

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated Dr. Samir Alabsi, neonatologist, for receiving the A.H. Blank Physician of the Year Award.
- Awarded the Blank Children's Advanced Practice Provider Star Award to Sea Fey, ARNP, CNM, midwife.
- 24 new providers joined the team of over 150 specialists at Blank Children's.
- Blank Children's received the Gold Certified Safe Sleep Hospital certification by Cribs for Kids.
- Created the Stan and Jody Reynolds High Acuity Unit in the Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
- 54% of Blank Children's Health Providers are in the top 10% and Top 1% nationally for patient experience.
- The 40th Festival of Trees & Lights raised a record breaking \$1,160,000 to support Child Life and the Center for Advocacy & Outreach.

## New Outdoor Garden and Therapy Area

The outdoor space next to Blank Children's Hospital has been transformed thanks to Judy Blank, the Blank Family and Variety - the Children's Charity. This new garden offers a peaceful reprieve for patients, families and team members.

The garden provides great benefits including:

- Sensory experiences through an "I Spy" game.
- A table with shaded umbrella for crafts or projects.
- Seating and wheelchair accessibility.
- A swing!
- Space to promote play through games, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and more.

There is also a dedicated space for patients receiving services from the Variety Pediatric Therapy Department. This new space creates an extension of the therapy gym so children can participate in their physical, occupation or speech therapies in an outdoor setting.

**A big thank you to the donors who brought this new space to life.**



# YOUR Impact MATTERS



## Helping Kids Thrive

Your support can be seen throughout Blank Children's Hospital; in the little moments that bring a smile to a child's face and the big, important moments that forever change lives.

Thanks to you, Blank Children's continues to meet the unique health care needs of children throughout Iowa and beyond. **Areas impacted include:**

### Advocacy & Outreach

Offer important education across all 99 counties through child birth classes, the Fire Safety House, Safe Kids programming and more.

### SHINE/Pediatric Palliative Care

Provides key resources to comfort and support children and their families diagnosed with complex illnesses.

### STAR Center

Serves more children in crisis each year. Last year the STAR center provided 4,079 services to 1,520 children.

### NICU

Update life-saving equipment and state-of-the-art beds in the Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

### Compassion Funds

Support families under financial hardship through the Compassion Fund.

### Child Life

Child Life Specialists partner with medical teams to reduce stressful and traumatic situations.

### Pediatric Therapy

Provide new therapy equipment and hearing screening system for Pediatric Therapy.

You care deeply about the children in our community, and it shows. Take a look at some of the things your support made possible in 2023. You made a difference!

## YOU HELPED ...



Provide **4,890** patients, including 947 NICU babies, staying in the hospital with compassionate, expert care.



Transport **579** 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.



Support **50** newly diagnosed cancer patients along with **33** clinical trials, and ongoing treatment for **hundreds** of children and teens in the Cancer & Blood Disorders Center.



Provide **26,501** Emergency Department visits for patients with injuries and illnesses that couldn't wait.



Offer important child birth education classes to **2,900** people in addition to **234** tours to **850** patients and families.



## Deliveries

For the **ninth year** in a row, more babies in central Iowa were born in our hospitals than anywhere else. We helped welcome 5,043 totally amazing babies in 2023.

<b>IOWA METHODIST</b>	<b>METHODIST WEST</b>
<b>3,569</b>	<b>1,474</b>

## Child Life

<b>INTERACTIONS</b>	<b>PHILANTHROPY-FUNDED</b>
<b>42,273</b>	<b>100%</b>

Being in the 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

<b>TOTAL GIFTS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF GIFTS</b>
<b>\$4,360,272</b>	<b>3,417</b>
<b>NUMBER OF DONORS</b>	
<b>2,191</b>	

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 the 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.

