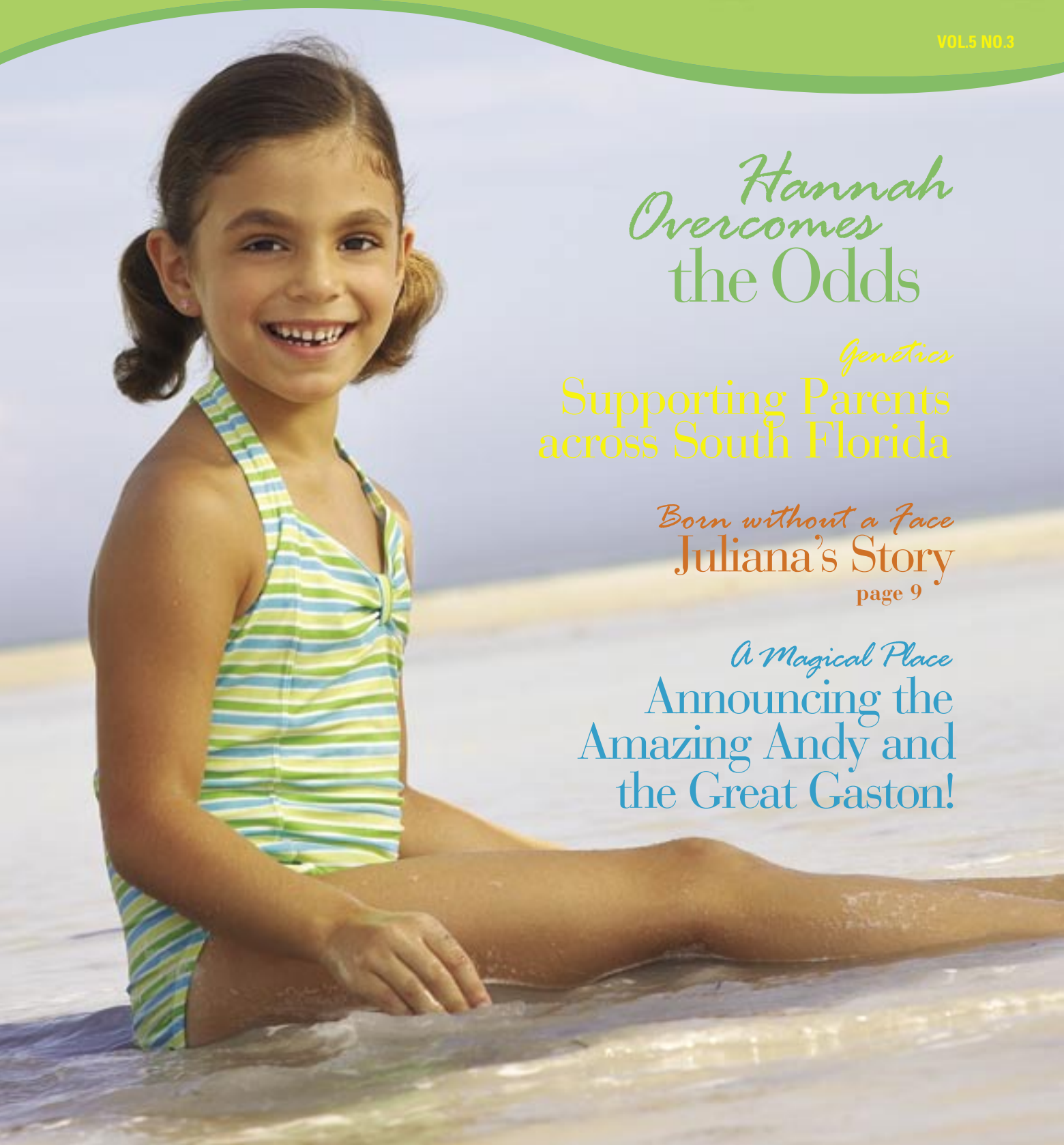
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Dear Friends,

When a child is born with a genetic disorder such as Down's syndrome, the family often has lots of questions and concerns. That's where the Division of Clinical Genetics and Metabolism at Miami Children's Hospital comes in. The genetic counselors are helping many parents find the support and education they need. They also meet with families who have risk factors based on their ethnicity or family history. You can read about this exciting program on page 4.

You'll also learn about little Hannah Saenz, who was born with her bladder outside of her body. With only a limited time to perform a very delicate surgery, doctors at Miami Children's repaired Hannah's bladder. She's now perfectly happy and healthy.

You may have seen the program on Juliana Wetmore's remarkable life and her experiences at Miami Children's on Discovery Health's The Learning Channel (TLC). If not, you'll be captivated by the story of the girl who was born without a face. Her brave parents have helped her remain healthy and develop normally throughout the many surgeries necessary.

