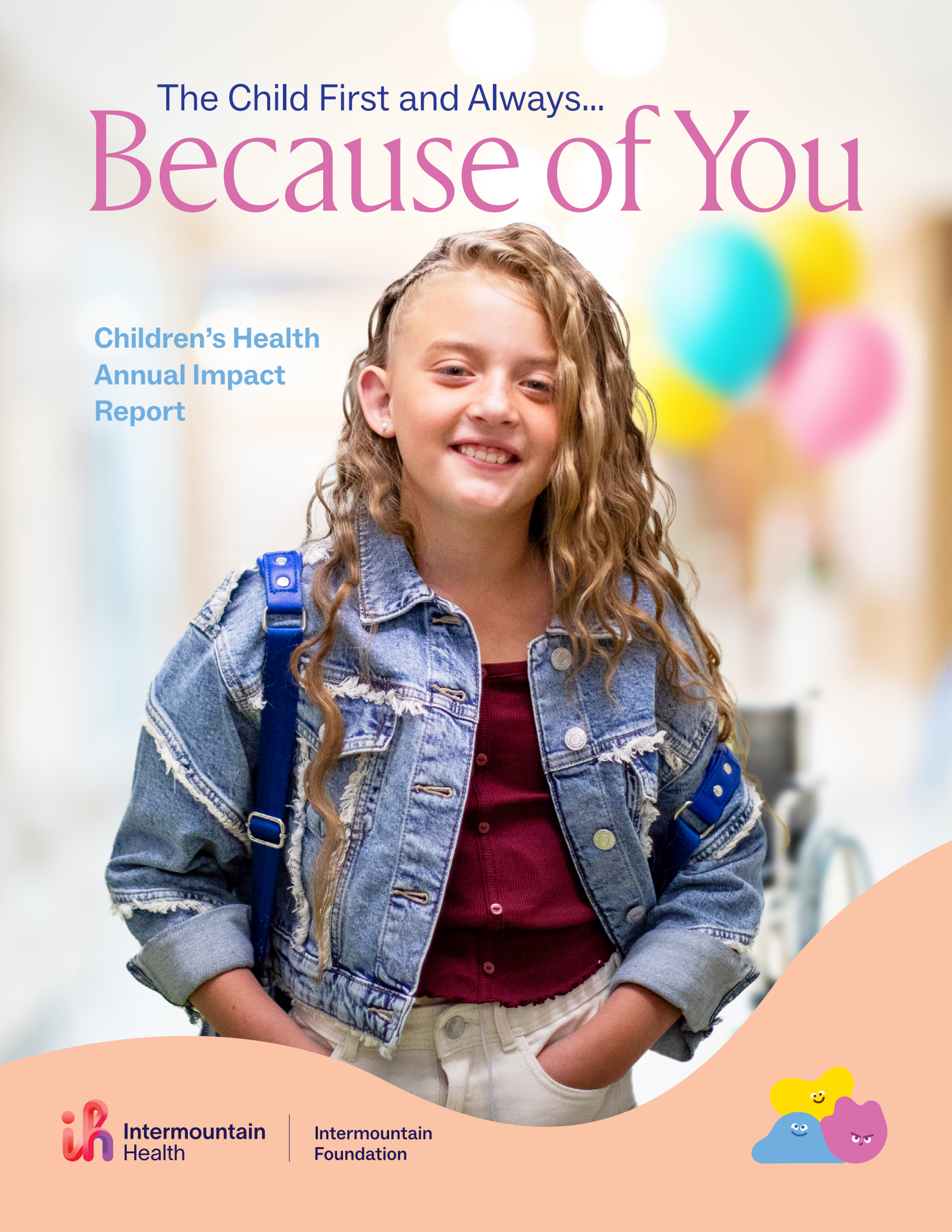
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Children's Health Annual Impact Report



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Leadership Reflections



At Intermountain Health, we believe the strength of a community begins with the health of its children. Our vision for Children's Health goes beyond treating illness — it's about cultivating lifelong well-being and building communities where every child can thrive.

That's why we launched Primary Promise — a bold, once-in-a-generation campaign to build the nation's model health system for children. Our vision was ambitious: strengthen Primary Children's Hospital, address emerging needs, and extend pediatric excellence across the Mountain West and beyond.

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we've surpassed our $600 million minimum target, redefining what pediatric care can and should be. This momentum is helping us move boldly and compassionately into new frontiers of healing, accelerating progress, and ensuring every child receives care grounded in innovation.

