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- ♥ Your gift will fuel groundbreaking research and innovative treatments that push the limits of what's possible in healing to save precious young lives.
- ♥ Your gift will nurture the compassionate care that sustains children emotionally as well as physically.

Children's Hospital is a world-class medical center right here in Pittsburgh, our hometown. We're ranked "one of the Top 10 Children's Hospitals" in America by U.S. News & World Report. We're here for kids in our neighborhood and across the country because of generous supporters like you.

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NEWS AND STORIES ABOUT YOUR IMPACT ON OUR KIDS!

Failing Organs Can't Stop This Little Guy

How your support keeps Laith going strong!

He's only eight. Already he's had two heart transplants and a kidney transplant. But Laith stays strong like the tigers on his pajamas.

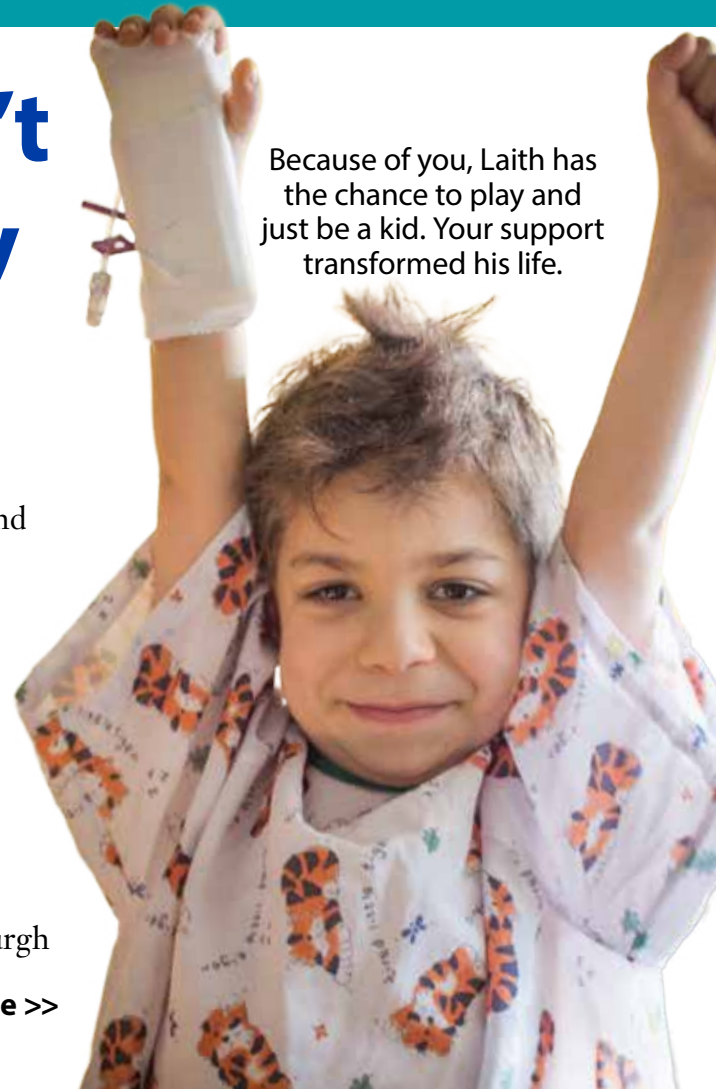
When he was born, the doctors thought Laith had acid reflux. Then his pediatrician noticed something, and an X-ray revealed the truth.

Laith's heart was twice the normal size. He needed a transplant and fast. The family moved from Oregon to Pittsburgh, so Laith could be treated at Children's, one of the few hospitals doing pediatric heart transplants.

"We were so grateful," Laith's mom says, "to be in Pittsburgh

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Because of you, Laith has the chance to play and just be a kid. Your support transformed his life.



See the GOOD You Do!

Thank you for helping to bring hope
and healing to sick and injured kids!



Welcome to Children's Heroes

Photo: Dr.
George Gittes
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Dr. George Gittes

Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

There's so much about Children's Hospital to be proud of. It's the world-class pediatric center right here in Pittsburgh in our Lawrenceville neighborhood. Parents come from all over the country — and even the world — so that they're kids can be treated here.

