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Children's
HOSPITAL



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2021
Annual Report

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Message from Cindy Stout CEO



As we move through 2022,

we recognize everyone who has continued to help keep our children healthy and provide the best healthcare in the borderland region. El Paso Children's Hospital is able to keep many more children at home than ever before. We've been able to decrease the number of children who leave the community for care within 85 percent. We provide care to the most vulnerable patients in a 350 mile radius from the hospital, which includes two countries, three states, three metropolitan cities and over 11 counties in Texas and New Mexico.

Last year proved to be not only a year of growth and persistence, but also a year of endless dedication to best serve our community. Our entire team has gone above and beyond to serve all of our patients, families and communities, even during the hardest of circumstances in a pandemic. Through the amazing continued service by all of our staff and physicians, we consistently prove our commitment to providing the utmost childcare in this

region. I am thankful to everyone here for making an impact and creating a safe environment for all.

We celebrate our 10th birthday in 2022, and our mission and H.E.A.R.T. values become more evident in the compassionate, coordinated, family-centered service for the children who walk through our doors. The next decade for the hospital will see us continuing to attract highly credentialed physicians and increasing our service lines, leading to the opening of new specialty clinics.

We are positioned to ensure excellent patient outcomes through our partnerships with University Medical Center El Paso and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. I am forever grateful to the commitment of our teams, and to the high quality of care provided by El Paso Children's Hospital. This is our hospital!



Executive Team



Cindy Stout
Chief Executive Officer



John Runkles
Chief Operating Officer



Roxanne Weisendanger
Chief Nursing Officer



Omar Garza
Chief Financial Officer



Laurel Huston
Chief Legal Officer



Jeffrey Schuster, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer



Roberto Canales, M.D.
Chief Clinical Officer

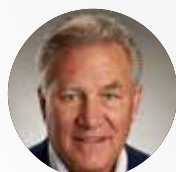


Glenn Fennelly, M.D.
*Chief Transformation Officer,
Chairman, Department of
Pediatrics Texas Tech University
Health Sciences Center El Paso*

Board of Directors



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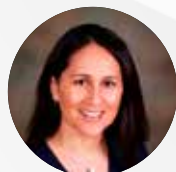
Patrick R. Gordon



Amy Ross



Steve Anderson



Isela Ibarra, M.D.



Elsa Borrego

By the Numbers

Measurable impact from 2021

Care Floors

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Vitals

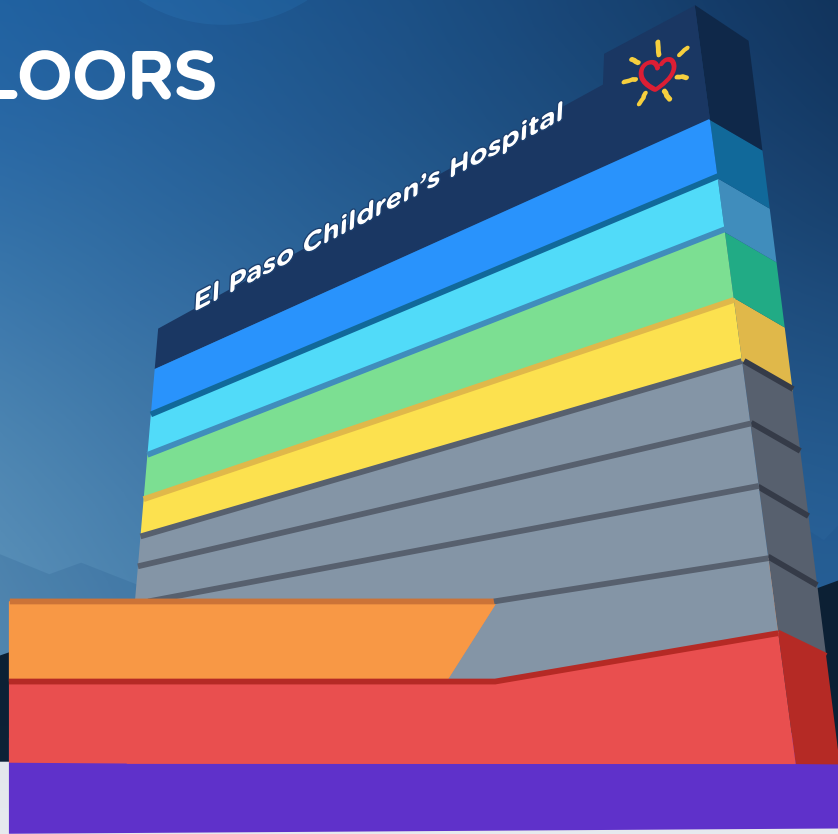
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Community Contributions

