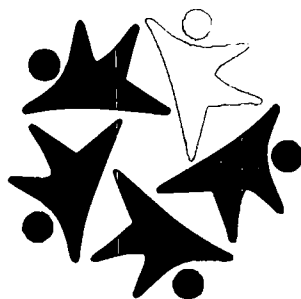


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FY 2000 CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS GME
Authorization and Appropriation Enactment
WHITE HOUSE THANK YOU SUMMARY



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TO: Chris Jennings, Domestic Policy Office, The White House
Nicole Rabner, Office of the First Lady, The White House
Barbara Woolley, Office of Public Liaison, The White House

FROM: Pete Willson, N.A.C.H. *PW*

DATE: December 17, 1999

SUBJECT: **Thank You Letters and Press Releases on Funding
for Children's Hospitals' GME Funding**

We have compiled for you copies of thank you letters, press releases, and press coverage, which children's hospitals have generated to express their appreciation for the White House's leadership on behalf of securing new GME funding for independent children's teaching hospitals. A notebook with the copies is attached for you.

Included is a sample of a letter, which staff at many hospitals also are generating by calling our GME advocacy toll free 800# phone line. To date, our records indicate the 800# has generated more than 200 letters around the country to The White House.

In addition to these grassroots efforts, on December 15, the presidents of Children's National Medical Center and N.A.C.H. presented Mrs. Clinton with a giant size thank you card, on behalf of the nation's children's hospitals, telling her "We can't give you a big enough thanks!" This took place during the First Lady's annual holiday visit to Children's National Medical Center to meet with patients. We will arrange for you to have copies of photos taken of the presentation.

If there is anything else you would like to have, please let me know. We thank each of you also very much for all of your help and support!

National Association of
Children's Hospitals

LAWRENCE A. McANDREWS, FACHE
President & Chief Executive Officer



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December 3, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

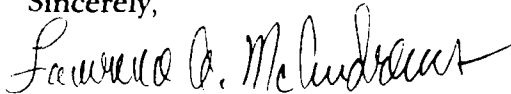
On behalf of the National Association of Children's Hospitals, I want to express once again our deep appreciation for your leadership in seeking to establish federal support for more equitable graduate medical education (GME) funding for the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals. We are deeply grateful, too, for the commitment and support by the First Lady in bringing the importance of this issue to the attention of your Administration and Congress.

From your budget request last January to your budget negotiations with Congress this month, your leadership and your Administration's support were essential to addressing this issue. This program is so important not only to the future of the affected children's hospitals, including Arkansas Children's Hospital, but also the future of health care for all children.

As we said so many times in our advocacy on Capitol Hill, the GME programs of the independent children's teaching hospitals are critical in their ability to care for all children. Regardless of economic or medical need, this program conducts research to improve children's health care and to train the next generations of providers of care for children. Although fewer than one percent of all hospitals, they touch the lives of children in every state in the country.

By enacting both an authorization for \$285 million annually and a first year appropriation of \$40 million, Congress has taken the first important steps to providing more equitable GME funding for independent children's hospitals. We look forward to working with you in taking the next critically important steps to bring full equity in federal GME support to children's hospitals.

Sincerely,


Lawrence A. McAndrews

cc: The First Lady, The White House, Wash., DC 20500
Jack Lew, Office of Management and Budget, OEOB, Wash., DC 20503
Chris Jennings, Office of Domestic Policy, The White House, Wash., DC 20500

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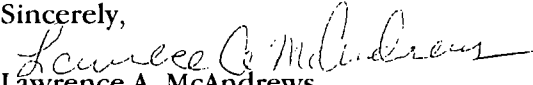
Your leadership on children's health issues throughout your career, including most recently in your capacity as First Lady, has been so important to the health and well-being of all children. It is deeply appreciated by the nation's children's hospitals.

Certainly this has been true during the past year with your invaluable support in bringing to the attention of the President and his Administration the need for federal policy to provide more equitable graduate medical education (GME) support for the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals, including Arkansas Children's Hospital. In the increasingly competitive health care marketplace, which often does not recognize essential public goods, such as GME, the inability of children's hospitals to qualify for significant Medicare GME support has become very problematic.

Because of your efforts, the Administration played a critically important role in advancing this cause with Congress. The President's budget request in January placed it squarely on the congressional budget agenda this year and his support in the final budget negotiations with Congress this fall resulted in the enactment of an initial appropriation of \$40 million. This is an important first step toward achieving the full level of commensurate GME support for children's hospitals, which Congress has recognized with an annual authorization of \$285 million in the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act."

As children's hospitals celebrate this achievement, each and every one of us remembers that you announced the Administration's support last January and stood with us in the ceremonial offices of the Vice President to launch our advocacy this year. Your efforts help our member hospitals to provide clinical care, education, and research programs that touch the lives of children in every state of the country. We look forward to working with the Administration and Congress to build upon the first steps toward full equity in federal GME support for children's hospitals in FY 2001.

