



PennState Health
Children's Hospital



**Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals**

2023-2024 **IMPACT REPORT**

MIRACLE CHILD **STELLA**

#GiftOfGrowingUp



Children's Miracle Network Hershey

Children's Miracle Network funds life-saving **equipment**, vital patient **programs**, and innovative **research** to help provide the best possible care to sick and injured children in our community. CMN also funds four critical pediatric **endowments** to make an impact that will last for generations to come.

Since it began locally in 1984, Children's Miracle Network has raised more than **\$91 million** for Penn State Health Children's Hospital.

In 2023, CMN Hershey earned **two awards** - highest overall fundraising and highest per capita fundraising for medium-sized CMN Hospitals. Those funds are raised, often one dollar at a time, by individual donors, Miracle Families, corporate partners, and community fundraisers who are all **passionate** about changing kids' health.

Together, we give children the **gift of growing up**.



Miracle Mom **Jean** and Miracle Child **Sumayah**

CMN Dollars at Work



Lifesaving Equipment

CMN dollars provide our hospital with essential equipment that saves kids' lives, like **pediatric ambulances** and transport **isolettes** that can safely carry even the smallest patients. CMN also funds specialized equipment such as **VECTA machines** and **AngelEye cameras**, which help loved ones to stay connected to their babies in the NICU.



Vital Patient Programs

CMN supports critical programming that helps to normalize the hospital experience for kids and families, such as **Child Life**, Art and **Music Therapy**, and the **Hummingbird Program**. CMN also supports community programs like Trauma and Injury Prevention, community gardens, and **medical camps**.



Transformative Research

Every year, 40% of CMN's funding is allocated toward innovative **pediatric research**. These funds are critical at each point along the research journey, fueling ideas, discoveries, and real-world **solutions** that make a huge impact on the lives of children - such as the study on the effectiveness of the adolescent eating disorder clinic that helped Miracle Child Molly to get healthy.



Pediatric Research Funding: **\$1M**

Current Research Studies:

- A study of **microbes** in the saliva of preterm infants with intestinal and lung disease
- A study evaluating different types of weighing in adolescent **eating disorder** treatment
- A study on the mechanisms of **smell disorders** caused by prenatal alcohol exposure
- A study of **dopamine** cell receptors as cognitive enhancers in ADHD



