



# The Impact of Your Philanthropy

The Board of Visitors

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Children's National Hospital is deeply grateful for the unwavering support of The Board of Visitors. For 150 years, you have been our partner in ensuring that every moment a child is in our care is a step toward renewed health and well-being.

This year, the coronavirus pandemic changed our world and the way we provide care. Your generous gift of \$15,000 helped us remain nimble to deliver the exceptional, compassionate care that families rely on. Every child who walks through our doors can count on us because they can count on you.



## Keeping Parents and Babies Together

Bleary from anesthesia, Catherine held her newborn daughter for a few precious minutes before Sadie was whisked away to a helicopter bound for Children's National Hospital. Thanks to our new NICVIEW system, Catherine was able to get a crystal clear view of her baby while recuperating in a hospital bed miles away.

NICVIEW cameras allow parents to stay connected to their child and visually check in on their progress when they can't be by their bedside. This system is especially impactful for mothers like Catherine who recover from C-sections in their local hospitals while their newborn children are being cared for at Children's National.

"It's been a lifesaver for her, because she would have been a nervous wreck wondering what was going on," says Catherine's husband, Brian. "It's great for her to have an eye on Sadie and see what's going on and just be able to know what is happening."

Your generosity enabled us to provide a NICVIEW camera in every room in our neonatal intensive care unit where we provide the No. 1 ranked newborn care in the country. Since the system was installed, up to 30 families a week log in to view secure, live streaming video of their babies.



## You Keep Families Connected During the Pandemic

NICVIEW cameras have been invaluable during the coronavirus pandemic, which has turned families' lives upside down. A NICU stay can create more trauma, as increased safety protocols limit time with a newborn. At our hospital, bedside visitations are limited to one parent at a time. NICVIEW cameras allow the other parent to stay connected. Bedside visits from extended family members have been halted completely, but NICVIEW technology allows these key support networks for our NICU patients and parents to visit virtually. NICVIEW is a wonderful extension of family-centered care. Nurses can send notes and updates directly to families, giving them peace of mind. Families have reported that because of the individualized notes they receive on the app, they feel more connected to their baby's care.

## A Vintage Affair

A Vintage Affair celebrated its 23rd year in 2020. This annual Board of Visitors event raised more than \$1.1 million, including \$84,000 to support virtual reality (VR) technology for nurse training.

VR, which creates a simulated environment, is a revolutionary way for our nurses and teams to learn. As the complexity of our patients' needs increase, we will be able to train more nurses in a variety of situations. VR will transform our training and lead to safer, better care and better results. It provides opportunities to experience potential scenarios, such as pediatric advanced life support and a fire in the operating room.

## 2019 At a Glance



**1,300**

active clinical  
research projects



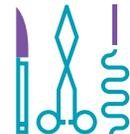
**240,390**

unique  
patients



**\$67+ million**

uncompensated  
care



**17,895**

surgical cases  
performed



**#1** for newborn care  
and top-10 overall in  
*U.S. News & World Report*  
Best Children's Hospitals

“ The Board of Visitors' support has uplifted the futures of countless children. For 150 years, they have been lockstep with Children's National Hospital helping to serve the most vulnerable population while advancing care and treatment for our most ill. ”

Kathy Gorman, M.S.N., R.N., F.A.A.N.

Executive Vice President  
Patient Care Services and Chief Operating Officer  
Children's National Hospital

## With Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for partnering with us for 150 years to help children grow up stronger! The Board of Visitors' generosity has brought new innovations to life and supported the world-class care that is our hallmark. Children's National would not be what it is today, one of the nation's top pediatric institutions, without you. We look forward to another 150 years of caring for children together – in our community, across the nation and around the world.