Sincerely,


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PRESS RELEASE
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November 19, 1999

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**Children's Hospitals Applaud Congress, President for
Funding Pediatrician Training**

McAndrews: "This bill will make a huge difference for children's health care."

Washington, DC --- Lawrence A. McAndrews, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Children's Hospitals, today applauded Congress and the President for passage of legislation to both authorize and appropriate funding for graduate medical education at independent children's hospitals.

Tonight, the House passed the *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act* by Rep. Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE) as part of S. 580, legislation to reauthorize the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. The Senate passed the bill unanimously earlier this month, and the President is expected to sign it into law.

The House also passed last night the FY 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill including \$40 million in start-up funding for the program, which will help independent children's teaching hospitals cover the costs of training the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. President Clinton has included the start-up funding in his FY 2000 budget.

"This legislation will make a huge difference for children's health care," said McAndrews. "Together, Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step, providing what amounts to start-up funding to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're delighted by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding next year. We still have a ways to go, but we're glad to see progress being made. The leadership shown by the key leaders in Congress and the President on this issue will make a real difference to the nation's independent children's hospitals and their patients. Because of the reach of these hospitals' training and research programs, this bill will positively impact the quality of children's health care across the nation."

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The *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act* authorizes Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals. The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including more than 200 sponsors in the House and more than 40 in the Senate. The issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Joining Rep. Johnson in championing the bill in the House were Reps. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bill Thomas (R-CA), Jim Greenwood (R-PA), Michael Bilirakis (R-FL), John Dingell (D-MI), John Porter (R-IL), Bill Young (R-FL), Deborah Pryce (R-OH), Spencer Bachus (R-AL), Brian Bilbray (R-CA), Kay Granger (R-TX), and many others. Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) played a critical role in final passage of the authorization.

Joining Sen. Kerrey in championing the bill in the Senate were Sens. Kit Bond (R-MO), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Mike DeWine (R-OH), Slade Gorton (R-WA), Arlen Specter (R-PA), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Connie Mack (R-FL), Bob Graham (D-FL), and many others. The leadership of Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN) allowed the children's hospitals GME bill to come to a vote in the Senate as part of the health services research bill.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

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**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LEADERS ATTEND WHITE HOUSE SIGNING
OF "CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ACT"**

Washington, DC – President Clinton signed into law today the *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act*, which authorizes \$565 million over two years to provide, for the first time, federal graduate medical education (GME) support for the teaching programs of independent children's teaching hospitals.

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CONGRESS

Leaders bring home the bacon

By RACHEL SMOLKIN

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

WASHINGTON — Tucked into the federal spending bills just completed by Congress are millions of dollars for Alabama projects.

There's \$80 million for space transportation research at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, \$13 million for a training center at Fort McClellan and more than \$7 million for Birmingham transportation projects. There are funds for studying the ecology of coastal lands and for

Federal bills mean millions for state

early learning initiatives. Even the historic Clay County courthouse gets \$500,000 for renovations.

Alabama's Republican senators, Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, opposed the final spending package, worth \$390 billion.

Shelby objected to spending provisions for the District of Columbia and to patent provisions he said

might not protect small, independent inventors.

Sessions opposed the package because he said he believes the policy of bringing an enormous spending bill to the floor on the last day of the session needs to stop. "His primary concern is that senators are not given time to analyze the legislation," spokesman John Cox said.

All seven Alabama House mem-

bers supported the measure.

Despite Sessions and Shelby's opposition to the final budget package, they worked with Alabama's House members during the process to find money for the state.

Four members of Alabama's nine-member delegation sit on appropriations committees, the centers for sending money home. Shelby is a senior member on the

Senate Appropriations Committee and is chairman of the transportation subcommittee.

Rep. Sonny Callahan is chairman of a House appropriations subcommittee, earning him clout as a member of the so-called College of Cardinals. Reps. Bud Cramer, D-Huntsville and Robert Aderholt, R-Haleyville, also serve on the House Appropriations Committee.

Critics deride earmarks for local

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projects as "pork" that wastes federal taxpayer dollars.

"Congress and the president have just set a new record for pork-barrel spending," said Thomas Schatz, president of Citizens Against Government Waste, a watchdog group. "These people throw money around faster than Regis Philbin," host of the popular television show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Others say designating funds for local projects is an integral part of a congressman's job and an important way to aid causes back home. Rep. Bob Riley, R-Ashland, secured \$1 million for 20 public school systems in his district to purchase computers and improve Internet access for students.

"It's hard to describe giving a computer to a kid out in Macon County, Ala., to narrow the technol-

ogy gap as a pork project," said Riley spokesman Pepper Bryars. "If it is, so be it, because it's something that has to be done."