A **PRO Wellness** event at West Hanover Elementary

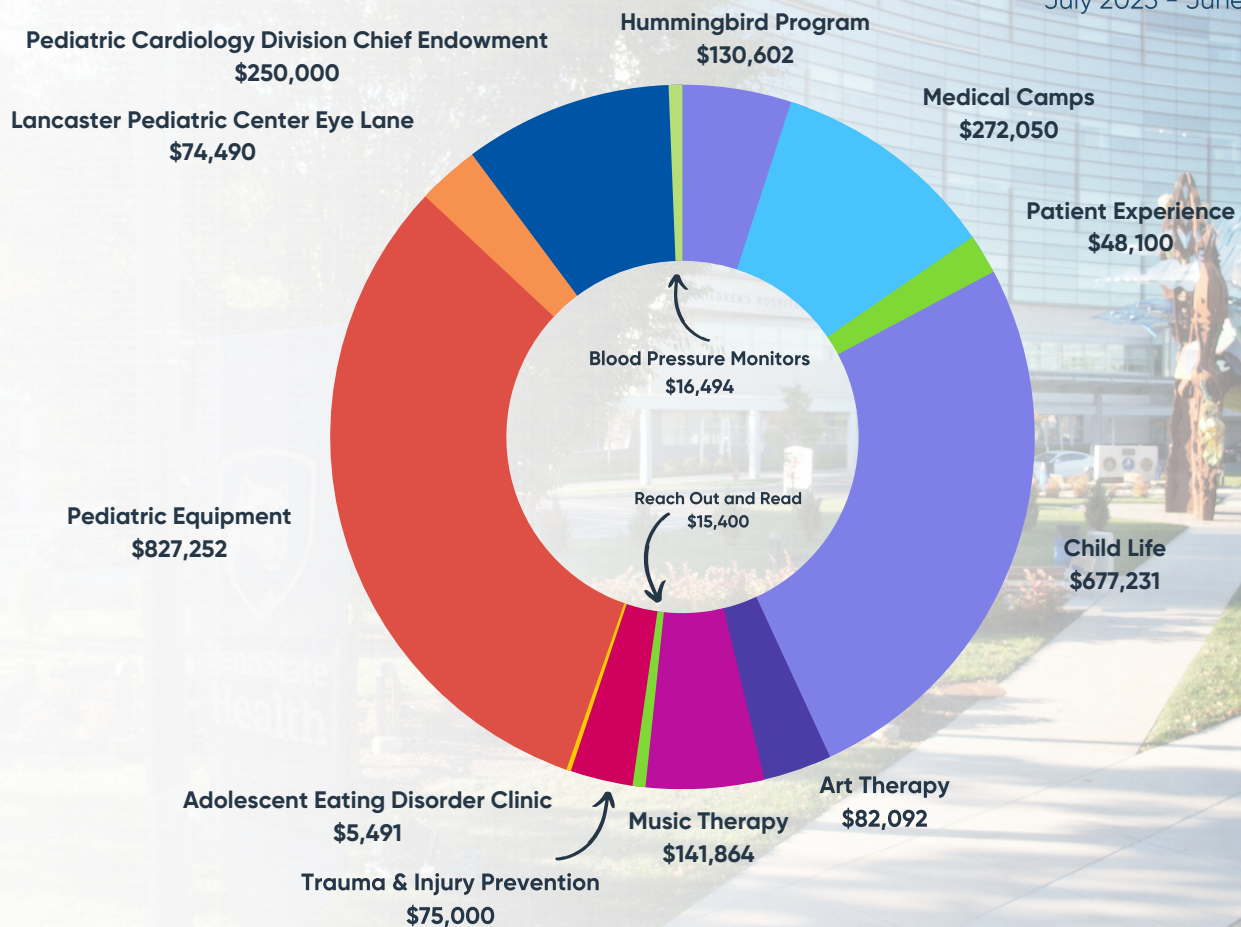
Chair of Pediatrics Priorities:

- **CHILD** research, which studies acute and chronic **lung** disease
- General **pediatrics** research, including a study on overweightness in formula-fed infants
- The **PRO Wellness** program, which helps kids to eat well and stay active
- **Neonatology** research to reduce the pain of babies' bloodwork heel pricks
- Support for the **Pediatric Research Resource Office** and its staff

Clinical Funding: **\$3.1M**

Fiscal Year 2024

July 2023 – June 2024



A large, modern glass-fronted building of the Penn State Health Children's Hospital. In the foreground, a blue banner with the Penn State Health logo and name is hanging from a pole.

Penn State Health Children's Hospital

The eight-floor **Children's Hospital** includes a Level One Children's Surgery Center (the highest level), a Women and Babies Center, and a Labor and Delivery Unit.

100,000+
kids treated every year

Highest level
neonatal and pediatric intensive care units

U.S. News & World Report
leader in pediatric cancer

Pediatric Endowments

To help create a lifelong impact for patients and families, CMN funds four **endowments** focused on pediatric research, pediatric cardiology, patient assistance, and medical student equity.

Educational Equity Scholarship

This endowment supports aspiring physicians of **diverse backgrounds** who hope to pursue a career in pediatrics. Medical education is costly, and those who come from groups historically **underrepresented** in higher education and medicine can face additional challenges.



Educational Equity Scholarship
Recipient **Rea**

Patient Assistance Endowment

This endowment helps families like Brian with the **unexpected cost** of medication, medical devices, travel expenses, food, clothing, and more to ease the **financial burden** of a child's medical diagnosis.

Pediatric Research Endowment

This endowment supports **pilot projects** for researchers to prove theory and concept before applying to larger external funding sources. Past projects include **innovations** such as the 3D heart printer technology that helped to save Miracle Child Henry's life.

The newly-established **Pediatric Cardiology Division Chief Endowment** will support clinical and translational initiatives in pediatric cardiology.



Miracle Child **Brian** is one of several kids in the Yoder family with complex medical issues