We hope you enjoy this issue, which is packed with helpful information for parents—from the exciting features on our web site to new clinical research studies currently underway. Thank you for your support of our programs, services and the new technology and procedures we continue to bring to the families of South Florida and beyond.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Patrick, MD, PhD

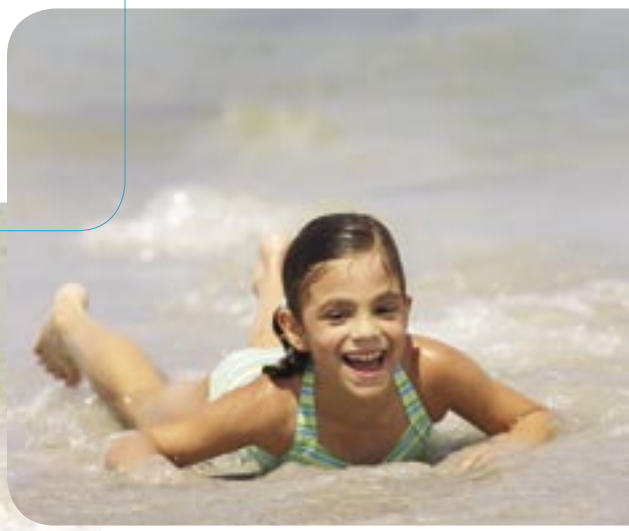
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Enjoying one of her favorite activities—playing at the beach—is a joy to Hannah Saenz, who was born with her bladder outside of her body.





Overcoming the Odds

PATIENT PROFILE:
Hannah Saenz

After a normal pregnancy and delivery, Marisela and Michael Saenz couldn't wait to see their beautiful baby girl. Right away, though, they noticed something was wrong. Incredibly, Hannah Saenz was born with a condition known as bladder exstrophy—her bladder was outside of her body and turned inside out.

Hannah was taken to Miami Children's Hospital with only a 48-hour window to perform a delicate surgery to repair her bladder.

A MATTER OF URGENCY

"It didn't take but a moment to realize something was a little off," says Marisela, recalling the first time she held Hannah in the delivery room. "I thought it was because of the angle I was looking at her, but her umbilical cord was a little down and off to the side and she had a tiny, balloon-like protrusion in her abdomen."

The obstetrician who delivered Hannah thought the protrusion could be her bladder and called for the opinion of the neonatologist on staff, who agreed.

Soon afterward, the family received a visit from Andrew Labbie, MD, urologist on staff at Miami Children's. He explained Hannah's condition and the urgent need to repair her bladder. Due to the flexibility of Hannah's bones in the first few days of life, Dr. Labbie would be able to repair her bladder and reset her pelvic bones without breaking them.

THE DELICATE PROCEDURE

"With bladder exstrophy, the bladder isn't round—it's flat like a pancake," explains Dr. Labbie. "We have to make it into a ball and place it where it should be in the abdomen. Because the umbilical cord was placed at the top of her bladder, we also had to create a bellybutton."

To assist with positioning the pelvic bone, Hannah needed orthopaedic surgery and a cast to keep her pelvic bone in place.

For six weeks following the surgery, Hannah was in the cast that went from under her arms to her ankles.

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Despite the critical condition in which she was born, Hannah recovered beautifully from surgery and continued to do well. Then, around age 2, she began having complications due to frequent urinary tract infections (UTIs), which are common for children affected by the condition. Hannah had ureter implantation surgery performed by Dr. Labbie, and her UTIs disappeared.

"Dr. Labbie and his staff have been wonderful," says Marisela. "When we first heard about bladder exstrophy, the prognosis sounded very bleak. Some children never retain continence, but Hannah has and her bladder has grown significantly. Our 6-year-old little girl is a miracle thanks to Dr. Labbie and Miami Children's Hospital."

FUN FACTS ABOUT HANNAH

HOBBIES
Ballet, being outdoors (climbing trees, swinging on a swing set, collecting snails and rocks, etc.)

FAVORITE DESTINATION:
The beach

WHAT SHE WANTS TO BE WHEN SHE GROWS UP:
Ballerina (previously, Hannah wanted to be a doctor because she loves learning about science and the human body)

Wave of the Future



Genetic counseling is helping more and more people cope with both inherited and non-inherited genetic disorders. Whether people receive counseling when they are pregnant, after their child is born or for a family disease such as cancer, genetics are changing the face of health care.

