

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated Pediatric Emergency Department, Dr. Amy Groen for receiving the inaugural Physician of the Year Award for Blank Children's. This award honors the endless contributions physicians make and how they give their time and talents to inspire others.
- Blank Children's Pediatrics Clinic gave over 1,000 COVID-19 vaccines to kids ages 5 and older.
- Twelve new providers joined our team of over 140 specialists at Blank Children's.
- In January 2021, a new Emergency Department was opened for pregnant women, providing 24/7 support and care.

Blank Children's Hospital is committed to providing a healthier future for every child.

The year 2021 for many was challenging, yet uplifting. Isolating, yet at Blank Children's we still had fun.

Through it all, your support carried through to staff, care teams, patients, and families. You brought good to the year.

Thank you!



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You matter.

2021 IMPACT REPORT

Blank Children's Hospital and Women's Services



Your 2021 Impact

You know and have felt the rollercoaster the world has been on for the last two years. Health care organizations, like Blank Children's Hospital, have experienced this more than most.

You can be proud of Blank Children's Hospital. While challenges continue, team members and care teams have stepped up and developed a renewed focus on the mission and the direct impact we have on children's lives. Thanks to you, Blank Children's continues to meet the unique health care needs of children throughout Iowa and beyond.

Donor support helped:

- Littlest patients in the Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) benefit from new equipment.
- Families of patients struggling financially with gas cards from our Compassion Funds.
- Provide multi-disciplinary, holistic medical and mental health response for children.
- Patients laugh and use play for healing, helping kids be kids even in the hospital.
- Child Life Specialists partner with medical teams to reduce stressful and traumatic situations.
- Increase Child Life visits with children experiencing an adult loved one with trauma or illness.



You care deeply about children, and it shows. Take a look at some of the things your support made possible in 2021. You made a difference!

YOU HELPED ...



Provide **2,604** patients, including **936** Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit babies staying in the hospital with compassionate, expert care.



Support **60** newly diagnosed cancer patients along with **44** clinical trials, and ongoing treatment for **hundreds** of children and teens in the Cancer & Blood Disorders Center.



Transport **737** newborn babies and critically-ill children by teams that specialize in this care - by ground in our Pediatric Critical Care Ambulance or by air in our LifeFlight helicopter.



Provide **22,860** Emergency Department visits for patients with injuries and illnesses that couldn't wait. This is a 26% increase from the prior year.



Offer important education to nearly **4,000 health care professionals** across the state so all children in Iowa get the highest level of care when they need it most.



Deliveries

For the seventh year in a row, we delivered the most babies of any hospital system in the state of Iowa. We helped welcome 5,353 totally amazing babies in 2021.

IOWA
METHODIST
3,702

METHODIST
WEST
1,651

Child Life

INTERACTIONS
19,456

PHILANTHROPY-
FUNDED
100%

Being in a hospital or visiting a doctor can be very stressful for children and their families. Child Life Specialists foster healing and recovery by helping children express their concerns and cope with fears.

Giving

TOTAL
GIFTS
\$6,967,831

NUMBER
OF GIFTS
4,128

NUMBER
OF DONORS
2,809

As more and more families choose Blank Children's Hospital for care, we continue to add team members and services to meet the needs of our community. Your support makes a difference in helping provide these life-changing and life-saving programs to children and families when they need it most.