For the fourth year in a row, Shelby secured \$400,000 for a sturgeon conservation program. Cramer added \$1 million toward building a new site for the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville.

Parts of the budget deal with Alabama interests but do not provide direct funding. Riley succeeded in his bid to get the federal government to transfer the recently closed Fort McClellan to Calhoun County at no cost for the county's economic development.

Riley and Sessions also secured federal protection for Dugger Mountain, the state's second-highest peak. The legislation designates 9,200 acres in east Alabama's Talladega National Forest as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness Area.

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Funding for Alabama

Among the Alabama projects the delegation found federal funds for:

Science and defense

■ \$560 million for the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense System, assembled in Courtland and managed out of Huntsville.
■ \$80 million for Spaceliner 100, a research effort to strengthen the future role of Marshall Space Flight Center in NASA. The program's goal is to make future space transportation more like airline transportation.

■ \$5 million for the new National Center for Space Research and Technology in Huntsville, a joint venture between Marshall Space Flight Center and several Alabama research institutions.

■ Aderholt found \$5 million for Summa Technology in Cullman and Quality Research in Huntsville to research a robotic vehicle that clears minefields.

■ \$4 million for SciQuest to

purchase hands-on exhibits for the North Alabama Science Center.

A Justice Department center in Anniston

■ \$13 million for the Center for Domestic Preparedness at Fort McClellan, up from \$8.5 million the year before. The center trains state and local first responders, such as firefighters and emergency medical personnel, to prevent and respond to incidents of domestic terrorism.

■ \$1 million for emergency medical response training at Fort McClellan's Noble Army Hospital.

Transportation

■ \$3.25 million for public transit in Birmingham and Jefferson County. Includes \$1.25 million for upgrading the Birmingham bus fleet and \$2 million for constructing a facility near Central Station for multiple forms of transportation.

■ \$3 million for the Birmingham transit corridor study, one of the first steps for constructing a light rail system.

■ \$1.25 million for Birmingham International Airport to replace the air traffic control tower facilities and modernize the equipment.

Community projects

■ \$1.9 million for the downtown riverfront project in Montgomery.

■ \$500,000 to help renovate the historic Clay County Courthouse.

Higher education facilities and research

■ \$1.5 million for the Spring Hill College in Mobile to expand the library and create a regional learning center.

■ \$1.25 million for the University of Alabama at Birmingham to fund development of a Center for Injury Sciences, which will enhance research on preventing, treating and mitigating effects of motor vehicle injuries.

■ \$1 million for the University of South Alabama Center for Estuarine Research. To study the ecology of coastal lands and seascapes in the Gulf Coast and Mobile Bay areas.

■ \$500,000 for the University of Alabama Child Development Facility to aid early learning initiatives.

Hospitals

■ \$1 million for Children's Hospital in Birmingham to help build a new research center. Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Vestavia Hills, worked to get this funding and to add provisions allowing children's hospitals across the nation to get reimbursed for some of the cost of training pediatricians.

Public schools

■ \$1 million - \$50,000 each for 20 public school systems in Riley's district - to purchase computers and introduce more students to the Internet.

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Childrens Hospital Los Angeles Praises Congress and President For Passage of Legislation to Fund Training for Pediatricians

***Special thanks to Representatives Becerra, Waxman, Dixon, Rogan and Thomas
for leadership on issue critical to children's health***

(Los Angeles) --- Among its final actions (Nov. 18) before recessing this year, the United States Congress approved, and will send to the President, legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Childrens Hospital Los Angeles' ability to provide that care.

The House of Representatives incorporated the *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act* into related legislation and sent it to President Clinton for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education (GME) funding for independent children's teaching hospitals such as Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Walter W. Noce, Jr., president and CEO, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill has broad, bipartisan support. Among the more than 40 Senate and 200 House cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation, were Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Representatives Thomas, Capps, Gallegly, Sherman, McKeon, Berman, Rogan, Dreier, Waxman, Becerra, Martinez, Dixon, Roybal-Allard, Napolitano, Kuykendall, Millender-McDonald, Sanchez and Lewis. This issue also

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had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady. "We are especially grateful to Congressman Bill Thomas for his important role in moving this legislation this year," Noce stressed.

Funding through Medicare reimbursement has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physicians training. Although independent children's teaching hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, they train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians, and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. Yet, because children's hospitals don't treat Medicare patients (elderly), they aren't eligible for the vast majority of GME funding.

In fact, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles thank those who cosponsored this important legislation," Noce said. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Founded in 1901, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is a global resource for advanced pediatric care, research and medical education. Each year, the nonprofit 314-bed hospital treats nearly 200,000 patients from newborn to 18 years of age with specialized, multidisciplinary care in pediatric and adolescent medicine. CHLA provides family-centered care, including support services for parents, siblings and other family members. Childrens Hospital Los Angeles houses an internationally recognized research program and, since 1932, has trained pediatric specialists through its affiliation with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

U.S. News & World Report has named Childrens Hospital Los Angeles one of the top four pediatric facilities in the nation since 1990, and its panel of 2,400 physicians has ranked CHLA the best in the West for 10 straight years.