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Capital Investment

CARE FLOORS



10 The Woody & Gayle Hunt Family Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (22 beds)



9 The James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation General Pediatric Floor (26 beds)



8 Shelled (Future 26 beds)



7 Southwest University Pediatric Blood and Cancer Center (24 beds)
Outpatient Infusion Center



6 The Laura & Pat Gordon Family Level IV NICU (50 beds)



2 Operating Rooms



- 1**
- Emergency Department (11 private beds & 3 fast track bays)
 - Pediatric Imaging, Cardiac Services
 - Lab, EEG, Respiratory Testing
 - Zachary Bowling Pediatric Outpatient Diabetes Education Services
 - Registration

Lower Level



- Pediatric Rehab Services
- Medical Records
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Empower Program
- Administrative Offices

VITALS

122



Beds

700+



Employees

300+



Credentialed
Physicians

200+



Subspecialists

AT A GLANCE

18,818



Patient
Days

2,942



Inpatient
Admissions

46,371



Outpatient Visits

17,103



Emergency
Department
Visits

3,497



Surgical Cases

709



Endoscopic
Procedures

*Disclaimer:
Numbers reflect Covid-19 pandemic*



Since opening, El Paso Children's Hospital has served over
150,000 unique patients

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation received over two million dollars in naming rights, grants, endowments, campaigns and events, and Children's Miracle Network partner donations. Donations are used to fund healthcare studies, child life programs, hospital projects, and more.

2021 DONORS

- Askins Family
- Jill & Greg Bowling
- Frank Family
- Oscar & Lisa Leeser
- Mata Family
- Sozer Family
- Elizabeth Thurmond
- Abel Velasquez
- Roberto Wallace
- WestStar

TOTAL: \$2,654,261

in naming rights, grants, endowments, campaigns and events, among others

Top Children's Miracle Network Partners and Contributors

WALMART AND SAM'S CLUB

\$185,220.14 (25 locations)

PANDA EXPRESS

\$163,938.24 (11 locations)

SPEEDWAY

\$157,159.71 (31 locations)



CAPITAL INVESTMENT

El Paso Children's Hospital remains committed to growth. In 2021 alone, the hospital invested over nine million dollars in new equipment.

Hospital Capital Equipment \$9,300,000+

Key Highlights

- *Hospital-wide monitoring system*
- *45 Draeger ventilators*
- *Eight oscillators*
- *Hospital-wide computers on wheels*
- *Hospital-wide vital sign machines*
- *Anesthesia machines*
- *Two ultrasound machines*
- *Two portable x-ray units*
- *Mini C-Arm*
- *Baby Leo infant warmer*
- *Transport incubators*
- *EKG machines*
- *Ultraviolet light disinfection units*

The hospital began construction of a new satellite location on El Paso's east side to provide physical, speech, and occupational therapy as well as type 2 diabetes and prediabetes support and education:

- *New EMPOWER Program*
- *New OP Rehabilitative Center*

KARLY
*Cranial and Facial
Clinic*



New Specialty Clinics

Brachial Plexus Clinic

Scoliosis Clinic

Spina Bifida Clinic

SPECIALTY CLINICS AND PROGRAMS

The region has long experienced a shortage of pediatric specialty care, and El Paso Children’s Hospital is committed to addressing that shortage by developing a series of specialty clinics and programs. To properly equip these teams, El Paso Children’s Hospital recruits physicians, assembles clinical and support staff, and ensures they have state-of-the-art facilities.