As we look to the future, we know our work is far from finished. The needs of children and families are increasing — in urgency, complexity, and scale — and we must rise to meet them. That's why, last year, we announced our intention to build a new stand-alone children's hospital in Nevada and a full replacement of St. Vincent Regional Hospital in Billings, Montana, which will include a new Pediatric Center as part of its expanded services. Philanthropic support remains essential to advancing life-changing programs and services. With your partnership, we can ensure that every child we serve receives the very best care, close to home.

Alongside your generosity, we are deeply grateful for the leadership of our Primary Children's Hospital Philanthropy Board, the legions of dedicated volunteers who bring our events and programs to life, and the visionary leadership of Katy Welkie, Vice President, Intermountain Children's Health, CEO, Primary Children's Hospital. As Katy steps into retirement as one of the most impactful and beloved champions for Children's Health that Intermountain has ever known, her more than four decades of dedication to pediatric care stands as an enduring legacy — one that will continue to inspire our work for years to come.

Your support is expanding and elevating what's possible in Children's Health. You are helping care reach farther, start earlier, and lift families in ways we've long dreamed of. You are helping build something lasting — the nation's model health system for children.



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When I reflect on the journey of Children's Health at Intermountain, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to help lead this work — to stand alongside extraordinary caregivers, serve incredible children and families, and witness the tremendous generosity of donors like you who make it all possible.

Over the years, our pediatric services have evolved from a single hospital, into a systemwide service. And now, we stand at the threshold of a bold new chapter.

I'm thrilled to share that Children's Health has been formally elevated as an enterprise shared service — a powerful milestone that reflects the growing priority of pediatric care across our entire health system. This advancement allows us to better coordinate care, accelerate innovation, and extend our impact across every community we serve. With this transformation comes the need for strong, visionary leadership to guide the way forward.

I'm proud to announce that Mandy Richards, DNP, RN, has been appointed President of Children's Health. In addition to serving as Intermountain's Chief Nursing Executive, Mandy will now lead the strategic direction of Children's Health, advancing pediatric care across our system and representing Children's Health on the Enterprise Leadership Team.

We're also celebrating the promotion of Dustin Lipson to Canyon's Region Children's Market President. Dustin will continue in his role as President of Primary Children's Hospital, Salt Lake Campus, and will now provide operational leadership for our Taylorsville Campus and the Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Campus in Lehi.

These leadership appointments reflect our ongoing commitment to meet the growing and complex needs of children. I have every confidence that Mandy and Dustin will carry this mission forward with clarity, compassion, and strength.

As I transition out of my role, my heart is full. This mission has shaped me in ways I'll carry forever. Your belief in this work has helped us reach this point, and your continued partnership will shape what comes next. Together, we're building a future where children's health is not only a priority — it's a promise.



Katy Welkie, RN, MBA
Emeritus Vice President, Intermountain Children's Health
CEO, Primary Children's Hospital

Thanks to You

everything we do, every decision we make, is about what's best for each patient and family. Behind these numbers are the individual stories of so many children impacted by your generosity over the past year.



$7.5M
Charity Care Funded by Intermountain Foundation

Frozen's "LET IT GO"
Most Requested Song

Favorite room service orders:

Fresh-cut strawberries

French fries

150
Cancer Patients Rang the Bell

46
Days Average NICU Stay

40
Organ Transplants

700
Bone Marrow Transplants

994
Active Research Studies

52,287
Patients Supported by Child Life Specialists

45,571
Hours Volunteered by 637 Volunteers

10,144
Visits by 38 Pet Therapy Teams

3,427
Patients Supported by Chaplains

39,760
Emergency Department Visits

400
New Bonham Fetal Center Patients

100,657
Telehealth Visits

3,233
Patients Received Academic Support Through the School Zone

78,132
AngelEye Camera Views

1,353
Life Flights

100,000+
Pediatric Patients Served

92,000
Books Prescribed at Well-Child Visits Through Reach Out and Read

150
Patients Participated in Rapid Genome Sequencing

1,256
Patients and Family Members Received Lodging Due to Emergent Needs

Leading the Way in Autism Care

In response to the growing need for autism care, Primary Children's Hospital is stepping forward with bold action. A new, specialized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Clinic has opened within the Primary Children's Outpatient Services building at Intermountain Riverton Hospital.

