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# Surpassing the goal

The wePromise Campaign for Children's Dallas exceeded its goal a full year ahead of schedule and raised more than \$160 million



FROM LEFT: wePromise Campaign co-chairs Sandra Estess and Gifford **Touchstone** look at the past, present and future of Children's with President and Chief **E**xecutive Officer Christopher J. Durovich.

Surpassing the \$150 million wePromise Campaign goal for Children's Dallas in 2005 is a landmark in the hospital's philanthropic history. The early end of the Campaign is a mark of pride for the thousands of employees, friends and donors throughout the community whose generous contributions testify to the great value the North Texas community places on the health of their children.

"We are deeply grateful to the community for its resounding support of our children," said Christopher J. Durovich, Children's president and chief executive officer. "It represents a natural and very powerful collaboration, which allows us to continually pursue clinical excellence and new knowledge focused on every child, every day."

The historic occasion heralds the beginning of a new era for philanthropy at Children's.

"The tremendous support for the wePromise Campaign for Children's was

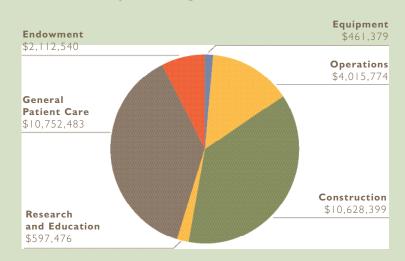
wonderful," said Sandra Estess, Campaign co-chair. "We are grateful to everyone who made an investment in support of Children's."

The increasing pace of support initiated by the Campaign has made possible tremendous growth and development at Children's — not just in terms of facilities, but in terms of overall talent, expertise and international recognition. Children's is considered one of the leading pediatric hospitals in the country in a variety of different specialties, and further philanthropic support is paramount for continuing to enhance leading-edge facilities, recruit nationally-renowned talent, and provide the research funding necessary to improve standards of care for the future.

"It's rewarding to witness everything that has been accomplished since we launched the Campaign, and with these gifts we will continue to see progress well into the future," said Gifford Touchstone, Campaign co-chair.

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#### Contributions by fund designation



#### **Contributions by constituency**

Individuals/Family Foundations	\$8,4/5,5/2
Other Foundations	\$5,076,851
Corporations/Corporate Foundations	\$2,284,129
Associations	\$2,628,111
Estates	\$10,103,388

## 2005 gift highlights

The full scope of 2005 giving totaled more than \$28 million and can be seen in the charts at left. The year was highlighted by the following outstanding gifts to support Children's:

**\$8.3** million gift from the estate of Mary Celestia Fisher will be used for the creation of the Mary Celestia Fisher Discovery Fund, to be used to support recruitment of leading pediatric physicians and train outstanding young physicians as clinical investigators. The fund will focus on improving child health through scientific research.

**\$2.7** million grant from the Harry S. Moss Heart Trust supports the construction and equipping of the Annette Simmons Heart Hospital, a vital part of the Comprehensive Center for Heart Care at Children's. The center will improve patient care and promote major advances so more children will survive heart disease and heart defects.

**\$2** million challenge grant from The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Inc. also supports the Annette Simmons Heart Hospital. This grant also will encourage others to contribute to this project, which will enable Children's to have the physical facilities necessary to promote innovation in pediatric cardiac care.

# Legacy Campaign launched

Children's announced the wePromise Campaign for Children's Medical Center Legacy in 2005 to engage leaders and philanthropists in the community to help fill the need for expert pediatric care in the counties north of Dallas.

A highly dedicated team of civic leaders, led by honorary steering committee chairs Dr. Betty Bell Muns and James Muns and committee chair Michael Dardick, is overseeing the \$15 million fund-raising Campaign for the new hospital, scheduled to open in early 2008. More than \$6.3 million already was committed to the Campaign through 2005.

#### Leaders in giving

• \$1 million — Joyce and Denny Houlihan,

founder and former chair of Sage Telecom, Inc. The Houlihans are members of the Children's Legacy Steering Committee.

- \$500,000 Sandy and Dave Brennan, founder and president of Brennan Financial Services.
  Dave Brennan hosts a weekly, call-in radio show, Dollars and Sense, on WBAP.
- \$500,000 Lisa and Douglas Hickok, president and owner of Marquis Management. Lisa Hickok is a member of the Children's Legacy Steering Committee.
- \$500,000 Carolyn and Mark Speese, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Rent-A-Center, Inc.
- \$800,000 LegacyTexas Bank.
- \$500,000 PepsiCo Foundation.

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grateful to the following dividuals who have named Children's as a beneficiary in their wills, estate plans of life-income gifts, such gift annuities.

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James Farnsworth Endowed Health Careers Scholarship For scholarships to encourage

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ent events and

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Children's annual

## Good memories are medicine for the heart

Families who have lost a child to disease find that helping other children is a way to honor their child, find self-healing

#### Clayton Dabney was fearless because of angels

and was pulled to assured her that he wasn't scared, that told him it wasn't ance many times a while he was at Children's for treatment of rhab-



Clayton Dabney Foundation for Kids with the final stages of terminal cancer. Angels are the recurring icon for the CDF.