El Paso Children’s Hospital targets conditions and diagnoses that would otherwise require local families to travel out of town for treatment and established seven clinics by the end 2021. The hospital is hard at work to expand that list to serve children and families in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. The three most recent additions include:

Brachial Plexus Clinic

El Paso Children’s Hospital, in partnership with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, offers the only multi-specialty pediatric brachial plexus program in Western Texas, New Mexico, Southern Colorado, and Arizona. The clinic specializes in care for babies, children, adolescents, and young adults with brachial plexus birth injuries and peripheral nerve disorders.

CONDITIONS TREATED:

- *Brachial Plexus Birth Injury (BPBI)*
- *Traumatic Brachial Plexus Injury*
- *Erb’s Palsy*
- *Total Plexus Involvement*
- *Horner’s Syndrome*
- *Klumpke’s Palsy*
- *Acute Flaccid Myelitis*
- *Thoracic Outlet Syndrome*

Physicians



Shawn Diamond, M.D.

Plastic Hand and Microsurgeon, Medical Director, Limb Restoration – TTUHSC-EP



Gilbert A. Gonzalez, M.D.

Hand and Orthopedic Surgeon – TTUHSC-EP



David Jimenez, M.D.

Board Certified Pediatric Neurosurgeon Medical Director of Neurosurgery

Scoliosis Clinic

The Scoliosis Clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic to assess and treat abnormal curvatures of the spine.

CONDITIONS TREATED:

- *Congenital Scoliosis*
- *Idiopathic Scoliosis*
- *Neuromuscular Scoliosis*
- *Kyphotic Deformities and conditions*
- *Lordotic Deformities and conditions*
- *Spondylolysis and Spondylolisthesis*

Physician



John A. Heydemann, M.D.

Pediatric Orthopedic/Spine Surgeon

Spina Bifida Clinic

The Spina Bifida Clinic provides comprehensive care for babies, children, adolescents, and young adults with abnormalities in the spine and spinal cord.

CONDITIONS TREATED:

- *Spina Bifida Occulta*
- *Myelomeningocele*
- *Meningocele*

Physicians



John A. Heydemann, M.D.

Pediatric Orthopedic/Spine Surgeon



G. Alfonso Latiff, M.D.

Pediatric Urology



David Jimenez, M.D.

Board Certified Pediatric Neurosurgeon

Medical Director of Neurosurgery



Community Engagement

Throughout 2021, El Paso Children's Hospital remained connected to the people who are vital to healthcare in this region. Highlights include new services and events for children and families, training for the international physician community and messaging through broadcast and digital media.

Empower Program

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Vax to the Max

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Cleft Lip Symposium

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Media Coverage

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Community Outreach

Empower Program

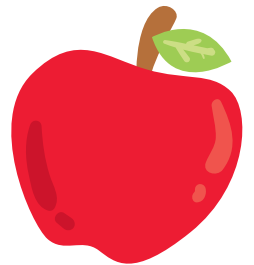
El Paso Children’s Hospital has identified a significant need in the community with children who are overweight/obese, have been diagnosed or are at risk for developing prediabetes or type 2 diabetes. Through the establishment of the Empower Program and the help of the Department of Clinical Nutrition, the hospital is bringing medical nutrition therapy (MNT) and outpatient services to treat children and teens with the following conditions:

- Overweight/obesity
- Prediabetes
- Type 2 diabetes
- Hyperlipidemia
- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
- Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
- Eating disorders



Children and teens participating in the Empower Program work with a specialized team of registered dietitians and a social worker to receive a personalized plan to include specific, achievable nutrition goals to facilitate behavior

changes, overcome barriers, and assist the pediatric patient and their family to initiate a healthier lifestyle.



For its creation, El Paso Children’s Hospital conducted outreach research sessions with local community pediatricians and determined that including these services within the hospital context would benefit the community’s youngest residents.

The Empower Program is funded by a three-year grant of almost \$500,000 from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation.