Our expanded Autism Services provides compassionate, research-based, multidisciplinary care that nurtures every child's growth and potential. Development Specialists ensure quick diagnosis so interventions can begin as early as possible, while Child Life Specialists in our Adaptive Care Program tailor plans to each child's unique health and medical needs. Child-sensory spaces help neurodivergent patients feel comfortable, and having all our experts in one location improves access to the full range of services we offer.

Thanks to donors like Sandi Hendry, founder of Minky Couture, whose transformative $3 million gift was announced during the Autism Services ribbon cutting on April 8, more children and families are receiving the care they need.

"This is a huge milestone in our ability to help children with autism who have complex needs. It's completely natural for parents to feel overwhelmed after an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. But they're not alone. With expanded services and the new ABA Clinic, we can help families better connect to the supports and treatments children need to reach their full potential."

– Casey Clay, MD, Program Director, ABA Services, Intermountain Children's Health

"This care has opened so many doors, and it's given me hope that Lennon can basically do whatever she wants in life. She has the ability, and she has a team that will support her. She's going places!"

–Camille, mother of Lennon



With a bright smile and boundless energy, 5-year-old Lennon has faced challenges navigating the world. Her autism diagnosis brought both relief and uncertainty — but at Primary Children's Hospital, her family found the tools and support to help her thrive.

CLICK HERE to learn more about Lennon's story.



Caregivers, patients, and community members celebrated the ribbon cutting for Autism Services.

Giving from the Heart: Sandi Hendry's Legacy of Love and Support

"Everyone can make an effort in some way — even just an act of kindness or a smile. It's all about giving from your heart."

Hendry has whole-heartedly supported Children's Health, including the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in honor of several of her 26 grandchildren who had NICU stays. She's also supported Intermountain Health's NICU — and NICUs across the country — by donating thousands of cozy blankets made by her company, Minky Couture.

Her latest gift was also inspired by her two beloved grandchildren, now ages 5 and 7, both diagnosed with autism.

"People who have been blessed with a lot should give a lot."

–Sandi Hendry

Recognizing the importance of early diagnosis and timely interventions, Hendry has made a generous gift of $3 million to help expand Autism Services.

"An autism diagnosis begins a long journey," Hendry says. "With the right care and support, kids who seem like they might never reach milestones can actually progress quickly. My grandsons and their parents have found comfort and hope to move forward by working with the Intermountain Autism Services team. I want to help more families be surrounded with such love and encouragement."



Sandi Hendry with her daughter, Shannon, at the Autism Services media announcement.

CLICK HERE to watch the Autism Services media announcement.

Transforming Pediatric Behavioral Health

Conversations about behavioral health have become more common in recent years, as more people recognize the growing behavioral health crisis among kids. At Intermountain Children's Health, we're committed to meeting this need, ensuring every child receives the healing and support they deserve at every stage.

Thanks to your philanthropic support, and a $25 million investment from the State of Utah, we've accelerated efforts and broadened access to a full continuum of pediatric behavioral health services. Across our seven-state region, we are advancing care by aligning new and existing initiatives, streamlining coordination, and strengthening partnerships.

Programs and services include:

- Assessment, Referral, and Consultation Services
- Crisis Observation Unit
- Crisis Partial Hospitalization Program
- Day Partial Hospitalization Program
- Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization
- Intensive Outpatient Services
- Stabilization and Mobile Response

With your partnership, we've also launched a 24/7 Telecrisis Care Program where teams who specialize in taking care of kids in crisis will provide immediate assistance, follow-up referrals, coordinated psychiatric hospital admissions, and much more.

CLICK HERE to learn more about our Behavioral Health programs and connect with a team of professionals ready to provide the right level of care for your loved ones.

There's No Place Like Home

Big Canyon Homes contributed their expertise, materials, and craftsmanship to renovate the gym at the Primary Children's Hospital Behavioral Health Center – Taylorsville. Their efforts helped transform the space into a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment — one where children and teens can play freely and experience moments of joy.



The Big Canyon Homes owners, along with friends and caregivers, celebrated the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated gym.

"Everything about this project embodies who we are and what we are passionate about. Helping others and giving back to communities is what gives us satisfaction in life. Primary Children's Hospital has impacted every one of us personally in one way or another. This is why we feel it's a privilege and cherished opportunity to give back."

