

Nemours® Fund for Children's Health

Great news to share thanks to you

February 2020



INSPIRING GENEROSITY

The Nemours Fund for Children's Health held their annual donor reception and announced the 2019 recipients of the Inspiration Awards. These awards are given to donors based on generosity and commitment to the community.

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BRINGING CARE CLOSER

Nemours is committed to expanding services in Southern Delaware to better meet the needs of children who live there. In late 2020, we will open Nemours duPont Pediatrics, a new specialty care site in Milford on the Bayhealth Sussex Campus.

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PAYING IT FORWARD

Meet Jessica and Delaney. Two best friends, both treated at Nemours-- Jessica for stage 4 cancer and Delaney for juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Their recent visit wasn't just for follow up appointments, though ... it was also to help other kids just like them!

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CONCORDVILLE SUBARU SHARES LOVE AND MORE

Concordville Subaru and Share the Love are once again supporting children at Nemours. Their generosity over the years has raised over \$400K for different areas of the hospital. This year, they are focused on raising funds for the Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. To help them reach their goal to help our kids, Concordville Subaru will donate \$250 for every new Subaru purchase or lease over select holiday weekends throughout the year.

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GIVING FAMILIES THE CHANCE TO HONOR CAREGIVERS

We often hear from our families that their Nemours experience feels "personal" and like an "extension of family." For some, that comfort comes from their incredible nurses and doctors, and for others, that support is from a compassionate social worker or child life specialist. There is always a special caregiver that stays in their heart through care and beyond, and now families will have the opportunity to honor them.

We are excited to announce the beginning of a campaign that celebrates all the love, care, and support our children and families experience from our exceptional caregivers throughout their medical journey at Nemours.

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THANK YOU TO OUR NICU HEROES

As 2019 came to a close, we were so moved by the donor and community support toward our year-end goal to help our smallest patients in the Nemours Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Thank you to everyone who helped change lives for these children. Please take a moment to learn more about each of our NICU patient ambassadors and how these generous gifts will help the future for other children just like them.

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“
Dear Dr. Nichols,
Thanks so much for fixing
my feet, cant wait to see
you again cant wait to see
how much faster I run.”

15TH ANNUAL



JUNE 19

A NIGHT AT
NEMOURS



A SPECIAL WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE



Irma pictured as a young girl
with her family



Along with her husband Wally and friends Francis duPont and Trustee of the Alfred I. duPont Charitable Trust Jack Porter, Irma re-visited the original hospital building as well as the 1984 structure and the new inpatient facility. Pictured left to right: Wally, Irma, Francis, and Jack

“I made it and did everything anyone else could do.” This is how Irma describes her medical journey which began the day she was born. The first time Irma’s mother held her, she was wearing an arm cast – a break that happened during birth. When Irma was 10 months old and unable to stand, her mother knew something was wrong. Irma’s family, eager to seek help, brought her to the Alfred I. duPont Institute, originally an orthopedics hospital for children, now known as Nemours. It was here that they found the comfort and safety that Irma needed.

Irma was first admitted in 1939 as a 1-year-old and spent 18 months in treatment. Subsequently, as a 6-year-old, she was readmitted for another 18 months for correction of problems resulting from the bi-lateral dislocation of her hips. The treatment not only granted her the opportunity to live a fulfilling life, but it also helped contribute to the greater understanding of bi-lateral dislocations and the corrections associated with them.

Reflecting back on that time in her life, Irma explains how she only knew the love of her care team. “Back home, I knew that I was different. I couldn’t run around like the other kids and I knew that my family felt sorry for me. But at Nemours, I never felt different. I always felt personally loved and cared for.” Irma and the other patients would often have to wait until designated family-visit days to see loved ones, but she expressed, “I never felt lonely, because I always felt like I had family here.”

When Irma was inpatient she was often immobile. A smile swept her face when she remembered a morning that made that challenging time much better. One day, she awoke to a headboard full of books to read and, “I knew it this was much more than a hospital and that everyone here deeply cared for us.”

By the time Irma was 7, she could walk, and at 9, received her first bicycle. Nemours gave Irma the opportunity to experience all that she wanted as a child, and for that, she is eternally grateful. In the 1960’s, Irma became a Nemours volunteer to help other children in need.

Until recently, Irma had never returned to the place where she spent so many months as a child and later as a volunteer. Along with her husband Wally and friends Francis duPont and Trustee of the Alfred I. duPont Charitable Trust Jack Porter, Irma re-visited the original hospital building as well as the newer structures. She was astounded by the progress and so happy to take this very significant walk down memory lane.

SHARE YOUR STORY