"When Clayton was sick, we were very fortunate that we had the resources to drop everything to be with him," Scott Dabney

to make ends meet. The Dabneys formed the CDF to help make sure that no child dies alone and that no family is left without memories.

"This is a way to keep Clayton's memory alive and is part of the healing a lifetime friend of the Dabneys.

The CDF provides whatever it takes the rent — so parents can afford to spend time at the hospital.

The Dallas-based CDF helped 160 fam-Dabney's catchphrases: "When you help

The CDF also ed to the Children's and proannual Children's

"Our wish is that every family would have the chance to

end of it all, when a child is gone, there he had. From our own healing process, we know good memories are medicine for the heart."

#### Mark Deramee's sense of humor encouraged others

geous sense of humor. His family laughs long and unabashed when telling stories months at Children's fighting an incredibly rare brain tumor and who never ceased to encourage the people around him.

his mother, Brenda Deramee.

Make-A-Wish Foundation flew him to California to meet his hero, comedian and

was an avid soccer player, and every year since his death in 1999, family, friends

and community come together for the Mark Deramee Memorial Soccer tumor research at Children's by selling raffle tickets and soliciting prizes from the community. Pancake breakfasts and an annual bowling tournament raise additional funds. To date, the Deramees have raised more than \$40,000 for Children's to help children like Mark.

## Krissi Holman considered Children's home In 2004, Krissi Holman shared with family patients and families would have a place

to retreat and escape through stories.

Krissi spent five years in and out of Children's, battling a rare disease known

The creation of the Krissi Holman Family Resource Library and Children's Collection was an act of love and honor for Krissi. The concept had been in development for several years, but it was More than 6,000 children's books have

what's going on," said Leon Holman, her that Krissi loved almost as much as home.



A young patient passes time at the Krissi Holman Family Resource Library and Children's Collection at Children's, which opened in 2005.

# Tom Thumb stores show 'Kindness for Kids'

nor the past decade, yellow kid-L' shaped cutouts have been a familiar The \$1 icons are the mainstay of Tom Thumb's Kindness for Kids program, which raises tens-of-thousands of dollars

1948, the founders' lifetime goal was to director of Public Affairs for Tom Thumb. "Giving to Children's is an incredible way

Funds from recovered cancer patients. Other

software and equipment upgrades to help Kids' Cancer. Tom Thumb also sponsors ensure the best possible patient care.

"Our support for Children's is broadly that gives us the freedom to synchronize our funds with the hospital's immediate



The Women's Auxiliary Family Night at Six Flags is one way Tom Thumb supports

other organization's efforts to reduce childhood obesity, prevent child abuse and

## Generosity stewards future of Children's

#### Children's Circle of Care

reached a record 197 community memcontributed \$10,000 or more to Children's Medical Center. Children's is one of 22 participating pediatric hospitals.

advocacy by educating and leading benefactors of partici

bers can learn

supports pediatric research, hear from premier physicians and scientists at the forefront of improving children's health and meet peers from across the conti-

Dallas Children's Circle of Care

musician Kenny Loggins, center,

Leadership Conference.

members Tina and Duffy Oyster are

photographed with Grammy-winning

who performed at the tropical-themed

gala as part of the North American

member retention rates of any Children's Circle of Care member hospital; testimony to the enthusiastic, sustained support of Children's by the North Texas

#### 2005 Circle of Friends

Kathy Crow, chair of the 2005 Circle of

recruited a ters and make phone calls to remind their friends what a



Jack Crow, 10, enjoys giving to Children's.

Children's is and what an important com-

"Children's is a place where every gift helping others," Crow said.

has contributed greatly to an increase in the number of Circle of Friends, donors who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to Children's. Their names are listed on the Red Wagon Wall at the hospital.

ter, Sarah, was cared for the staff is what made most selfless people I have ever met."

not only are she and her Wall, but their oldest old and is learning positive life lessons from

watching his parents. "I always see my dad's name on the plaque at the hospital, and every little ounce of extra money I have I want to give to Children's," he

In 2005, Jack, aided by 7-year-old brother, Rob, held his second annual additional garage sale items from family, than \$1,000.

"When my little sister went to Children's, I was so worried about her, and I am just very thankful she is all right," he said. "It feels really good to give

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ment of leading pediatric physicians and to train outstanding young physicians to become clinical investigators. The focus of the fund will be to improve child

had visited Children's and seen firsthand what a special place it is.

children," Turner said.