Vax to the Max

Vaccinated the First Local Children

On Tuesday, November 2nd, the Centers for Disease Control authorized the emergency use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11. By 7:00 pm that same evening, El Paso Children's Hospital vaccinated the first local children. The hospital is proud to have been the first to administer the vaccines and lead the community in children's healthcare.

El Paso Children's Hospital hosted a total of 16 vaccination clinics on campus and partnered with the El Paso Catholic Diocese to host four off-site clinics at Loretto and Father Yermo academies. In total, the hospital administered approximately 3,300 vaccines to community children and about 6,500 adult doses.

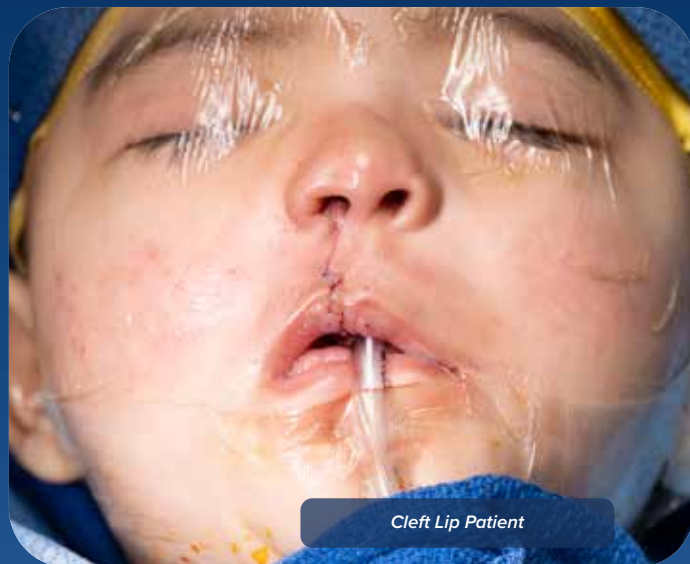


- 16 hospital vaccination clinics
- 4 community vaccination clinics
- 3000+ vaccines administered to children
- 6000+ vaccines administered to adults

Cleft Lip Symposium draws surgeons from all over the world

Surgeons from all over the world visited the border region on November 12, 2021, for a two-day symposium on cleft and craniofacial conditions. The symposium was hosted by El Paso Children's Hospital, in conjunction with the Texas Tech University Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine.

El Paso Children's Hospital's Cranial and Facial Clinic's Medical Director, Dr. David Yates, spearheaded the conference which featured nationally recognized specialists. Presenters educated attendees on the surgical



Cleft Lip Patient

advancements when operating on children with cleft deformities and intricacies of Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM), a nonsurgical method of reshaping the gums, lip and nose prior to cleft lip and palate surgery.

The Cranial and Facial Clinic is the first and only comprehensive pediatric cranial and facial program in the region. It provides children with access to a multi-disciplinary team of physicians skilled in correcting facial, jaw, and skull abnormalities. The medical team is the only Cranial and Facial team in the region to be nationally recognized by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association. Additionally, El Paso Children's Hospital is home to one of only nine international craniofacial fellowships, putting the hospital on the map for this extremely specialized medical procedure.



Dr. Holguin and Dr. Chiquet

“We are so proud to have been able to represent the El Paso Region by hosting the 2021 National Cleft Symposium,” said Dr. Yates. “This symposium was a collaboration between Texas Tech University’s Dental School and the Cranial Facial Surgery program at El Paso Children’s Hospital, and it brought together leading cleft surgeons, NAM specialists, and others who are seeking ways to improve cleft care across our country.”

“It was a wonderful opportunity to bring surgeons from all over the country to witness the incredible work that our community provides to children facing cleft challenges,” said Dr. Lizbeth Holguin, member of El Paso Children’s Hospital Multidisciplinary Cleft Team and NAM provider at Star Kids Pediatric Dentistry.