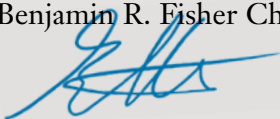
Did you know that the first pediatric transplant in the country was done right here at Children's? It's true! We've done more pediatric transplants than any children's hospital in the world. And this is just one of our specialties.

I'm telling you this not to brag (well, maybe a little bit!) but to show that your giving supports the best care there is for kids. You drive our breakthrough medical research, our pioneering treatments, and our compassionate care.

From the moment a worried mom or dad parks the car to the moment they walk out of our doors all smiles with their little one, you're there. It's because of you that Children's is the place for kids. Thank you for caring, and thank you for supporting Children's!

George K. Gittes, M.D.

Benjamin R. Fisher Chair of Pediatric



Dear Friend,

I'm thrilled to welcome you to Children's Heroes — the very first issue of our newsletter about how you're saving kids' lives here at Children's

Dr. Gittes not only leads Children's, but also captains the pioneering research we do. He keeps us at the forefront of medical science.

JUVENILE DIABETES: New Research Unlocking the Mystery


Dr. George Gittes and his team are at the forefront of diabetes research. They're engaged in four leading-edge studies that hold real promise for the future of juvenile diabetes treatment.

Gene therapy. Dr. Gittes and his team are exploring gene therapy for juvenile diabetes. Early results show that, with just one injection, gene therapy may eradicate diabetes in mice.

Pancreas ducts. Another study looks at the drainage ducts in the pancreas. This study could reveal how beta cells produce insulin — a mechanism that isn't understood.

Glucagon. Type 1 and type 2 diabetes is a result of too much of a hormone called glucagon. Dr. Gittes and his team are investigating how an imbalance of glucagon causes diabetes.

Insulin production. With the latest imaging technology, Dr. Gittes and his team are exploring insulin production in mice embryos. This could reveal how to stimulate insulin — a breakthrough in diabetes treatment.

Amazing discoveries are just around the corner. Your giving supports them, along with the compassionate treatment happening every day at Children's. Thank you! 

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Once his chemo is finished, Austin looks forward to beating leukemia. And he has you to thank.

The Diagnosis Knocked Him Down But Your Support Is Lifting Austin Up Again

Austin was a strapping young teenager, playing football and loving life. Until the headaches started.

Sharp, cutting headaches. Then the fatigue and the back pain.

“We assumed it was from football,” Austin’s grandfather says. “He’d come home from practice and go straight to bed.”

Unusual purple spots appeared on his legs. Then, a lump on his head. “I didn’t tell anyone right away,” Austin said. But he was scared.

Austin’s folks brought him to Children’s. Our doctors examined him and their findings shocked the whole family — leukemia.

Austin started on chemo. He stays at Children’s for a month, and then goes home for a week. He’ll have four rounds of chemo altogether. The treatment isn’t easy. But he toughs it out.

“Hearing all the support from

“They call me the Mayor of the Floor,” he says, laughing.

my friends and coaches,” he says, “lifts me up a lot.”

After his chemo is finished, Austin’s doctors will determine what’s next. Meantime, he focuses on getting better.



He loves meeting the athletes who visit Children’s. He likes spending time in our sun room, and joking with the nurses. “They call me the Mayor of the Floor,” he says, laughing.

With his chemo going well, the outlook for Austin is extremely good. He has the best care there is. And he has you. Your support is the good thing that happens when bad things happen to kids. ♥

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Laith’s first heart transplant was at three months. His second at three years old. Things were looking up. But disaster struck.

Laith’s kidneys began failing. He had to go on dialysis. Then the most amazing thing happened. Someone saw Laith’s story on Facebook and decided to donate her kidney. With Laith’s blood type, it could have taken a year to find a match. Laith’s mom is still stunned and still grateful.

“A month after the transplant,” she says, “his energy shot up. He wanted to jump and run — what a difference!”

bursting with excitement. “I don’t have a favorite game right now, not even CLOSE!”

This happy childhood is your

“We were so grateful,” Laith’s mom says, “to be in Pittsburgh with doctors who know how to take care of him.”

Laith continues to improve, and he’s in second grade now, doing the things kids do. “I like ALL video games,” Laith says,

support at work. Thank you for all you do for sick and injured kids and their loving parents at Children’s. ♥

Don’t You Just Love Them?

They’re cute. They’re kooky. They’re our kids at Children’s, and we just love them. Of course, you do too. Your generous support is helping them get better.



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