"Dr. Bauer sees all children as a blessing, regardless of their mental or physical condition. She loves them and it shows. Her enthusiasm for working with parents and children alike helps me keep going during difficult times." —Frances Capo, whose 9-year-old daughter Natalie has Down's syndrome

From the time a woman becomes pregnant, her child's best interest lies at the center of every decision the family makes. Genetic counseling can help parents make important decisions, even before a child is born, by understanding if that child will have any special challenges. Some parents who carry genes for fatal disorders can decide if they want to have children of their own, if they will adopt or if they will choose a life without children.

Family history and ethnicity are the most important genetic components and predictors (see "All the Children of the World") for future generations. People who choose to have genetic counseling answer extensive questions about their cultural heritage as well as give detailed family history information. Counselors review these results and then discuss the genetic risk factors and predilections in detail.

"Genetic counseling is about education and helping people cope with genetic information," says Katherine Schain, MS, CGC, genetic counselor on staff at Miami Children's Hospital. "We give people information about their children, their pregnancies and themselves so they can make informed choices based on an array of options."

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Frances Capo is the mother of two girls, 9-year-old Natalie and 8-year-old Amanda. Each is doing very well in school and acts like any other little girl with one difference: Natalie has Down's syndrome.



Could Genetic Counseling Help You?

You may want to consider genetic counseling if any of the following risk factors apply to you and your family:

- an amniocentesis detects a chromosomal defect in the unborn baby
- prenatal testing detects an abnormality
- you have experienced multiple miscarriages with no known cause
- you have epilepsy or diabetes that requires you to take insulin
- you have inherited diseases or birth defects in your family history
- you have a child with a genetic disorder or birth defect
- you are a mother-to-be who is 35 or older
- ethnicity or race is a factor (see "All the Children of the World")
- you have an extensive family history of cancer

"You never expect something like this," says Frances. "We have no history of this chromosome in our family, so we didn't see it coming."

After Natalie was born, Frances met with Mislen Bauer, MD, Medical Director of the Division of Genetics and Metabolism, clinical geneticist and pediatrician on staff at Miami Children's. Genetic testing showed a clear diagnosis of Down's syndrome.

Dr. Bauer sat down with the Capos and explained what Down's syndrome is and the chances for another child of theirs to have the same condition. She provided them with helpful resources such as a support group for parents of children with Down's syndrome, educational materials and advice about how to best raise Natalie for a healthy life.

"Natalie goes to a public school and participates in a regular classroom," says Frances. "She is entering the fourth grade, is outgoing and does everything along with all of the children in our family. She can do whatever she sets her mind to."

HELPING GENERATIONS TO COME

Dr. Bauer and Schain serve people in the community who have questions about genetic issues. For example, a woman with a strong family history of breast cancer who has two daughters can discuss the risk of her or her daughters developing the disease.

"The more we know and learn about genetics, the greater our chances are for having healthy children," says Dr. Bauer. "Diabetes, cancer and heart disease are all conditions that have a significant genetic component. Unlocking the genetic code for one disease will help the future of medicine. It will also help the future of our children."

Call the Division of Genetics and Metabolism at Miami Children's Hospital at (305) 663-8595 for genetic counseling.



"Genetic counselors don't alter one's genetic material or make decisions for people. We are a resource for those who are looking for answers to genetic questions. Genetics are becoming part of our everyday lives not only with regard to pregnancies, but with chronic diseases as well. Understanding genetics and having professionals who can provide this information will become increasingly important in the future."

—Katherine Schain, MS, CGC, genetic counselor on staff at Miami Children's Hospital

All the Children of the World

Every ethnic group has a genetic predisposition for certain diseases or medical conditions. The diverse cultures in South Florida encompass all of these ethnicities and the unique heritage they bring with them.

Here are a few of the most common genetic disorders among specific ethnic groups.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN AND HISPANIC

Sickle cell disease occurs when the shape of red blood cells changes. Such changes cause high infection risk, anemia and severe pain. One out of every 10 African-Americans are carriers. Blood transfusions and antibiotics can treat the disease.

ASHKENAZI JEWISH

The Ashkenazi Jewish population in Miami and surrounding areas has a prevalence for Tay-Sachs syndrome, a neurological condition. Babies are born with no evident disorders but begin to physically and mentally deteriorate. A recessive gene carries the disease. There is a 25 percent chance of passing it on to each offspring if one parent is a carrier.

In addition, one out of 40 Ashkenazi Jewish people carry Canavan disease, a slowly deteriorating disorder of the central nervous system. Symptoms become visible by the time a child is 3 to 5 months of age.

Gaucher disease is another genetic condition within the Jewish community. This disease results from a missing enzyme, which can cause an enlarged liver or spleen as well as bone deterioration. Once genetic testing confirms the disease, the enzyme can be replaced and the individual can lead a healthy, disease-free life.

