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A newsletter for friends of The Children's Home

WINTER 2006

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Shake Your Booties

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006

Jay Verno Studios

Please join us for the 5th annual Shake Your Booties event, to benefit the Adoption program, Child's Way® and the Transitional Infant Care (T.I.C.®) Hospital.

Dinner and dancing, live music, silent and live auctions, a martini bar and more ... Shake Your Booties has it all!

Please visit our Web site for more information about tickets and sponsorships.



Building Momentum

Ground breaking ceremony kicks-off construction and campaign for new Children's Home facility on Penn Avenue

The Children's Home of Pittsburgh held a ground breaking ceremony on October 18, 2005, to celebrate construction of its new, expanded facility in the Friendship neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

The day was the culmination of years of strategic planning as well as the beginning of a new phase in the organization's 113-year history. More than 100 people, including neighborhood residents, foundation and community representatives and local officials, attended to show their support.

The event also marked the kick-off of the capital campaign, *Building Pathways to Growth*, to which The Mario Lemieux Foundation has made a lead gift of \$2 million in support of the building project.

Designed by Pittsburgh architectural firm Perkins Eastman, the new building will total 63,000 square feet, at an estimated cost of \$20 million. It will accommodate the expanded services of the Adoption program, Transitional Infant Care (T.I.C.®) Hospital, and Child's Way® – and the addition of a fourth program, Pediatric Transitional Care. Completion is scheduled for the spring of 2007.

Please visit our Web site to view photos from the ground breaking ceremony and learn more about the construction, program expansion, and capital campaign.



Rick Armstrong

T.I.C. Hospital graduate Rachel Welch, 4, needed her shades on this sunny fall day to watch The Children's Home of Pittsburgh's October 18 ground breaking ceremony.



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(L-R) Mario and Nathalie Lemieux, honorary chairs of the *Building Pathways to Growth* campaign, and co-chairs David Malone and Ranny Ferguson, help to break ground on the new site of The Children's Home at 5324 Penn Avenue.

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Letter from the CEO



Harry Giglio

Dear Friends,


These have been memorable months at The Children's Home. We celebrated the ground breaking for our new facility on Penn Avenue and the public kick-off of our capital campaign. The site now has the building's "footprint" and construction crews continue to work on the foundation. My deepest thanks to everyone whose support is making this vital expansion project possible.

The Children's Home was also honored to host a unique benefit concert by Joanne Rogers and Jeannine Morrison in October at Manchester Craftsmen's Guild. The audience was delighted with their performance, and we are so grateful to them for sharing their time and talent with us.

Our three programs continue to thrive, serving more families every day. The Adoption department recently completed its annual licensing with excellent reviews. Child's Way can now accommodate 47 children since a small classroom renovation last spring increased the program's capacity. And, as you read in this issue, the T.I.C. staff continues to provide the best care for families preparing to take their medically fragile infants home.

I hope you will join us February 25 at "Shake Your Booties." Please visit our Web site regularly to keep up with all of our news!

Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

Sincerely, 

Pamela R. Schanwald, R.N., M.H.S.A.
Chief Executive Officer



Joanne Rogers, left, and Jeannine Morrison performed a two-piano concert on October 27, raising more than \$20,000 for The Children's Home's new facility. To read more about the event and view photos, please visit our Web site and click the link under News & Events.

Tributes

The Children's Home has received generous gifts in tribute to the following individuals.

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Continuous Care

With nurses by their side, infants and families get the T.I.C. Hospital advantage

The Transitional Infant Care (T.I.C.®) Hospital at The Children's Home provides a delicate balance of care: a peaceful, home-like nursery that comforts families yet is fully equipped to treat the most medically fragile infants. This unique balance is maintained seven days a week, 24 hours a day, by a staff of 31 highly-skilled nurses, with decades of pediatric and neonatal nursing experience among them.

As part of a team that includes physicians, specialists, and parents, T.I.C. nurses provide round-the-clock care of the infants admitted to this 11-bed hospital. While a primary nurse is assigned to each patient and family, T.I.C. nurses are updated on the condition of every infant so they can assist at a moment's notice. They implement the hospital's distinctive, family-centered approach to care on a daily basis: teaching anxious parents how to bathe and dress an infant with an IV, how to prepare a feeding tube, or even how to hold their baby for the first time.

The nurses care for infants and families in the most difficult circumstances, always using compassion and skill to preserve the calm environment needed for their fragile patients to thrive. "The T.I.C. nurses are very good at handling challenging situations," says LuAnn Miller, a nurse there for more than five years, "that's when the staff really shines."

It is the nurses' priority to help families feel comfortable and prepared to care for their baby at home. This is a significant aspect of T.I.C.'s extensive discharge planning, which includes arranging home care, scheduling future medical appointments, and other services families may need during their transition to home.

T.I.C. nurses must have a minimum of two years prior experience in a neonatal intensive care unit. For more information about opportunities for nurses at The Children's Home, please visit our Web site and click the link "Contact Us," then "Careers."



Nurse Susan Howard (L) and Jennifer Klimchak share a moment with Jennifer's twin sons, Noah (L) and Jackson, who were born prematurely. Noah was a patient in T.I.C. for approximately two months.

Rick Armstrong

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