



Compassionate Care

For more than 100 years, Seattle Children's Hospital has specialized in meeting the unique physical, emotional and developmental needs of children from infancy through young adulthood.

Through the collaboration of physicians in nearly 60 pediatric subspecialties, we provide inpatient, outpatient, diagnostic, surgical, rehabilitative, behavioral, emergency and outreach services – regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Breakthrough Research

At the forefront of pediatric medical research, Seattle Children's Research Institute is working to cure childhood disease in partnership with Seattle Children's Hospital and Seattle Children's Hospital and Research Foundation. The institute consists of nine major centers, and is internationally recognized for its work in cancer, genetics, immunology, pathology, infectious disease, injury prevention and bioethics.

The tradition of service continues today. Statewide, the Elks' major project is The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, (WETP) which is celebrating its 64th year in 2018.

A promise to provide access for all

Seattle Children's is committed to providing all families with the best care for their child regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. With your help, Children's provided over \$126 million in uncompensated care in 2017. The money offsets millions in Medicaid reimbursement shortfalls and provided assistance for families in need. Your giving helps ensure all children in our region have access to the expert care and research breakthroughs available at Children's, regardless of cost.

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Your gifts help ensure that families can count on Seattle Children's to deliver world-class care whenever the need arises.

About Seattle Children's

Consistently ranked as one of the best children's hospitals in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. Children's serves patients from Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.

Children's has been providing superior care for more than 100 years. Our work includes advancing treatments through research and training future generations of pediatric specialists in partnership with the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Our Mission

We provide hope, care and cures to help every child live the healthiest and most fulfilling life possible.

Our Vision

Seattle Children's will be an innovative leader in pediatric health and wellness through our unsurpassed quality, clinical care, relentless spirit of inquiry, and compassion for children and their families.



The partnership between Seattle Children's Hospital and the Washington State Elks Association began in 1926 and still continues today. The bond of these two entities and the care of the Elks has given hope to children in our region for more than 92 years.

From the beginning

The building of a long relationship

In 1926 Children's Orthopedic Hospital's new chief of staff implemented a number of reforms and supervised the design and construction of a new East Wing to the hospital's Queen Anne Campus. To make room for this new addition, The Skinner Cottage was sold and the Sunshine Playroom was torn down. The wing formally opened in January of 1928. The Fresh Air House and other leftover homes on the grounds were inadequate to serve all the hospital's convalescent patients, so staff and trustees began to search for alternative quarters. The hospital trustees entertained an offer from the Washington State Elks Association, and their core lodges, through their major state project, "BUCKS" (Birthday Utopian Crippled Kiddies



Society) to help establish a convalescent facility. With a \$1,000 gift from Bill Boeing and other funds, the Washington Elks purchased a 27 acre tract on Lake Ballinger and deeded it to Children's but the trustees worried about the difficulty of managing a facility so distant from their campus on Queen Anne. After running into a number of issues with the chosen land, the hospital association, the Elks and the Junior League worked out a program to build a home closer to Seattle.

In July 1929 a piece of property in Seattle's Magnolia neighborhood became available. The Lake Ballinger property was sold to help finance construction. The Elks helped finance the capital shortfall, and the Junior League took responsibility for the home's management. The first 10 patients occupied the facility in October 1930. The home was called, "**The Children's Convalescent Home - Presented by the Washington State Elks Association**". The staff now operated a real hospital with capacity for 150 patients and a dedicated convalescent home for more than 18 children.