There are several other genetic conditions that are more common in this ethnic group for which testing is available.

CAUCASIANS

One in 29 Caucasians carries the gene for cystic fibrosis. Those who have this illness experience lung and digestive problems. Daily lung treatments may be required as well as antibiotics to treat infection. Digestive troubles can be treated with diet and medication.

MEDITERRANEAN, SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND AFRICAN

These groups are at a higher risk for thalassemia. A group of anemias within the body, the disease can range from moderate—with no symptoms present—to severe. Treatment for thalassemia consists of red blood cell transfusions.

Miami Children's Hospital hosts free genetic screenings to determine your family's risk. Call (305) 663-8595 for more information.





Convenient Imaging, Enhanced Care

Good news for families in southern Dade County: When your child needs an X-ray or ultrasound, services are just around the corner. Imaging technology is now available at Miami Children's South Dade Center, one of Miami Children's Hospital's outpatient facilities.

This fall the South Dade Center added outpatient radiology services such as X-ray and ultrasound, making care a lot more convenient for the residents of southern Dade County.

"In the past, parents have asked their children's physicians if there was another option for radiology services that would allow them to go to an outpatient facility rather than drive to Miami Children's—while still receiving the same level of care," says Ginger Kinch, Director of the South Dade Center. "Now that we've added X-ray and ultrasound, patients can get the same quality care and service that's available at the hospital in a setting that's more convenient for them."

Miami Children's South Dade Center has served the community for the past four years, offering a Rapid Care Center that provides after-hours care for children with minor illnesses and injuries. Other services include rehabilitative services, adolescent medicine, preventive medicine and an Early Steps program, which provides care for children at risk for developmental delays. Now, with the addition of ultrasound and X-ray, the center will be able to provide more comprehensive care under the same roof. The center also plans to add MRI and CT services in the near future.

"Having walk-in X-rays and ultrasound by appointment means patients can take care of more of their healthcare needs closer to home," Kinch says. "It's a great option for the community."

Walk-in X-rays are performed Monday through Friday, from 4 to 7 p.m. Ultrasound is available by appointment only and requires a prescription. For more information or to schedule an ultrasound appointment at the South Dade Center, call (305) 662-8293. The center's direct line is (786) 268-1777.

Partnership for Better Health

Miami Children's Hospital is proud to offer young patients a higher level of care through a recent partnership with Quintiles Inc., a worldwide organization that provides healthcare industries with professional services, information and partnering solutions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology areas.

BENEFITS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The collaboration with Quintiles Inc. provides Miami Children's with the opportunity to train new clinical investigators at the hospital, gain access to a wide range of clinical trials and offer new and advanced medicines to patients.

"In all areas of this partnership, safety is a top priority," says Stuart Horowitz, PhD, MBA, Director of the Research Institute at Miami Children's. "Patients and families can rest assured that new areas of study such as medication for cancers and cardiovascular disease are administered and conducted by highly trained researchers."