Dr. Yates Speaks at Cleft Lip Symposium Welcome



The Cleft Lip Symposium Provided Hands-on Practice to All Its Participants



Dr. Bertz, Symposium Keynote Speaker

Media Coverage

El Paso Children's Hospital engaged the public through various connections with the media. William Shatner presented a national-level video package that featured the work of the Cranial and Facial Clinic. Local media gained ready access to press releases and broadcast-quality resources through a new Media Center page on the hospital's website, as well as direct communication with the marketing team.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Planet TV:** National video segment spotlighting Cranial and Facial Clinic, presented by William Shatner
- **Cleft Lip Symposium:** Doctors from around the world trained by El Paso pediatric specialists
- **Vax to the Max:** Same day news coverage for first child vaccines administered in El Paso
- **New Empower Program:** Dietary, nutrition and counseling services for children with type 2 diabetes or prediabetes
- **The Joint Commission:** The Joint Commission reaccredits El Paso Children's Hospital with the Gold Seal of Approval
- **Hospital absorbs COVID-19 influx**
- **Chalk the Garage:** On-campus Arts Therapy Program event
- **Chalk the Walk of Heroes**
- **Panda Express donation**



El Paso Children's Hospital earns The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval

El Paso mayor makes donation to El Paso Children's Hospital to help connect families

By David Cross | Wednesday, April 7th 2021



El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation received a \$120,000 donation from El Paso Mayor Oscar Leaser and Lisa Leaser to help connect families of premature babies during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Courtesy: El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation)



EL PASO, Texas (KFOX14/CBS4) — El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation received a \$120,000 donation from El Paso Mayor Oscar Leaser and Lisa Leaser to help connect families of premature babies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The donation will be used to purchase 50 new NICView cameras,

El Paso Children's Hospital receives donation from Panda Cares Center of Hope

10 PHOTOS

12:25 p.m. MDT July 30, 2021



El Paso Children's Hospital, airport unveil 'Creative Arts & Creative Hearts' exhibit

Briana Sanchez

El Paso Times

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LOCAL NEWS

El Paso Children's Hospital administrator on bed capacity and patient influx preparedness

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by Shelby Kapp
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EL PASO, Texas (KTSM) — An administrator with the El Paso Children's Hospital says teams are ready for any challenges that may come as area children return to school and public officials saying that medical centers are near capacity.

Jeffrey Schuster, the chief medical officer for EPCH, says only one or two children have been hospitalized with COVID-19 as their primary diagnosis.

[| El Paso hospitals near capacity but not with COVID-19 patients >](#)

El Paso Children's Hospital program empowers families to navigate obesity and diabetes

Dr. Michael Kelly
 February 24, 2022 · 4 min read

For the past two years, offices and classrooms were mere steps away from food pantries and kitchens. With government schools dominantly using Zoom, many children found themselves staring at a screen for hours each day. This combination facilitated a negative trend for child health.

During the pandemic, the national rate of obesity among kids ages 2 to 19 increased to 22.4% in 2020, up from 19.3% in 2010, according to the State of Childhood Obesity organization. In 2019-20, 21.4% of Hispanic youth ages 10 to 17 met the criteria for obesity. Importantly, both COVID-19 and obesity are associated with Type 2 diabetes, even among



LATEST

El Paso Children's Hospital hosting "chalk the garage" as part of childhood cancer awareness month

by Anna S. Miller
 Posted: Aug 15, 2021 / 05:25 PM MDT
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SHARE    ...

EL PASO, Texas (KTSM) — El Paso Children's Hospital will host a community event to spruce up the facility's garage as part of childhood cancer awareness month.

Artists will create a collaborative piece inside the hospital's garage with chalk as families will be able to watch from windows around the building or on social media.

The piece will be donated "Elevate your child's math adventure to new heights" and will feature fun fish swimming in the rooftop tank.




El Paso Children's Hospital First To Vaccinate Children 5-11 On Site

KING | by el paso children's hospital
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El Paso Children's Hospital

Media Center

February 14, 2022, is our 10th birthday!

SINCE 2012, EL PASO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HAS HELPED THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY HERE ARE SOME OF THE REAL STORIES OF REAL KIDS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE REAL DIFFERENCES OF HAVING THE ONLY SEPARATELY LICENSED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN EL PASO FOR REAL!

