

# Shaping the Future: Your Gift in Action

University of Vermont Children's Hospital, your local Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospital, provides thousands of children and families with the highest quality, child-friendly, family-centered care available in our region. Donations from our generous community empower us to support employee and leadership-identified areas of greatest need including new initiatives, innovative programs and critically needed equipment.

- **Child Abuse Social Worker & Nurse Practitioner Advanced Training Opportunity**

Funding to provide training for the Child Protection Team's Social Worker and Nurse Practitioner so as to provide child-friendly state-of-the-art evaluations to better identify various forms of child maltreatment while supporting families through child maltreatment investigations.

- **Establishing a Standard Legacy and Bereavement Package in Pediatrics**

Funding to enable our Pediatric Advanced (palliative) Care Team to develop a bereavement program. This ensures children up against life limiting illness can create legacy activities with their families and improve the long term health, wellbeing and end-of-life experiences for a child and family.

- **Pediatric Research Support Fund**

Funds to support research studies in the department of pediatrics that will be of direct benefit to the children of Vermont and Northern New York.

- **Baby Steps: Implementation of Family Centered Neuro-protective Care within the NICU Setting**

Funding to support training in neurologic rehabilitation techniques for neonatal clinicians and therapists. This specialized care helps fosters foundational feeding skills and sensory and motor experiences to promote positive long term development outcomes for NICU patients and families.

- **Inpatient Pediatric Psychology**

Funding to more adequately serve patients and families with psychological needs throughout their UVM Children's Hospital experiences.

- **Outpatient Pediatric Psychology**

Funding to support psychologists in Pediatrics Primary Care, Sleep and other Specialty Care sites to expand their service offerings. This funding aims to improve provider skills and comfort with young people who require physical, emotional, and/or mental health care from their primary care and specialty care teams.



- **Complex Care Social Worker and Program**

Funding to support the Complex Care Social Worker (CCSW) and related programs in the Children's Specialty Center who serve an essential role to increase support for children with complex medical needs. The CCSW in the CSC works to improve the communication between patients, their multiple subspecialists and external community supports to strengthen the overall quality of care for our most vulnerable patients.



- **Child Life in Pediatric Pre-Op**

The Child Life Services program ensures that a surgical procedure is anything but frightening as a child moves from pre-op to the Operating and recovery Room.



### ● Infant Swaddle Sacks for Safe Sleep

Funding provides each newborn with a UVMCH safe sleep swaddle sack. The swaddles serve as a gift and teaching tool as part of our commitment to safe sleep and preventing sudden infant death in our communities.



### ● Reach Out and Read: A National Literacy Project through Primary Care Pediatrics

Funding supports the implementation of Reach Out and Read as a teaching tool at our primary care sites to promote literacy in families and learning.

### ● Kids Fest 2025

Kids Fest is an annual celebratory event in partnership with the Greater Burlington YMCA and Safe Kids VT focused on pediatric health and safety that is inclusive of all families in our community.

### ● Peds Pre-Op Renovation/Rejuvenation Project

Funding provides comfortable and vibrant seating in our pediatric pre-op common use areas in hopes of creating a more welcoming environment for patients and families in the space.

### ● Support Bereavement Coordinator in Developing Best Practices and Up to Date Expertise

Funding supports specialized training for the Pediatric Advanced (palliative) Care Team Bereavement Coordinator to assist patients and families navigating serious life-limiting illnesses and end of-life-care.

### ● Child Life in the Pediatric Lab

This Child Life Services program supports children and families who need to experience a laboratory procedure so as to alleviate the stress and trauma, minimize pain, and foster a sense of success and achievement in an often frightening and painful procedure.

### ● Child Protection Team

Funding to provide mental health support to families who are seen by our Child Protection Team when their child may have experienced abuse and neglect.

### ● Child Life in the Cancer Center

This Child Life Services program works with children whose caregiver has been diagnosed with cancer or with another life-limiting/life-changing diagnosis. The child life specialist funded by this program also provides grief or bereavement support as part of end-of-life care.

### ● Ensuring Equity in Developmental Screening and Resource Connection in Primary Care

Funding to assist with the launch of a pilot program in pediatric primary care facilities to improve screening rates for developmental delay and autism.

### ● Pediatric Palliative Care Program

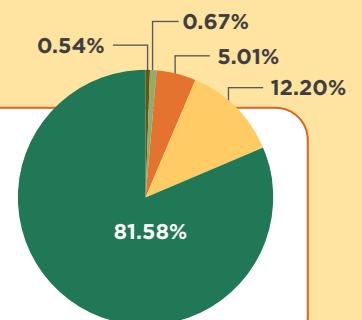
Funding supports the Pediatric Advanced Care Team, providing pediatric palliative care and hospice support for patients and families with serious life-limiting illness, empowering these families during most difficult times.

### ○ CMN Patient Support

Funding to help case managers and social workers support families whose children receive care in the Children's Specialty Clinic, Emergency Department and Inpatient units. Many of these families face financial barriers to accessing medical appointments due to distance or overnight stays. Funding provides families with gas cards, ferry passes, car seats, grocery cards, medical equipment, lodging vouchers, and more.

### Total Funding Breakdown

- Advancement Services \$4,875.55
- Research \$6,000.00
- Education \$45,144.00
- Charitable Care \$110,000.00
- Patient Services \$735,479.61



Programs and projects featured represent grants disbursed in calendar year 2024.