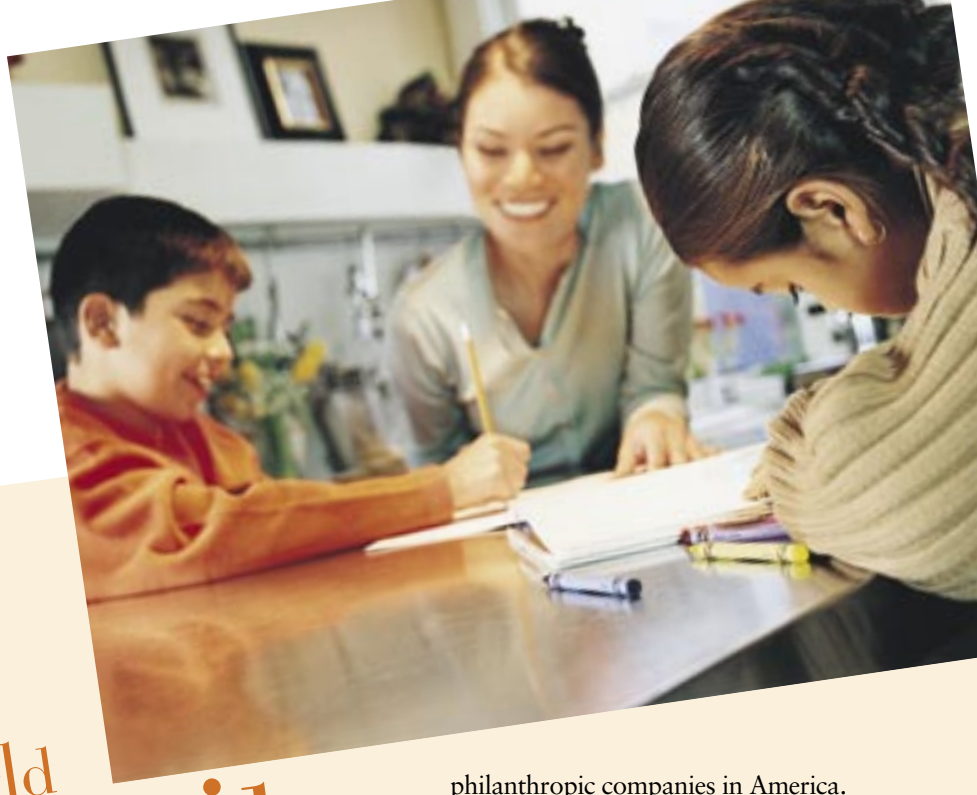
ENHANCED SERVICES

Several areas at Miami Children's benefit from clinical research, including:

- adolescent medicine
- allergy/immunology
- cancer
- cardiovascular disease
- gastrointestinal
- hematology
- neonatology
- nephrology
- neurosciences
- psychology
- pulmonology
- radiology

Children who have needs in these areas and others also benefit from participating in studies with investigational medications and medical devices. Before children become part of any such study, their parents or legal guardians must give permission.

For more information about Miami Children's partnership with Quintiles Inc. or to see if your child is eligible, call (800) 432-6837.



Making the World Smile

Hasbro Latin America: Helping make the present and future of Miami Children's Hospital a little bit brighter.

In recent years, Hasbro Latin America has made a difference in the lives of children at Miami Children's Hospital with something more than its toys. The company hosts an incredible pre-holiday toy sale at one of its warehouses and donates 20 percent of the proceeds to Miami Children's Hospital Foundation. In addition, it has donated toy products and sponsored Miami Children's events. All in all Hasbro has contributed more than $70,000 to Miami Children's, and most importantly, through its corporate generosity, it has helped to put smiles on the faces of countless children treated at Miami Children's Hospital.

A ONE-OF-A-KIND SALE

The annual toy sale features many of the brand names and toys for which Hasbro is recognized, including the very popular *Star Wars* action figures. Last year more than 5,000 shoppers flocked to the weekend sale looking for holiday gifts from name brands including Playskool, Play-Doh, Tonka, GI Joe, Milton Bradley, Parker Brothers, Transformers and My Little Pony. This year's sale will also include items from Littlest Pet Shop and B-Daman. Hasbro's Pre-Thanksgiving sale has grown tremendously thanks to the efforts of the Hasbro team, the help of the volunteers and the fantastic deals offered to the public on name brand toys.

"Many people don't realize how big the toy sale is," explains Victor Velarde, Director of Sales at Hasbro Latin America. "It's very exciting to be able to provide great merchandise at a great price and at the same time have a positive impact on the continued development of Miami Children's and the well-being of children who turn to the hospital for care."

Everyone at Hasbro Latin America is proud of the support they provide to the hospital.

"The best part about the toy sale is helping the community," says Raul Puga, Sales Manager with Hasbro Latin America. "Knowing we're helping children while working with one of the best children's hospitals around makes the entire experience worthwhile."

A NOBLE GOAL

Hasbro recently earned an award for being considered one of the most philanthropic companies in America. With a heart that is even bigger than any of its toy warehouses, Hasbro Latin America has proven itself to ably follow in the footsteps of its parent company.

"Our main goal is to make a difference in the lives of children—we want to make the world smile," says Elias Perez, Director of Operations for Hasbro Latin America. "The partnership with Miami Children's is another way we achieve this goal. We look forward to the partnership and the toy sale continuing to grow so we can give even more to the hospital."

For more information on how you or your company can contribute to Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, please contact Ivette Diaz at (786) 268-1822.

You're Invited!

WHAT: 5th Annual Hasbro Toy Sale

WHEN: November 19, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. and November 20, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

WHERE: JAS Forwarding, 2750 NW 84th Avenue, Miami, Florida

WHY: 20 percent of the sale proceeds benefit MCH Foundation

For more information, contact Alexis Viera at aviera@mchf.org or (786) 268-1827.

Creating Magical Memories with The Amazing Andy & The Great Gaston

As Miami Children's Hospital pediatric sub-specialists and surgeons, Andrew Labbie, MD, of the Division of Pediatric Urology and Gaston de Cardenas, MD, Medical Director of the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology (ENT), do their share of "magic," helping children in need of corrective surgery for complex conditions.

Because of their diverse specialties, Drs. Labbie and de Cardenas rarely have the opportunity to collaborate on medical cases. But each holiday season, the pair transform into their alter egos—The Amazing Andy and The Great Gaston—and team up to create a magic show to surprise and delight the children hospitalized at Miami Children's.