Fisher learned early-on about the value were farmers. She was the first woman in

consulting actuar-

carries forward

her ideals and



lives on at Children's

education and children.

life-income gifts. Six new members joined



From left, The Children's Trust 2005 Philanthropy Committee co-chairs M.O. and Jennifer Killion present a \$62,000 injury prevention projects to Paula Yuma, Children's Injury Prevention Program manager; Dr. Todd Maxson, Children's chief of Trauma; and Dr. William Scott, Children's chief of Cardiology.

#### The Children's Trust

In 2005, The Children's Trust reached a Trust is young professionals and families who represent the next generation of leaders providing service and support to Children's. The group fosters an understanding of the goals and structure of year-round educational, social and philan-

In addition to a collective group gift to personal support.

Randi and Ed Halsell Family For support of the ARCH

Arthur and Mary L. Harding Monitoring Unit in the Neurology department Children's Medical Center

Andrea and David A. Hart Endowment Fund

nitiatives for patients and

Healthcare Endowment Fund for Indigent Children in Honor of Mike and Beverly Reilly

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William Joseph Kowalski For support of physical and

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LEAP Endowment For support of infants, children and adolescents receiving

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# Community events, projects focus on hospital

#### Texas Stampede

turing concerts by performers such as Sheryl Crow, Martina organization has raised more than \$2.5 million for Children's.

#### Women's Auxiliary

the frontlines of support for the hospital. Among the first to Critical Care Unit.

Flags, Breakfast with Santa, holiday cards and the Children's for \$716,000 to Children's.

#### D Home Showhouse

the D Home Showhouse. All proceeds from tickets sales and a



Children decorate holiday cookies at Lights of Legacy in Plano.

Dallas Rotary, Ebby Halliday Realtors, EDS, Granite Properties, Iunior League of Plano, Keller Williams Realty of Plano, Lennox Rauscher, The Adolphus, The Children's Trust, The ReSource Group and Women's Auxiliary to Children's Medical Center.

#### Lights of Legacy

lighting of a 65-foot tall Christmas tree. Concerts, crafts, carol-

Bob Smith, M.D. Endowment Fund for Pediatric Urology For support of the Pediatr

educational program Roger and Marianne Staubach

#### Endowment Fund For support of Diabetes Patient

### John and Barbara Stuart Endowment Fund

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Plastic and Craniofacia Surgery Center.

#### James S. Sweeney Endowment Fund

the Pastoral Care department

#### Charles M. and Nadine Tanner Endowment Fund

education of the nursing staff

## Paul P. Taylor Pedodontic For a lectureship on issues in

lames Robinson Terrell and Betty J. F. Terrell For support of the denta

J. J. Tissing Memorial Education

For support of educational initiatives for Non-Advanced Practice Critical Care Service

Tom Thumb After the Cancer Experience Program for Children Endowment Fund For support of the After Cancer Experience (ACE) Cancer and Blood Disorders.

Eleanor W. Allen and Marjorie A. Tranchin Endowment Fund Services and other general charitable purposes

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research conducted by fellows, residents and medical studen

Sharon and Robert Van Cleave

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state-of-the-art surgical facilities

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Care department.

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**BELOW LEFT:** Golfers tee off at the Children's **Medical Center** Chip Moody

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## Chip Moody Classic golf tournament and auction



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# Heroic ambassadors

Wipe Out Kids' Cancer funds research and inspires patients



Cindy Brinker Simmons and the 2006 WOKC Ambassadors.

Wipe Out Kids' Cancer, the passion of Cindy Brinker Simmons, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2005. Simmons founded WOKC in memory of her late mother, tennis legend Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly Brinker, who died of cancer in 1969 at age 34. Children's has been the organization's sole beneficiary since 1985.

"Both Mom and Dad modeled servant leadership, and I want to continue that legacy," Simmons said. "My platform is crusading to eradicate pediatric cancer, and Children's is maximum benefit in blessing young people's lives.

Simmons' relationship with Children's began in 1982 Oncology at Children's, and was impressed by the preeminent work being done at Children's. Her brief tour became a lifelong mission to fund pediatric cancer research.

joined the Children's Board of Directors. The first woman to be vice chair of the Board, she also spent several years as chair of the quality assurance committee. Her resolute commitment to the mission of WOKC was further strengthened when her husband, Bob, was diagnosed with cancer in 2002. The disease claimed his life in 2005.

**Encouraging others** 

During the 25 years that Simmons has been crusading against cancer, survival rates for pediatric cancers have doubled to nearly 90 percent. But cancer still is the No. 2 killer (behind accidents) of children 14 and younger

WOKC launched the Ambassador Program in 1987 to to help give families hope. Each year, 10 to 15 children Ambassadors and attend events like Texas Rangers baseball games and ice skating parties. An annual swim party brings together patients, their families and Ambassador alumni for an evening of fun where they also can share experiences.

Simmons said she believes it is vital for children to realize that cancer does not have to define their lives and that positive things can be realized from the experience.

show these children that people live with cancer and that it confidence in remarkable ways," she said. "We encourage them, and just let them know that cancer is so limited: it cannot destroy the legacy they leave behind."