Testimonials

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William Shatner, Host
 New Frontiers in Medicine

Borderland artists honor 'healthcare heroes' with chalk art

Local Artists Honor UMC, EPCH and TexasTech Physicians El Paso Health...



Community Outreach

El Paso Children's Hospital is dedicated to the children and families who walk through its doors in need of great healthcare. That commitment is bolstered by partnerships with non-profit agencies, local community groups, and children's charities. Relationships with community organizations help to improve the children's health throughout the region by promoting education, advocacy, community events, and other initiatives. A few outreach events included: Chalk the Walk, the Gold Out El Paso light parade, the fifth annual St. Baldrick's Head Shaving in partnership with Southwest University, the Wave of Love with Jefferson High School, Candlelighters of El Paso, Royal Run for Hope, KCOS Physician Show, El Paso Diabetes Association, and more. The hospital generated close to \$25,000 in sponsorships, partnerships, and community service hours in 2021, resulting in increased awareness of a multitude of health topics that affect borderland children.



St. Baldrick's



Dr. Ward



Radiothon



Downtown El Paso Christmas Light Parade



Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Celebrating Patients and Staff

El Paso Children's Hospital cherishes its patients and the healthcare professionals who care for them each day.

Patient Stories



Victory Bells



Inside the Hospital



MEET JULIAN

Type 1 Diabetes

Julian felt a little deflated. Something wasn't right. His parents took him to the doctor, then to El Paso Children's Hospital where he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

Julian and his family had immediate access to the ONLY American Diabetes Association (ADA) certified pediatric outpatient education service between Phoenix and Austin. The registered nurses and registered dietitians are certified diabetes educators who specialize in pediatric diabetes education.

With their support, Julian learned how to manage his blood sugar. He was soon back on his skateboard, practicing ollies and grinding at the local park!

Meet Andrea

Cranial and Facial Clinic

Baby Andrea was born with craniosynostosis, a condition where the plates in her skull were prematurely fused together, preventing her brain from growing naturally. The pressure building from within posed a threat to her eyesight.

Dr. David Yates, Cranial and Facial Clinic medical director, performed her first surgical procedure in 2019. El Paso Children's Hospital has the only Cranial and Facial team in the region to be nationally recognized by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association.

"Our angel, Dr. Yates, gave me his number so I can text him," said Andrea's mom, Erica Castro. "The whole staff has been very good to my daughter."

Because of the breakthrough techniques performed by world-renowned pediatric specialists, Andrea and her mom can continue to be seen right here, in El Paso.



Meet Ben

Level IV NICU

One pound. When Ben arrived into this world, he weighed just over a pound! But he had a loving family and a great, caring team at El Paso Children's Hospital Level IV NICU. Together, ounce-by-ounce, they nurtured Ben into who he is today: a strong and happy seven year old. Now, he loves to play in splash pads around town or cook in his toy kitchen at home! Whatever the future holds for Ben, he will be sure to throw his weight around!



Ben



JJ



Meet JJ

PICU

JJ had just turned two in 2013 when he was diagnosed with leukemia. As one would expect, the news turned his family's world upside down.

Thankfully, El Paso Children's Hospital had the capability to treat JJ within driving distance of his family's Las Cruces home. His parents were able to work and support JJ's older sister in her school choir activities because of the level of care they were able to receive in nearby El Paso.

"Knowing the hospital was just right down the street, knowing I could get down there fast if I needed to, was a huge relief for me," said Joe, JJ's dad.

JJ was finally declared in remission after three and a half years and today is a bright, funny 4th grader!

MEET JANET

Oncology

At the young age of 18, Janet fought one of the biggest battles one can fight and inspired more people than she imagined. Janet was a star soccer player for Del Valle High School and was offered a scholarship to play at the University of the Southwest. However, her athletic career was put on hold when she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma on her right leg in November of 2017.

Osteosarcoma is a type of cancer that begins in the cells that form bones. It appears most often in long bones like arms and legs. This was a life-changing event for Janet, but her enthusiasm for life did not falter. She was determined to graduate high school on time, and she did so despite her many treatments and hospital visits.