The show, which features tricks that any full-time magician might envy, is the culmination of decades of combined experience as both Dr. Labbie and Dr. de Cardenas have practiced magic since they were children.

THE AMAZING ANDY

Dr. Labbie discovered the art of illusion as a boy growing up in Miami. Captivated by a magic instructor's sleight of hand, Dr. Labbie began a hobby that would last his lifetime and even serve as his career before he decided to pursue medicine.

"I was a full-time magician performing at birthday parties and in clubs and restaurants when I decided to be a physician. I used my magic tricks on interviews while I was applying to medical schools," says Dr. Labbie, who earned a medical degree from Northwestern University in Illinois. He also performed regularly during his fellowship at Baylor University in Houston.

When not helping children, such as cover child Hannah Saenz, Dr. Labbie continues to pursue his hobby, actively attending magic conferences and learning and developing new tricks.

THE GREAT GASTON

Dr. de Cardenas began his pursuit of magic quite by accident. During his boyhood in Cuba, a school priest asked the young Dr. de Cardenas whether he planned to participate in an upcoming school talent show.

"I wanted to get rid of him (the priest) so I could go play basketball, so I told him that I was going to perform magic and pull rabbits out of a hat," recalls Dr. de Cardenas, with a chuckle.

When the program for the talent show was published, the then 12-year-old Dr. de Cardenas discovered to his dismay that his name appeared with the promise that he would perform magic tricks. He was then forced to scramble to learn tricks in time for the holiday talent venue.

Like Dr. Labbie, Dr. de Cardenas continued to pursue magic over the years. He practiced during medical school at the Central University of Madrid and later as a U.S. Army surgeon during the Vietnam War, where he would use magic tricks as a way to distract and amuse injured soldiers.

A SPELLBINDING PERFORMANCE

Years—and many card, rope and rabbits-out-of-the-hat tricks later—Drs. Labbie and de Cardenas look forward to their annual hospital magic show, which is one of the highlights of Miami Children's holiday calendar.

"There's nothing like standing on a stage in front of a crowd of children and seeing the excitement on their faces," Dr. Labbie says. "When kids are mesmerized and able to forget—even if it's just for a few minutes—that they're in the hospital, we've done our job."



Gaston de Cardenas, MD, chief of otolaryngology, a.k.a. "The Great Gaston;" poses with Jordy Sanchez and Andrew Labbie, MD, urologist, a.k.a., "The Amazing Andy" during a magical performance.

Juliana's Story: Born without a Face



An energetic and happy 2 year old, Juliana Wetmore has developed normally. Here she waves at her reflection with her mother, Tami.

The shrieks and giggles of children as they ate chocolate cake and watched a colorful clown make balloon animals filled the air at Juliana Wetmore's 2-year-old birthday party in March. Only the guest of honor couldn't eat any birthday cake or laugh with her friends.

Juliana—the subject of an hour-long Discovery Health Channel documentary titled "Born without a Face" that aired nationally in August—needed her father's help blowing out the candles. She has a rare condition called Treacher Collins Syndrome (TCS) that affects one in about 10,000 babies each year. Born without an upper jaw, cheekbones, eye sockets or ears, Juliana has the most severe case of TCS in medical history.

FACING THE FUTURE WITH HOPE

Days after the birthday celebration, Juliana and her parents made the six-hour trip from their home outside of Jacksonville, Florida, to the Craniofacial Center at Miami Children's Hospital—the state's referral center for children with craniofacial anomalies. There, Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery S. Anthony Wolfe, MD, used innovative medical techniques to fix a hole in her skull and lengthen her lower jaw. It was Juliana's 15th surgery—most of them performed at Miami Children's—and the most major procedure she has undergone to date as the craniofacial doctors help construct her face and features.

Discovery Channel crews captured Juliana's devoted parents Thom and Tami as they prepared for the surgery, as well as the actual five-hour procedure, which was a success. Juliana has a long road ahead of her, but she's already come far. When she was born, some doctors didn't think she would live. Now plans are in the works for a college fund.

"She has a ballerina's feet, a pianist's fingers and a perfect brain," says Thom. "We know she has a lot to show the world."

Got a Question about Your Child's Health?

The answer could be just a click away at www.mch.com!



Your child has a fever and you're not sure whether to take him to the doctor or wait it out at home. If you're like many parents, you might turn to the Internet for advice. But with more than 100,000 health-related sites, how do you know which one to trust?