Visit our website: www.ChildrensHospitalLA.org



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November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500



Dear Mr. President:

Walter W. Noce, Jr.
President and
Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

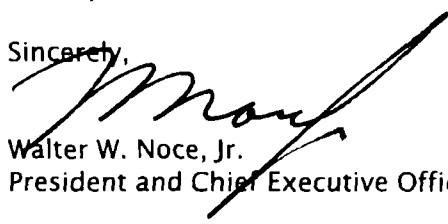
It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,


Walter W. Noce, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

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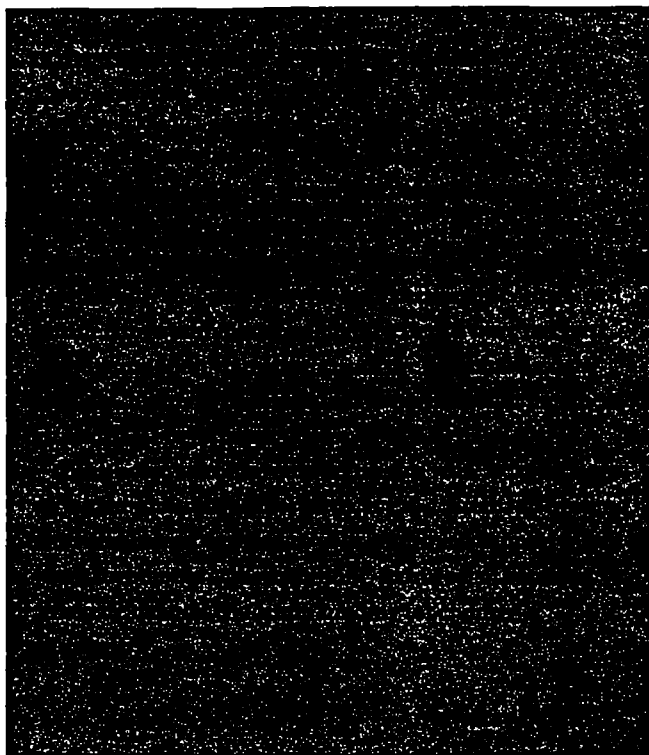
Staffing plans have been completed for the Y2K Code Orange standby (Dec. 31 through Jan. 2). Many managers are working two and three shifts in order to give their employees time off during this holiday period. Please check with your manager to confirm whether you are scheduled to work, to be on-call or have been released from work during that time.

Due to the need to make your computer applications Y2K compliant, software upgrades and patches will be performed through the end of the year.

For this reason, it's important for you to power off your machine each evening, so that when you log on in the morning you will pick up any pending Y2K upgrades.

Areas that are 7X24 should re-boot in the early morning hours or when patient care will not be compromised.

Any computer that is not used 7X24 should be turned off when leaving at night to conserve energy. Powering down almost 1,500 computers will save on the hospital's utility costs. Please call the Help Desk at Ext. 4444 if you have any questions.



thrown for a loop: chris medina

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His mother is in Mexico, visiting relatives. His father died last year.

7:09 p.m.: "We're just going to take some pictures—don't be scared," Escalona assures Chris, as a technician uses a portable machine to shoot X-rays of his neck, chest and pelvis. No broken bones. Doctors remove the neck brace and board. A physical exam finds no serious injuries.

"We think he's fine," Escalona tells Nery. "He's very lucky." The trauma team breaks up.

Chris's mother, Emma, hurriedly makes plans to fly home.

7:55 p.m.: Chris displays no signs of confusion or loss of consciousness, but doctors order a CAT scan and admit him to the hospital as a precaution because of the head

impact. Over the next twelve hours, they do regular neurological checks. His CAT scan comes back normal.

Nery spends the night beside him on a chair.

Saturday: Chris is sore and shaky. New X-rays indicate nothing awry. His white blood cell count has returned to normal. Doctors decide to keep him overnight for observation.

Sunday: His mother arrives. Chris is subdued, but ready to go home.

Epilogue: Weeks after the accident, he is running around and back in school. "Chris seemed okay," says his mom, "but he wouldn't even go in the front yard for a few weeks."

Some scars take longer to heal.

Reprinted from Ladies' Home Journal, December 1999.

bone marrow registry drive to be held tuesday, nov. 30

As part of National Bone Marrow Awareness Month, the CHLA Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, Padres Contra El Cancer and KidS COUNT will be hosting a Bone Marrow Registry Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the BMT Conference Room on the 4th Floor.