– Paul, Luke, Brett, and Josh
Owners of Big Canyon Homes

Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital Behavioral Health Center - Taylorsville

In September 2025, we opened the doors to the 90,000-square-foot Primary Children's Hospital Behavioral Health Center – Taylorsville. This significant milestone follows key moments from 2024, including the topping-off ceremony and caregiver beam signing — events that honored the people and purpose behind the work and marked a significant step forward in expanding vital behavioral health services.



The new center will feature:

- A new Crisis Walk-In Center, which is always open
- Utah's first inpatient behavioral health unit designed to safely take care of youth with autism and other neurodevelopmental needs
- Family-centered behavioral healthcare, where parents can stay close to their child
- Outpatient spaces for intensive outpatient treatment, day treatment, and group therapy programs
- Headquarters for the Stabilization & Mobile Response team and ARCS, offering mental health assessments, referrals, and consults for youth and teens

CLICK HERE to watch the Dedicatory Ribbon Cutting.



Donors, caregivers, community leaders, and patients with their families, marked the opening of the Behavioral Health Center – Taylorsville at the Dedicatory Ribbon Ceremony on August 22.

From Bold Discoveries to Brighter Futures in Childhood Cancer

Each year, more than 10,000 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer. It's an unimaginable diagnosis no family should have to face. While survival rates have come a long way, we still have urgent work to do.

At the forefront of this fight stands the nationally recognized Sorenson Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders. Through innovative research, personalized treatment plans, and comprehensive support for families we're reimagining pediatric cancer care.

This work is strengthened by the Center for Personalized Medicine, a donor-powered program that brings cutting-edge genomic science directly to the bedside. Together, these centers are transforming how we diagnose and treat cancer and other complex conditions — delivering answers faster and more precisely than ever before.

Ruby's story is a powerful example of this impact. What began as a routine follow-up scan, performed after a tumor was removed from her neck, revealed a small white spot near the top of her lungs. That spot turned out to be cancer that had spread, with one tumor pressing dangerously on her heart. As her family began to consider hospice, doctors at Primary Children's Hospital turned to a new technology — rapid whole genome sequencing. It revealed a targeted therapy that changed everything. Within months, Ruby's tumor had shrunk by 90%. Today, she's been off treatment for four years with no evidence of disease.

Because of your support, we're advancing groundbreaking treatments and genomic discoveries that are transforming lives. Together, we're creating a future where more children like Ruby can grow up, dream big, and live fully.



Ruby, age 13, is living cancer-free.

A Lifeline for Children with Heart Disease

Teagan was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome — a serious condition where only half of his heart was developed. With no prior diagnosis before birth, his early days were a whirlwind of hospitalizations, critical decisions, and surgeries. Since then, Primary Children's Hospital has become a constant in his life, providing the specialized cardiovascular care he needs to thrive.

Stories like Teagan's are a powerful reminder: For children facing complex heart conditions, access to world-class care isn't just important, it's lifesaving.

That care happens every day at the Heart Center at Primary Children's Hospital. Ranked 15 in the nation for pediatric cardiology and heart surgery by U.S. News & World Report in 2024, the Heart Center serves over 15,000 patients annually across seven states, making it one of the highest-volume and most trusted pediatric heart programs in the country. Each year, the team performs nearly 600 heart surgeries and 850 cardiac catheterizations and delivers specialized care through innovative programs — from managing rare coronary anomalies to supporting pregnant women with congenital heart disease.

Thanks to you, the Heart Center continues to push boundaries — advancing surgical outcomes, harnessing real-time data to improve quality, and pioneering new approaches to transplants. Your support brings hopeful futures to children like Teagan, one family at a time.



Teagan, a patient at Primary Children's Hospital, receives ongoing care for a complex heart condition.

2024 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

You are Champions for Children

CLICK HERE Get involved and explore upcoming events.

Festival of Trees

$3.45 million raised

1,018 auction items donated

80,000 attendees

“Ruby loved her Festival of Trees experience so much that she came every day,” says Ali, her mom. “She wanted to participate in everything possible. She looked at the auction items, spent hours in Kids Korner, and loved the fudge, scones, and sweet rolls. Our friends and family stepped up and helped us donate a small tree with all of Ruby’s favorite things — including items a child life specialist might use. Ruby has decided that she wants to work at Primary Children’s Hospital as a Child Life Specialist or patient advocate when she grows up — helping kids just like so many people at Primary Children’s helped her.”