Turn to the experts at Miami Children's Hospital. You'll be amazed at the variety of topics you can find at www.mch.com, from treating your child's fever to identifying symptoms for numerous medical conditions.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND

To access the wide range of health topics, simply click on "For Patients" at www.mch.com then "KidsHealth." From there you can browse different topics for parents, children and teens or learn the latest in children's health news.

While your health questions are answered, your young children can learn about their bodies and their health with kid-friendly games, quizzes and articles. The site also features sensitive topics for teens ranging from drugs and alcohol to concerns about body image.

TURN TO US

Let www.mch.com be your trusted resource for health information for your family—but don't stop there! Check our web site to find community education, sign up for a free monthly e-newsletter or learn the latest children's health advisories.

Visit www.mch.com today, where a world of health information is at your fingertips.

Foundation Events Recap

MCH Foundation Thanks Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart Day was recently held at MCH Foundation. Wal-Mart district managers, store managers and associates were able to see first hand why their continued support is so crucial. Activities included a tour of the hospital and the "Wal-Mart" Healthmobile and meeting one of our Children's Miracle Network families. Thank you to Wal-Mart, its associates and customers for their unwavering support!



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CMN News

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Outback Steakhouse as a new Children's Miracle Network sponsor. Many exciting promotions are planned for 2006, and we look forward to working with the 14 locations in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe counties.

OUTBACK

We'd like to welcome the following new RE/MAX offices to the CMN family:

RE/MAX Beach Properties in Hallandale

RE/MAX Diamond Group in Ft. Lauderdale

RE/MAX Ft. Lauderdale

Hershey's Kissmobile

The Hershey's Kissmobile and costumed characters recently made their annual visit to Miami Children's. Patients had their pictures taken with the costumed characters and received goodies from Hershey's.

Hardware Conference

The 17th annual Hardware Conference was held at the beautiful Marco Island Marriott. Once again, vendors donated their product booths for the live and silent auctions to benefit MCH Foundation. Thank you to Tom & Dale Chasteen (Ace Dealers) for another great event in 2005!

Swing for Smiles Golf Tournament

Vista Health Plan's corporate team was this year's first place winner at our summer golfing event hosted at the Biltmore Golf Course. A special thank you to our sponsors, Dimension Leasing, Bell South and Arellano Construction for their support of Swing for Smiles.

From left, Thomas M. Rozek, President, Miami Children's Hospital; Patrick Reagan; Peter Joseph; Andy Balash; Danny Garcia; and Robin Reiter-Faragalli, President, Miami Children's Hospital Foundation



Cold Stone Creamery

Cold Stone Creamery franchisee Al Kahn celebrated the grand opening of his Coral Gables store by donating the proceeds from the sale of the "Grand Opening Weekend Ice Cream Passes" to Miami Children's Hospital Foundation. Congratulations Al and stay cool!

Robin Reiter-Faragalli (center) receives a check from Cold Stone Creamery franchisee, Al Kahn, and Susan Veillette, general manager.



Romance 106.7 FM Summer Toy Drive

SBS's Romance 106.7 FM received a call from a parent whose child was being treated at Miami Children's. The parent requested help collecting toys for the Cancer Unit. DJs Alberto Sardiñas and Nancy Elias asked listeners and business contacts to bring toys to the station located at 1001 Ponce de Leon Boulevard in Coral Gables. They presented MCHF with a donation of toys and music CDs for the kids in the MCH Cancer Center. The Miami Lakes Congregational Church joined their efforts. They also held a toy drive and donated a wonderful assortment of toys. Thanks to Romance 106.7 for their support.

Cartier Charity Sale

Susan Pullin and Cartier Bal Harbour hosted the first Cartier Charity Sale in South Florida with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Miami Children's Hospital Foundation. The famous French watchmaker and jeweler provided a fabulous selection of Cartier watches and jewelry as well as gift items that included pens, scarves and gorgeous leather items at up to 50 percent reductions for the public. The sale, which has been traditionally hosted in New York City, topped all previous sales records for the company. Thanks to Susan and her entire team of sales associates and to Cartier for its $30,000 contribution to Miami Children's.

Judicial Cocktail

The Miami Beach Bar Association hosted its Annual Judicial Cocktail at Lincoln Road's trendy hot spot "TOUCH." A portion of the proceeds benefited Miami Children's Hospital Foundation. Thank you to all of those who contributed, and a special thanks to event co-chairs Jamie Segal and Joshua Entin for a fun-filled evening with the Judges on the "Road."

From left: Gilbert Squires, board member; Joshua Entin; Jamie Segal; and Mitchell Zeiger, president of the Miami Beach Bar Association



Planned Giving

My 4-year-old nephew, Josh, was recently admitted to Miami Children's Hospital with Kawasaki syndrome, an extremely rare illness that can cause permanent damage to the heart.