Be part of an important program that will put your name and information into an international database which identifies you as a potential bone-marrow donor.

A simple blood draw procedure is all that's needed to check your blood for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) matches.

Patients requiring a bone-marrow donation from someone outside their family

have only a one-in-20,000 chance of finding a donor through HLA matching. Help lower those odds and give someone else a second chance at life by donating your bone marrow.

Aspiration of bone marrow is done with a needle inserted into the hipbone. It's done as an outpatient procedure and usually causes only some soreness for a few days.

Registering with the National Marrow Donor Program is easy, and thanks to donated funds, is being done at no cost for CHLA employees.

Give someone the gift of life this holiday season. You'll feel good about it.

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a kaleidoscope of colors: operation paintfest

The imaginations of hospitalized kids at CHLA will soar during "Operation PaintFest: Creating Brighter Children's Hospitals."

Through this program, walls and ceilings will bear the artistic signature of youngsters who will help paint 60 canvasses and 500 ceiling tiles—with butterflies, tropical fish and exotic animals.

Sponsored by The Foundation for Hospital Art in partnership with Pfizer Pediatric Health, this national program is making its debut at CHLA on Thursday, Dec. 2.

"From the perspective of a child, hospitals can feel like infinite corridors and rooms of sterility—an uninviting white-wash of mazes," explains John

Feight, executive director, The Foundation for Hospital Art.

"However, rooms that invite kids to feel like they just opened a brand new jar of paint transform them from the frightening reality of illness to the welcome respite of fantasy."

"Operation PaintFest is a perfect complement to the mission and spirit of Children's Hospital Los Angeles," says Efrain Fuentes, Ph.D., director, Patient and Family Services.

"When we were invited to participate in this program we were delighted, especially since we are in the midst of constructing a new surgery center and renovating the hospital's public spaces."

Working side-by-side with their families, medical team

members and volunteers.

CHLA patients will bring nature to life by using the pre-drawn and color-coded ceiling tiles and canvas outlines created by The Foundation for Hospital Art. Once completed, the tiles and canvasses will be permanently displayed in patient treatment rooms throughout the hospital.

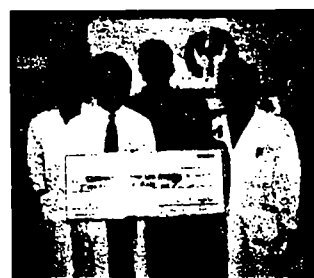
Operation PaintFest

Thursday, Dec. 2
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3 South Waiting Room

For more information on Operation PaintFest, call Efrain Fuentes at Ext. 5478.

**chad volleyball
tournament
raises \$3,000**



Arista Burtrum, president and founder of the Chad Foundation for Athletes and Artists, presents a gift of \$3,000 to CHLA's Heart Institute. The funds are proceeds from the 5th Annual Chad Volleyball Tournament held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Lakeside Country Club in Toluca Lake.

Pictured are Ms. Burtrum (holding check, right front) with Dr. Pierre Wong. Back row: Dr. Michael Silka, Dr. Alan Lewis and Dr. Arno R. Hohn.

respiratory syncytial virus in the child-care setting

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) causes infections of the upper respiratory tract—like a cold—and the lower respiratory tract—like pneumonia. It's the most frequent cause of lower respiratory infections—including pneumonia—in infants and children under two years of age.

At CHLA, this virus is taken very seriously. Marysia

Meylan, Infection Control coordinator, and Pamela Teitelbaum, Infection Control practitioner, are taking extra precautions to educate CHLA staff about this virus and the threat it poses to our young patients.

An RSV infection can range from very mild to life-threatening and can even be fatal. Children with heart or

lung disease and weak immune systems are at increased risk of developing severe infections and complications.

RSV is spread through direct contact with infectious secretions. You can contract the virus by breathing these moist secretions after an infected person has coughed, or by touching a contaminated

surface. A young child with RSV may be infectious for one-to-three weeks after symptoms subside.

The most effective preventive measure against the spread of RSV is careful and frequent handwashing.

For more information about RSV, call Infection Control at Ext. 5510.

physical therapy/occupational therapy accolades

◆ Edith Mak, OTR, Janet Lurie-Hauser, OTR, and Nancy Forero-Lilienfeld, PT, gave a poster presentation at the National AOTA Conference in Monterey, CA last month. The presentation was related to a competency tool for NICU therapists titled "Competency Checklist for the Neonatal and High Risk Infant Therapist" that they developed and also are having copyrighted.

◆ Jennifer Loiselle, OTR, received a Master's Degree in Public Health from UCLA this year.

◆ Jamie Black, OTR, Jennifer Loiselle, OTR, Susan Rethlefsen, PT, and Dr. Joan Wright received a grant to pursue a research project entitled "Functional Change in the Spastic Upper Extremity: A Comparison of Botox and Occupational Therapy." They are currently collecting data for this project.