Holiday Quilt Show & Auction

$253,000 raised for a new ultrasound machine for the Grant Scott Bonham Fetal Center at Primary Children’s Hospital

76 handcrafted quilts donated

Master quilter Chris Manning, who died in 2023, donated her time and talents to the Intermountain Holiday Quilt Show and Auction for decades. Chris’ final quilt, “Baby Born,” was on display at the 2024 show — and it honored her legacy and a very special baby. “Our second granddaughter weighed less than 3 pounds when she was born and was in the pediatric intensive care unit for a long time,” Chris’ husband, Brent, says. “The idea of doing something to help newborns was really important to her.” Chris’ spirit and dedication will live on through her beautiful creations.

Pennies by the Inch

$400,000 raised

Between cheerleading, soccer, and student council, Kylee lives a full life. But when sudden eye pain led to a rare diagnosis, her world changed. Thanks to expert care at Primary Children’s Hospital — and support from programs funded by Pennies by the Inch — Kylee is back to doing what she loves. Participants like Kylee and her family made this another successful event. “Being part of the Pennies by the Inch campaign was really cool,” Kylee says. “I liked encouraging people to help raise money for the hospital because I know it goes to help kids like me.”

KSL Give-A-Thon

$356,000 raised

230 man hours volunteered at the phone banks on event day

Through a moving and informative live broadcast on KSL TV and Radio, the annual KSL Give-A-Thon raises vital funds for Primary Children’s Hospital’s programs and patients. Throughout the day, community members tune in for inspiring stories of healing and hope — like Belle’s. Diagnosed as a baby with a rare congenital disorder of glycosylation, Belle faced life-threatening complications. But after receiving groundbreaking plasma treatment, her health began to improve. Now 4 years old, Belle is thriving — spreading joy with her laughter, love of music, and excitement for the outdoors.



Ruby, age 13, and her mom, Ali, share a smile with the Jazz Bear at Festival of Trees.



“Baby Born,” the final quilt by Chris Manning, displayed at the Holiday Quilt Show and Auction.



Kylee, age 13, with her siblings McCoy and Preslee.



Volunteers staff the phone bank to support children in need.

Everyone Deserves a Chance to Fly

Cancer patients didn't have to miss out on the memorable milestone of prom — it came to them, thanks to the dedication of our care teams. This year's Wizard of Oz themed event brought joy and sparkle to hospital conference rooms transformed into a dance hall, complete with a DJ, photo opps, and plenty of fun.



Patients enjoying a magical prom night.



Wide-eyed children watched Ballet West perform a mini version of *The Nutcracker* ballet.

A Hospital Humming with Music, Art, and Play

Primary Children's Hospital is often filled with sounds of singing, instruments, concerts, and play. A few highlights from this past year:



Dancing with the Stars' Hayley Erbert Hough and Derek Hough — a Utah native — danced, sang, and laughed with young fans.

Singer Noah Kahan played music with some of our amateur performers after hosting a fun musical game show in Seacrest Studios.







Soccer stars from Real Salt Lake and the Utah Royals joined patients for a fun time, kicking and tossing balls around together.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

You're Building a Legacy Defined by Excellence

Once again, we've been recognized as one of the best pediatric hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and achieved rankings in 11 pediatric specialties — including placing in the top 10 for Neurology & Neurosurgery. We couldn't do it without your partnership.

BEST CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS
U.S.News & WORLD REPORT
RANKED IN 11 SPECIALTIES
2024-2025



HONOR ROLL

You're a Hero for Children

Primary Children's Hospital was founded on philanthropy. Our generous community elevates our ability to deliver unparalleled pediatric care — in an environment where children and families find strength and support to grow and thrive. We are honored to recognize our donors who supported Primary Children's Hospital with a gift of $1,000 or more in 2024. Thank you for partnering with Intermountain Foundation to create a brighter and healthier future for each child, family, and community we serve.

CLICK HERE to view the Honor Roll of donors.

A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY

You're Invited to Make History

Primary Promise is the most significant investment in children's health in our state and beyond. As this historic campaign nears its close, now is your moment to be part of that legacy. Your donation, alongside contributions from thousands of other community members, will expand access to behavioral health, personalized medicine, cancer care, and so much more. You can be a changemaker for kids by making a gift today or starting a fundraiser.

CLICK HERE to get involved today.

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