

Your Support of Tufts Children's Hospital



When you support **Tufts Children's Hospital**, you help provide our youngest patients with the excellent and compassionate care they deserve, giving them the greatest opportunity possible for recovery from illness and lifelong health.

At **Tufts Children's Hospital**, our mission is to improve the lives of the children and families who depend on us for high-quality, accessible and family-centered care. We offer state-of-the-art pediatric inpatient and ambulatory services in every specialty from general pediatric services to the care of the most complex childhood diseases, conditions and injuries. Our intimate size means that our patients and their family members and our caregivers all get to know one another and work closely to achieve health care goals. We believe in the strength and resiliency of our young patients—it motivates us to deliver the highest quality care to each of them in a warm, child-centered way, giving them the very best chance to live their healthiest childhood.



Many of the children we care for at **Tufts Children's Hospital** are among the sickest pediatric patients from the Greater Boston area. As a major tertiary and quaternary referral center offering the highest levels of acute care, many hospitals transfer to us their most seriously ill and injured pediatric patients for the high-complexity care for which we are widely known and respected. Our renowned Level-1 Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and our Division of Trauma Surgery are dedicated to the specialized care of pediatric trauma patients and to the health and safety of all children, focusing on the prevention of traumatic injuries, the leading cause of loss of life and disability in children.

While **Tufts Children's Hospital** provides care to children from families of all socioeconomic backgrounds and from many geographic areas, we frequently play a vital role in the care of children from underserved populations and from less-affluent cities and towns – some of our patients' families face significant financial, language and other barriers. We are proud of our commitment to deliver to every patient and their family the respectful, culturally-sensitive and accessible care they deserve and the resources they may need to navigate the complexities of pediatric illness and its associated life complications.

To best serve the young patients and families who turn to us for high-complexity pediatric care, we require many specialized resources. Your charitable gifts to **Tufts Children's Hospital** play a great role in helping us to obtain the resources we need to deliver extraordinary health care that saves and improves lives and provides hope for a healthy future to the children who need us most.

What Your Gifts Support

Your gifts to **Tufts Children's Hospital** are among the most impactful philanthropic contributions you make, as you generously partner with us to advance the delivery of exceptional health care to children. 100% of the contributions we receive are put to immediate use to help us respond to some of our pediatric hospital's most pressing needs and promising opportunities – all directly focused on bettering the care experiences and health outcomes of our youngest patients and their families. They include:

Facilities

Your gifts are helping us to:

Renovate our Labor and Delivery Unit, an intimate seven-room unit with a highly-personalized approach. As the unit serves many women with high-risk pregnancies, families appreciate that our Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is only steps away.



Update our Outpatient Clinical Spaces, enhancing our ability to serve our young patients and their families in an updated facility that matches the high quality and complex pediatric care that our caregivers proudly provide.

Clinical Programs

Your gifts are helping us to:

Invest in Lifesaving Equipment, including Giraffe Incubator Carestations, state-of-the-art neonatal environments that promote natural, peaceful healing, while fostering a close bond between families and their babies, allowing them to be present for every step of their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) journey.

Expand services at Tufts Children's Hospital, so we can serve more children and families who will benefit from our years of experience in delivering child and family-centered care to patients from birth through adolescence. Programs include our Center for Children with Special Needs (CCSN) and our Autism Program, as well as our Complex Care Program, a multidisciplinary program that supports families who are caring for children with complex conditions at home.

Improve the Care Experience of our Youngest Patients, through support of Tufts Children's Hospital's Child Life Program, which is designed to help patients and their families cope with the stress of illness, injury, disability and hospitalization through a range of services focused on play and learning.



Julian was born 10 weeks early in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Tufts Medical Center, while his mother, Jacklyn was intubated and battling COVID-19. Jacklyn's condition improved in the weeks following Julian's birth, and Julian received care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). After 83 days in the NICU, Julian, healthy and strong, went home to his family.

Learn more about Julian and Jacklyn Rodriguez and the **lifesaving care they received** at Tufts Medical Center and Tufts Children's Hospital.

Training the Next Generation of Health Care Leaders

Your gifts are helping us to:

Ensure the advancement of exceptional quality pediatric care, innovative research and improved patient outcomes through support for the career development of new generations of physicians and scientists who will be among the world's future leaders in pediatrics.

Research

Your gifts are helping us to:

Advance innovative research at our Mother Infant Research Institute, focused on improving health outcomes for mothers and their babies, through the development of strategies to prevent complications of pregnancy and childbirth including premature birth, gestational diabetes and maternal and child obesity.

Power transformative care and research through the Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) Program, focused on the key positive childhood experiences fundamental to helping children heal from trauma and lead healthy, productive lives. The program has trained tens of thousands of providers across the country in the paradigm-shifting HOPE-approach.

Ruby spent three and a half years in treatment for cancer at Tufts Children's Hospital, her "home away from home."

Ruby was diagnosed with late-stage neuroblastoma when she was three. After numerous rounds of treatments and surgeries, Ruby, now seven, is a very confident, smart child.

Learn more about Ruby and her time at Tufts Children's Hospital.



Isabella was diagnosed with scoliosis – a musculoskeletal condition resulting in sideways spinal curves – at age 11. Despite wearing back braces for 23 hours a day, her curves progressed, and at the age of 15 she underwent an eight-hour spinal fusion surgery at Tufts Children's Hospital. Says Isabella,

“My back is now almost fully straight, it's easier to walk, and the pain in my shoulders has decreased a great amount. I can't thank my surgical team enough.”

Learn more about Isabella's journey and the exceptional team at Tufts Children's Hospital who have been with her since the beginning of her diagnosis.



Your Chance to Make a Difference

Perhaps you entrust **Tufts Children's Hospital** with the care of your child and you want to give back in a meaningful way. Or perhaps you are interested in the essential role we play in the **health of children in our community**. Whatever the reason for your interest, please know that we are **incredibly grateful for your partnership and support**.

To make your gift to **Tufts Children's Hospital**, please contact the Tufts Medical Center Development Office at **617-636-7656** or at giving@tuftsmedicalcenter.org, or visit www.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/giving.