◆ Susan Rethlefsen, PT, Anna Fern-Buneo, PT, Chere Dreyden, PT, and Dr. Robert

Kay are collecting data for a research grant funded by Allergan, investigating the effects of Botulinum Toxin and Serial Casting of the Lower Extremities in children with Cerebral Palsy.

◆ Nancy Forero-Lilienfeld, PT, Yvette Brewer, PT, and Emily Levine, OTR, recently completed Board Certification in Neuro-Developmental Treatment, an eight-week post-graduate course in specialized treatment approach for neurologically impaired children.

◆ Elvira Burger, OTR, is participating in a pilot research study with Dr. Mitchell looking at the effects of IV Ig on children with opsoclonus myoclonus ataxia. Elvira is assessing fine-motor coordination in these children.

◆ Susan Rethlefsen PT, Sandi Dennis, PT, and Dr. Robert Kay completed and published a project entitled "The Effects of Fixed and Articulating Ankle Foot Orthoses on the Gait of

Children with Cerebral Palsy." The article was published in the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* in July/August 1999. Susan presented the study at a national conference in Washington, D.C., for the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine in September.

◆ Susan Rethlefsen, Sandi Dennis, and Dr. Robert Kay published an article in the *European Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* in April 1999 entitled "Outcome of Hamstring Lengthening and Distal Rectus Femoris Transfer in Children."

◆ Margaret Mortimore, PT, and Donna Groh, PT, are participating in a collaborative study with Children's Hospital of San Diego investigating "The Effectiveness of Foot Orthotics in the Management of Physical and Psychological Symptoms in Children with Juvenile Chronic Arthritis."

Please send your departmental announcements and achievements to Robin Moore, Editor, Mail Stop #59.

get your potluck ready!

For those employees working on Thanksgiving Day, the Food Service Department will be supplying sliced turkey, gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce, as well as serving utensils . . . and invites you to bring the extras!

An upcoming e-mail will announce the serving times and stations.

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equipment repair reminder

The Patient Care Services Equipment Subcommittee reminds CHLA staff that one of its goals is to have well-functioning equipment available to all who work here.

If equipment is in need of repair, please tag it with a yellow "equipment repair" ticket. Be specific about the problem and fill out the card

completely. Call Central Service at Ext. 2201 and they will pick up the broken item (with attached card) for repair.

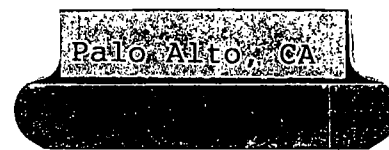
If we all work to stay on top of these repairs we will be able to meet our goals and better serve our patients.

For more information, call Susan Santner at Ext. 2861.

don't forget: the parking office has moved . . .

*to the office adjacent to
the Employment Office
in the 4601 Sunset Blvd.
Building.*







For Immediate Release

November 29, 1999

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Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford Praises Congress, President for Passage of Legislation Funding Training for Pediatricians

PALO ALTO –Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress approved and has sent to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing on November 18, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education (GME) funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it November 18, and the Senate on November 19.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Christopher Dawes, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Lucile Packard Children's Hospitals. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a way to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

(more)

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Representatives Anna Eshoo (D), Nancy Pelosi (D), Tom Lantos (D), Zoe Lofgren (D), Sam Farr (D) and Tom Campbell (R) and Senators Barbara Boxer (D) and Dianne Feinstein (D) who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the GME legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for GME, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford owe special thanks to the entire Bay Area delegation who were early supporters and cosponsors. Each of these legislators played an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Dawes. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital –clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best –focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford is a part of Lucile Packard Children's Hospitals, the pediatric division of UCSF Stanford Health Care.

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Orange Co., CA :

Children's Hospital
of Orange County

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 24, 1999

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**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS**

**Kimberly Cripe: "Special thanks go to Senators Barbara Boxer and
Dianne Feinstein and Representative Loretta Sanchez for leadership on
this issue critical to children's health"**

(Orange) – Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Children's Hospital of Orange County's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the House incorporated "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Children's Hospital of Orange County. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Kimberly Cripe, President and Chief Executive Officer of Children's Hospital of Orange County. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Representative Loretta Sanchez, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.



Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Children's Hospital of Orange County owe special thanks to those who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Ms. Cripe. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Founded in 1964, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) is Orange County's only hospital committed to promoting the safety and wellness of children through outreach, advanced research, advocacy and community education. Celebrating its 35th anniversary, the organization has grown to become a regional pediatric healthcare network that includes Children's Hospital at Mission Viejo, Clinica CHOC para Niños in Santa Ana, CHOC Register Clinic in Orange, Children's Hospital Foundation and CHOC Thrift Stores, providing comprehensive high-quality pediatric care to all of the community's children.

