## DONORSPOTLIGHT

*Vincent Baricaua's commitment to raising funds for Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is about helping families make miracles happen.* 

**Vincent Baricaua** was first introduced to Children's Specialized Hospital 10 years ago during a RE/MAX (longtime Children's Miracle Network Hospitals partner) awards ceremony. It was his first year in real estate and he was eager to make an impact, achieve great things and win sales awards!

He was immediately struck by the award for #1 fundraising office in NJ, "I turned to the people around me and told them that had to be the coolest award to win one day and I will win it!" Since that day, Vincent's RE/MAX Our Town office has been the #1 Fundraising Office time and time again!

Vincent's commitment to raising funds for CSHF isn't just about winning awards, "To me it's spiritual," he says. "It's growth and contribution. It's giving kids a fighting chance. It's helping families who are praying to God to make miracles happen. I want to help families make those miracles happen."

Vincent's RE/MAX Our Town office held their first Raising the Stakes for a Miracle Gala (RTSFAM) in 2010 and it was a resounding success. **Raising more than \$417,000 over the past 10 years**, the RTSFAM Our Town Gala has become a yearly inspiration.

"Organizing this event each year is one of my favorite experiences. It gives me the opportunity to meet so many generous and caring people," says Vincent.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, RE/MAX Our Town was unable to hold their annual gala. But, they wouldn't let COVID win! The office came together and organized a virtual Mega Raffle instead featuring four exciting prizes, including a car. The Mega Raffle was amazingly successful raising over \$47,000!



When asked how his commitment to CSH impacts his employees, Vincent has a quick and easy answer, "My commitment to philanthropy impacts my business and our team in a very POSITIVE way! While helping children and their families through Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, we feel uplifted and we a send message to the world that a simple act of kindness, when joined by many, can make a GIGANTIC DIFFERENCE!" He continued, "Anyone can have an impact with a simple act of kindness, and, even when we reach one person who does nothing else but feel connected, share my Facebook post or tell more people about it, I know we're making an impact."

If you're inspired by Vincent Baricaua's story and would like to explore ways you can help transform the lives of the children we serve at CSH, please feel free to reach out to us at 908-239-7385. Remember, Vincent says anyone and everyone can make a difference!



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healthcare needs. Give today at www.childrens-specialized.org/donate.