Janet maintains a positive mindset and is always looking forward to tomorrow. She has become an advocate for disabled athletes, and she continues to brighten up the days for El Paso Children's Hospital staff members. Her story and attitude is an inspiration to doctors, nurses and children currently receiving treatment.



VICTORY BELLS

The Southwest University Pediatric Blood and Cancer Center at El Paso Children's Hospital is the only certified Children's Oncology Group (COG) center in a 350-mile radius. COG is the largest pediatric oncology group in the world that provides access to clinical and biological



protocols to institutions that meet their eligibility criteria. As members of COG, El Paso Children's Hospital is able to provide the same treatment available at any other hospital in the nation. This also allows the hospital to provide the same treatment as hospitals like Texas Children's Hospital, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, among others.

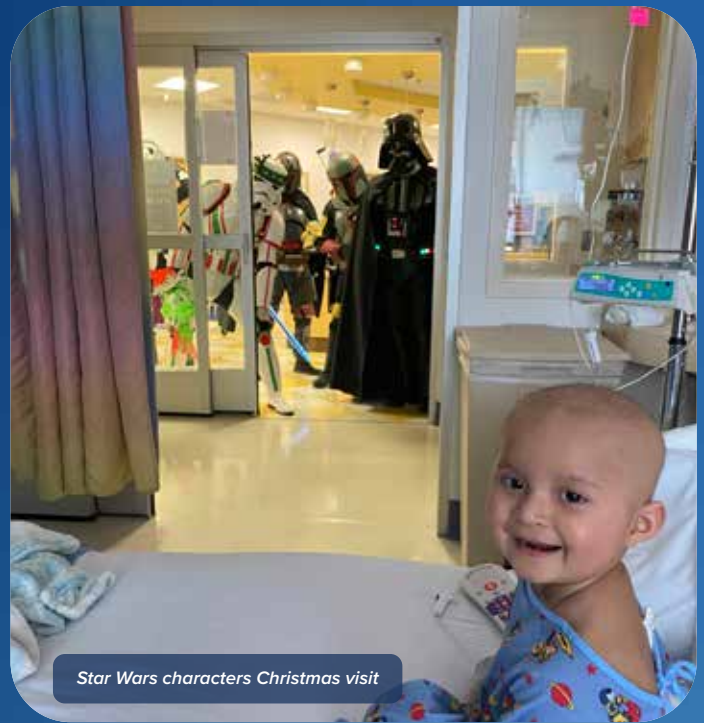
During 2021, more than 20 oncology patients rang the victory bell that signifies their transition to a remission stage of the care plan. The "Ringing of the Bell" ceremonies are joyful occasions and, while the journey is never over, patients and families can count on the highest level of pediatric specialists, nurses, and supporting staff.

Inside the Hospital

A number of ongoing programs and events keep patients, families, and staff engaged in healing beyond the clinical level. El Paso Children's Hospital is full of activities designed to lift morale and foster connection between all. While the Child Life and Therapeutic Arts programs play a central role in these activities, all departments—from maintenance to administration—participate in any combination of parades, awards, luncheons, or special visits.

Patient Activities

- Jefferson Wave of Love
- Character Visits
- Christmas Caroling
- NICU Reunion
- Chalk the Garage
- Pet Therapy
- Teddy Bear Clinic
- Therapeutic Arts Program
- Reverse Trick-or-Treat Parade
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Dr. Seuss Week
- Easter Basket Giveaway
- Book Day Giveaway
- Heroes Chalk the Garage
- Gold Out Wave of Love



Star Wars characters Christmas visit



Wave of Love



NICU Reunion with Dreams Come True Princesses



Chalk the Garage

Inside the Hospital

(continued)

