤️

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Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital



Terri Finkel, MD, PhD

city leaders, parents and caregivers to keep children safe, whether guiding back-to-school policies or returning to sports and activities.

The primary research project on COVID-19 is the CIViC-19 study titled "Clinical Immunological and Virological Characterization of COVID-19" conducted in partnership with UTHSC. The project is led by Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Heather Smallwood, PhD, who is lead principal investigator, and Le Bonheur Infectious Disease Specialist Nick



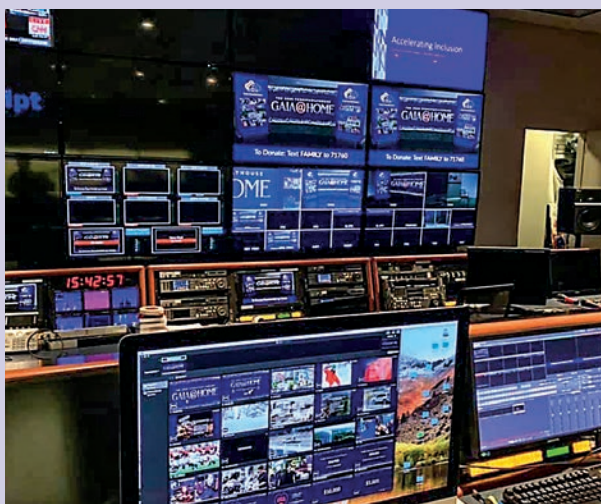
FedExFamilyHouse Gala@Home

FedExFamilyHouse celebrated a decade of helping families feel at home on Sunday, Aug. 9. This year's event was held virtually, with attendees celebrating from the comfort of their own homes. Participants were joined by celebrities including Magic Johnson, Rascal Flatts, Miss America, the Memphis Grizzlies and NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin. Guests were treated to inspiring video messages from Le Bonheur families and had the opportunity to participate in both a live and silent auction.



Since opening its doors in 2010, FedExFamilyHouse has been a home-away-from-home for more than 230,000 Le Bonheur Children's Hospital family members. Housing is the last thing parents should worry about when their child is sick or injured. FedExFamilyHouse serves as a crucial resource — providing free lodging for families who travel long distances to seek expert care at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

Generous sponsors and the Gala Committee helped make the evening possible, with thousands of virtual attendees from around the nation and more than **\$880,000** raised.



FedExFamilyHouse 5K RUN/WALK

The annual FedExFamilyHouse 5k Run/Walk was held as a virtual event Sept. 18-20. With over 900 runners, walkers and strollers signed up to participate from 32 states and 6 countries, the event was a success! Many thanks to event sponsor, FedEx Logistics, for recruiting participants both nationwide and internationally. Other major contributing sponsors included Project 44, FedEx Employee Credit Association, FedEx Freight who had the largest team with 183 participants and FedEx Ground with 154 participants. Together the sponsors,

team members
and participants
raised over \$55,000
benefitting

FedExFamilyHouse!

A big thanks to the
volunteer leaders
and event organizers
who helped make
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Kelly Crow, Dottie
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and Shanti Patel.



Forrest Spence Fund Virtual 5K

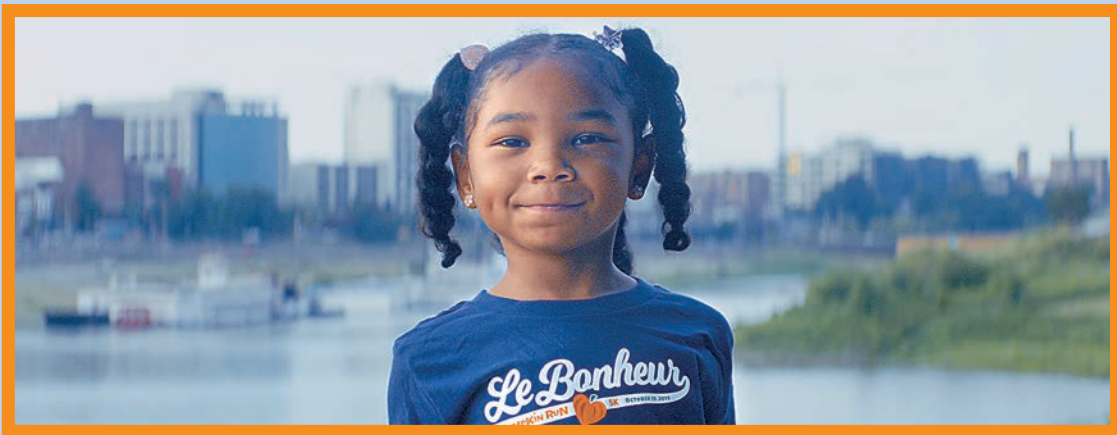
The Forrest Spence Fund held its 13th annual Forrest Spence 5K on Aug. 29. For the safety of participants, this year's event was virtual and included a pre-event interactive training program. More than 1,100 people participated in the event, which raised more than \$123,000. The mission of the Fund is to assist with the non-medical needs of critically or chronically ill children and their families throughout the Mid-South. They have been tremendous supporters of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital families since the Fund was founded in 2007.



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