Josh was diagnosed early, so his heart will suffer no permanent damage, but his illness made us realize how quickly children become vulnerable to sickness or disease—and the effects on their families and loved ones.

We wanted to help, so we created Josh's special fund—Keep Kids Smiling. Supporting the Hospital's Child Life Department, these funds help children with acute or critical illnesses or injuries who are hospitalized for long periods of time. The Child Life Department receives many donations, but has an ongoing need for certain items such as musical toys, crib mobiles and DVDs for teenagers. The continued support of Keep Kids Smiling will aid the purchase of recreational and educational items, carefully selected by Child Life Specialists and distributed throughout Miami Children's inpatient units.

There are limitless needs at Miami Children's. If you'd like to do something special, please call Karen Dudley, Vice President of Development at the Foundation, and she'll help you find the perfect fit. You can also make a tax-deductible donation to "MCH Foundation" for Keep Kids Smiling "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special.

Sincerely,
Staci Ehrenkrantz and the
Ehrenkrantz Family

"Seeing Josh's smile melts my heart. What better than to spread his smile to other kids?"

Upcoming Events

November 11
Queen of Hearts Luncheon & Saks Fifth Avenue Fashion Show featuring Angel Sanchez at the Fontainebleau Hilton. For more information, please contact Ann Lyons at (786) 268-1830.

November 12 & 13
Local participants of Marriott's Torch Relay will complete their portion of the relay in South Florida. This year's relay begins in Washington, DC, and ends in Los Angeles. For more information, please visit www.torch-relay.org or call (786) 268-1827.

November 19 & 20
The Fifth Annual Hasbro Toy Sale will be held at JAS Forwarding, 2750 NW 84th Avenue, in Miami, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, please contact Alexis Viera at aviera@mchf.org or (786) 268-1827.

December
Legal Sea Foods will make a donation to MCH Foundation for every Legal Seafood's Holiday gift card purchased during the holiday season. Gift cards can be purchased at three South Florida locations: Town Center in Boca Raton, The Oasis at Sawgrass Mills and CityPlace in West Palm Beach. For more information, please contact Maria Moldes at mmoldes@mchf.org or (786) 268-1832.

January/February
Aventura Mall and The American Performing Arts Network will host the 2006 Miami's Most Photogenic Baby Contest. Photographs will be taken at Aventura Mall Thursday, January 26 through Sunday, January 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.). Awards ceremony on Sunday, February 26 at 1 p.m. Event is open to all children from infants through 5 years of age. For more information, please visit www.photogenicbaby.com.

January 7
King Tut Exhibition and Cocktail hosted by Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Marriott Jr. at the Museum of Art, Ft. Lauderdale, from 6 to 9 p.m. Proceeds benefit CMN. Tickets: $100 per person. For more information, contact Maria Moldes at mmoldes@mchf.org or (786) 268-1832.

Holiday Toy Drives
During the holiday season, please consider hosting a toy drive to benefit the children at Miami Children's. All toys should be new and unwrapped. Sorry, we cannot accept plush toys, balloons or candy. Toy donations may be dropped off at Miami Children's Hospital Foundation, 3000 SW 62nd Avenue in Miami. For more information, please contact Alexis Viera at aviera@mchf.org or (786) 268-1827.

AMAZING MAGIC TRICKS



Are you looking for a great way to impress your friends? Why not try magic tricks—with just a few supplies and the wave of your hand, you'll have your audience saying, "Wow!"

Here are two tricks that are perfect for beginners and are sure to be crowd-pleasers.

COIN TRICK

EFFECT: The magician shows a glass upside down and a coin on a colored sheet of paper. Then he or she puts a handkerchief over the glass and moves it to the side. When the magician removes the handkerchief, the coin has disappeared!

SUPPLIES AND PREPARATION: You'll need a sheet of construction paper, a clear glass and a coin. First, trace the glass onto a sheet of paper and cut out the circle. Then tape it to the glass (be sure to use the same color paper so it'll blend in).

SECRET: As you're moving the glass under the handkerchief be sure to place it directly over the coin. Because the sheet of paper covers the bottom of the glass, it will seem as though the coin has disappeared!

ICY TRICK

EFFECT: The magician pours water into a cup, blows into the cup and then turns it over and ice cubes fall out.

SUPPLIES AND PREPARATION: You'll need a cup or glass you can't see through, a small sponge and ice cubes. Prepare the cup by putting the sponge in the bottom and drop a few ice cubes on top.

SECRET: After you pour about an inch of water into the cup it will be soaked up by the sponge. Then when you blow into the cup, wave your hand over it and turn it over—all that will fall out are the ice cubes!

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