Employee Activities

- Employee of the Month recognition
- Daisy Award
- Employee Appreciation Day
- Employee Engagement Survey
- Thanksgiving luncheon
- Holidays luncheon
- Service Awards
- Leadership Awards
- Themed-Spirit Weeks
- Doctors' Day luncheon
- Physician of the Year celebration
- Nurse's Day
- National Hospital Week
- Employee Forums
- EPCH-U (Staff Leadership Training)
- Customer Service Appreciation Week
- Employee and Family Vaccination clinics
- Employee Newsletter
- Wellness Challenges
- El Paso Children's Hospital 9th Birthday Celebration



El Paso Children's Hospital

About the hospital's designations, memberships and the
El Paso County Hospital District

Accreditations/Designations

El Paso County Hospital District



Accreditations/Designations

THE JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. As an independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

LEVEL IV NICU

(Advanced Intensive Care Unit) designation by the Texas Health and Human Services

The State of Texas passed legislation requiring all NICUs to undergo a site visit to verify they meet the Neonatal Levels of Care classifications as defined in the Texas Administrative Code.

It is notable that the Texas Children's NICU is the first to be designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services as a Level IV NICU. This is the highest level of care available for premature and critically-ill newborns.

A Level IV NICU designation must meet all Level III capabilities, plus have the ability to care for infants born earlier than 32 weeks gestation and weighing less than 1,500 grams, provide life support, perform advanced imaging including MRI and echocardiography, and provide a full range of respiratory support, among many other criteria.

MEMBER OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (CHA)

Children's Hospital Association hospitals are essential providers, setting the standard for the highest quality pediatric care while training the next generation of pediatricians. The association champions policies, practices, and performance improvements that enable children's hospitals to better serve children and families. Priorities include areas of greatest impact: policy, quality and patient safety, and analytics to inform the decision-making of clinicians, policymakers, payers, and providers.

MEMBER OF CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP (COG)

The Children's Oncology Group (COG), a National Cancer Institute supported clinical trials group, is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to childhood and adolescent cancer research. The COG unites more than 10,000 experts in childhood cancer at more than 200 leading children's hospitals, universities, and cancer centers across North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe in the fight against childhood cancer.

Today, more than 90% of 16,000 children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States are cared for at Children's Oncology Group member institutions. COG's unparalleled collaborative efforts provide the information and support needed to answer important clinical questions in the fight against cancer.

El Paso County Hospital District

The story of healthcare in El Paso is a story of transformation throughout the decades. The power of partnerships help in building stronger strategic relations and alliances that empower the organizations to have a greater positive impact on the community.

In 1958, El Paso voters approved the creation of the El Paso County Hospital District and in 1961 construction was completed on the 300-bed Thomason Hospital tower. In 1999, the hospital district created El Paso Health which is a Texas-licensed Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) contracted with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC). Then in 2007, voters approved bonds to construct an East Tower for El Paso Children's Hospital. In 2009, Thomason Hospital changed the name of the hospital to University Medical Center of El Paso. The citizens created the El Paso County Hospital District (d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC)) to ensure that quality healthcare services would be available to all county residents.

The hospital district includes El Paso Children's Hospital (EPCH), University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC), El Paso Health, UMC Foundation and EPCH Foundation. EPCH and UMC are also the primary teaching institutions for Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) El Paso.

El Paso Children's Hospital is one of only 250 hospitals across the country that specialize in pediatrics and one of seven members of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT), and provides the highest level of

pediatric care in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. EPCH is a not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide pediatric care services to the pediatric residents of El Paso and the surrounding region. El Paso Children's Hospital is the only separately licensed, freestanding, not-for-profit children's hospital providing exclusive pediatric healthcare. The relationship with TTUHSC and community physicians, ensures that patients at EPCH have access to the latest treatment methods and diagnostic service available from leading physicians in the field of pediatrics. EPCH also maintains an affiliation with University Medical Center. This relationship allows its patients access to the only Level 1 Trauma Center in a 350-mile radius, collaboration with maternal services and a wide range of access to other resources available to the hospital district.

Through these networks and affiliated pediatricians, the hospital is impacting the health of more children than ever. Together with its partners, EPCH is coordinating care to create better experiences for patients and families, creating an epicenter of care for the regional pediatric population.





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