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December 1, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) in Orange, California, I want to express our profound gratitude for your critical leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. This legislative victory will benefit children nationwide.

With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in fiscal year 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

Children's teaching hospitals like CHOC, as you know, receive less than 1/200th of the GME funding provided to other teaching hospitals through Medicare. And children's hospitals, although we comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for all of us this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you, again, for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly C. Cripe
President & Chief Executive Officer

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President
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November 23, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the children of San Diego County and Children's Hospital and Health Center, I want to express deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Again, thank you for your leadership. We look forward to working with you to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair L. Sadler".

Blair L. Sadler
President and Chief Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 1999

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTER PRAISES CONGRESS.
PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR
PEDIATRICIANS

Blair Sadler, "Special thanks go to the entire San Diego congressional delegation for leadership on issues critical to children's health"

[SAN DIEGO]--- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Children's Hospital and Health Center's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Children's Hospital and Health Center. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Blair L. Sadler, President and CEO of Children's Hospital and Health Center. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

... because children are the future

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Ron Packard (48th District) Brian P. Bilbray (49th District), Bob Filner (50th District), Randy Cunningham (51st District), and Duncan Hunter (52nd District), who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

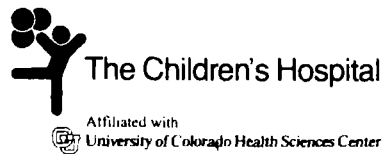
However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Children's Hospital and Health Center owe special thanks to Congressmen Brian Bilbray and Randy "Duke" Cunningham, who each played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Blair Sadler. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital - clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best - focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Children's Hospital and Health Center (Children's) is the region's only pediatric medical center and is the largest triage center for pediatric care in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The 220-bed hospital began in 1952 and has grown over the years to meet the special health care needs of the region. Today, Children's offers comprehensive programs in diagnosis and treatment, research, rehabilitation, medical education, outcomes and community outreach education. Children's has become the hub of a regional health care network devoted to the care of seriously ill and injured children from Southern California and throughout the southwestern United States.

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News Release

For Immediate Release

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THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS

Dori Biester, President and CEO "Special thanks go to Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Representatives Diana DeGette, Scott McInnis, Bob Schaffer, Tom Tancredo and Mark Udall from Colorado and Senator Michael Enzi from Wyoming for leadership on an issue critical to children's health"

Denver, CO-- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and sent to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to The Children's Hospital of Denver's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like The Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. This was signed into law by the President yesterday, November 29.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Dori Biester, Ph.D, RN, President and CEO of The Children's Hospital. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support including Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Representatives Diana DeGette, Scott McInnis, Bob Schaffer, Tom Tancredo and Mark Udall from Colorado and Senator Michael Enzi from Wyoming, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

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However, independent children's teaching hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that adult teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to adult teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at The Children's Hospital owe special thanks to our cosponsors who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Biester. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

The Children's Hospital was recently ranked in the top three percent of all hospitals by *U.S. News and World Report*, which surveyed board-certified physicians on the top hospitals in their field. The July 1999 issue of the magazine represented the seventh year in a row that *U.S. News* ranked Children's a top pediatric hospital in the nation. The Children's Hospital is the leading pediatric hospital in an 800-mile radius, according to the report.

Founded in 1908, The Children's Hospital is a private, not-for-profit pediatric health care system with more than 1,000 pediatric specialists and 1,700 full-time employees. It provides care to the region's children at its main campus, and through three specialty-physician satellite offices, four community-based urgent and emergency care sites, three specialty-care centers providing principally rehabilitation services, and more than 400 outreach clinics held annually in a seven-state region.

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The Children's Hospital

Kids Need A Kids' Hospital

December 1, 1999

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Chief Executive Officer

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of The Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you have ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Biester, PhD, RN
President and CEO, The Children's Hospital

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The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

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Hartford, CT



December 6, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the chair of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut, I want to express my personal appreciation for your significant leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. Because my service as a volunteer board member makes me keenly aware of the needs of children and quality health care, I understand the demands placed on children's hospitals to meet this need. I know that this legislative victory will benefit children served by our hospital and throughout the nation.

Thank you so much for the leadership and support you and the first lady have given to this issue. The nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000, due in great measure to your original budget request and the Administrations efforts during the budget negotiations with Congress this fall. This start up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's teaching hospitals to achieve more equitable GME funding.

While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable GME funding level of \$ 285 million authorized in FY 2001, under the "Children's Hospital Education and Research Act."

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement. Best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Larry M. Gold
President & CEO

CC: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, 216 OEOP, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, DC 20500
The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500



December 9, 1999

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the chair of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut, I want to express my personal appreciation for your significant leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. Because my service as a volunteer board member makes me keenly aware of the needs of children and quality health care, I understand the demands placed on children's hospitals to meet this need. I know that this legislative victory will benefit children served by our hospital and throughout the nation.

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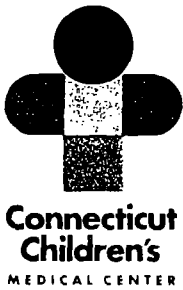
Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement. Best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Gavin
Chair, Board of Directors, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

CC: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, 216 OEOB, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, DC 20500

The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500



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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

December 9, 1999

Dear Mr. President:

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On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

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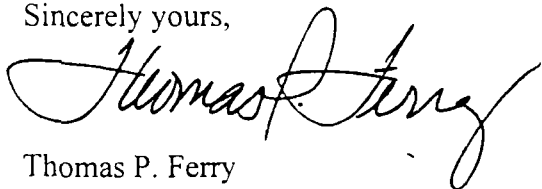
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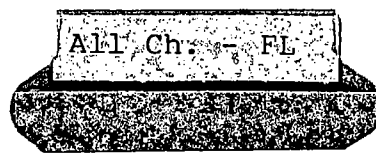
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Cc: The First Lady

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St. Petersburg, FL - Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress on November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to All Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and send it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285-million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like All Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40-million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it November 18, and the Senate followed suit on November 19.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said J. Dennis Sexton, President of All Children's Hospital. "They have provided what amounts to start-up funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build upon in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're encouraged by the progress we've made."

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The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Florida original co-sponsors of H.R. 1579 Rep. Michael Bilarakis (R) and Rep. Bill Young (R), and S. 391 original co-sponsors Senators Bob Graham (D) and Connie Mack (R). In addition, House sponsors from Florida were Reps. Corrine Brown (D), Jim Davis (D), Peter Deutsch (D), Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R), Mark Foley (R), Alcee Hastings (D), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R), Carrie Meek (D), Clay Shaw (R), Karen Thurman (D), and Robert Wexler (D). They were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate co-sponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. The issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

The 45 independent children's hospitals and 14 children's rehabilitation hospitals affected by this legislation represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals around the United States, like the two in Florida - All Children's Hospital and Miami Children's Hospital, receive on average 1/200th of the Medicare graduate medical education support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285-million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal graduate medical education support.

"Those of us at All Children's Hospital owe special thanks to Congressmen Michael Bilarakis and Bill Young in the House of Representatives and Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack in the Senate who played key leadership roles in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Sexton. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital -- clinical care for those who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art in children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to insure we continue to do what we do best -- focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic needs."

All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL is a 216 bed referral center for children that serves as one of the University of South Florida College of Medicine's primary teaching hospitals. The hospital has over 150 pediatric medical and surgical specialists and trains approximately 50 resident physicians each year.

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Miami, FL

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 1999**

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**MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS**

Congress passes "Children's Hospitals Education & Research Act"

[Miami] – Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical to the future of children's health care and to Miami Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Miami Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill on November 4, 1999.

In related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for the physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have take a critical first step with these moves," said Thomas M. Rozek, President and C.E.O. of Miami Children's Hospital.

"They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and please by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support from all members of the Florida Delegation who were among more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the

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However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Miami Children's Hospital owe special thanks to the South Florida Community & hospital physicians who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Dr. Fima Lifshitz, Chief of Staff. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Miami Children's Hospital, founded in 1950, is the only licensed specialty hospital for children in South Florida. The 268-bed medical complex offers comprehensive medical care and services for children from birth to age 21.

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November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Miami Children's Hospital in Miami, Florida, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

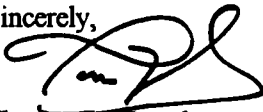
It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

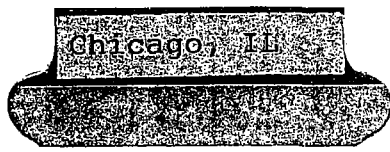
Sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer

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CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO BENEFITS FROM LANDMARK LEGISLATION

CHICAGO – US Congressman Jerry Weller (R-Morris) was instrumental in helping to pass landmark legislation critical to the future of children's teaching hospitals nationwide, including Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Late last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent teaching hospitals like Children's Memorial Hospital.

Under the Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill, independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million for the fiscal year 2000. This start-up funding is an important step in helping teaching hospitals in achieving Congress' goal under the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" of achieving \$285 million in annual funding to reach an equitable competitive playing field in funding their GME programs.

"Congressman Weller played a significant role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation that will help fund training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children," said Patrick Magoon, president and CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital. "We are extremely grateful to Congressman Weller for supporting this issue which will help us remain viable to serve critically ill children from every corner of the state."

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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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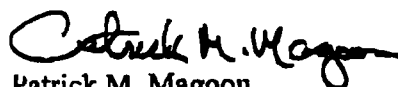
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