



Compassionate Care Fund Pensacola and N. Florida

2024 Impact Report

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your incredible support of Nemours Children's Health in 2024.

We are truly grateful for your generosity.

Because of your kindness, we can provide exceptional care to children facing a wide range of health challenges, from simple issues to more complex chronic illnesses. Your commitment ensures that every child receives the care they need, regardless of their circumstances.

Your support is not just a donation. It is a lifeline for our young patients and their families.

We are thankful to have you as an essential part of our mission to deliver the best possible care, and to help create the healthiest generations of children.

Thank you for making an impact on the lives of our children and families.

With gratitude,

Anna Kollodge
Associate Director, Philanthropy
Nemours Children's Health



Our Mission:

To provide leadership, institutions and services to restore and improve the health of children through care and programs not readily available, with one high standard of quality and distinction, regardless of the recipient's financial status.

Our Vision:

Create the healthiest generations of children.

Compassionate Care Fund

Donor support for the Compassionate Care Fund at Nemours Children's Health in Pensacola has had a profound impact on the lives of many children and their families.

This fund is crucial in providing financial assistance for families facing significant medical expenses, ensuring that no child is denied the care they need due to financial constraints, as well as enhancing critical support services that are not covered by insurance.

Financial Assistance for Families: Donations may cover costs for transportation, food, diapers, car seats, uninsured prostheses, and medical devices. This support is vital for families who might otherwise struggle to afford these necessities.

Health Equity: Philanthropic contributions have enabled Nemours to address social determinants of health through innovative programs. These include mobile medical vans for health screenings, initiatives to combat food insecurity, and community health fairs.

Child Life and Creative Therapies: Donations also fund child life programs and creative therapies, such as music and art therapy, which help children cope with their medical conditions. These programs provide emotional and psychological support, making stays at the clinic less stressful for young patients.

Emotional Support for Families: The Compassionate Care Fund helps families with non-clinical services, such as providing comfort items and organizing events that allow children to experience normal childhood activities despite their medical challenges.

The generosity of donors has enabled Nemours Children's to go well beyond traditional medical care, addressing the holistic needs of children and their families. This support ensures that every child can grow up healthy and reach their full potential.



Pensacola Collaboration

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Ascension Sacred Heart Pensacola and Nemours Children's Health announced a strategic collaboration to enhance pediatric specialty care in Northwest Florida.

Under this agreement, most pediatric subspecialists will be employed by Nemours Children's Health and will practice at Studer Family Children's Hospital. This partnership aims to improve access to high-quality specialty care for children with complex medical conditions and advance groundbreaking research.

"This collaboration ushers in a new era for children and families across Northwest Florida," said Matthew M. Davis, MD, MAPP, Executive Vice-President of Nemours Children's Health. "By aligning our expertise and resources, we will streamline the care journey for children."

Both organizations are dedicated to providing top-tier pediatric care and have a longstanding commitment to the health and well-being of children in the region.



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The Faces of Nemours Children's Health

Pensacola



Mary Mehta, MD is Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Nemours Children's Health, Pensacola. She also serves as Chair, Pediatrics for North Florida.

Dr. Mehta is a board-certified pediatric cardiologist for whom prenatal diagnosis is a specialty, but she sees and treats nearly all types of pediatric heart defects and conditions. Additionally, Dr. Mehta's role is key in the management of our strategic partnership with HCA Florida West Hospital. Dr. Mehta came to the Florida Panhandle and joined Nemours Children's in 2004.

North Florida

Nemours Children's Health has appointed **Dr. Aaron Carpenter** as President of North Florida, succeeding Dr. Michael Ehrhard, who retired in 2024. Carpenter is also a member of the Nemours Executive Cabinet.

Dr. Carpenter has been with Nemours Children's Health since 2016 and most recently held the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing and Patient Operations Officer for Nemours Children's Health in the Delaware Valley.



Mathew's Journey: A Story of Hope and Healing

When Megan was 28 weeks pregnant, she learned her baby, Mathew, had Tetralogy of Fallot—a rare congenital heart condition. Terrified as a first-time mom, she found comfort in Dr. Mehta at Nemours Children's Health, Pensacola, who simply said, "I got you."

Mathew was born just days before Thanksgiving and came home four days later. But at three weeks old, his oxygen levels dropped dangerously low, and he was transferred to Nemours Children's Hospital, Florida, for emergency open-heart surgery.

"The care was incredible," Megan recalls. "The surgical team kept us informed every step of the way. I truly felt like part of the team."

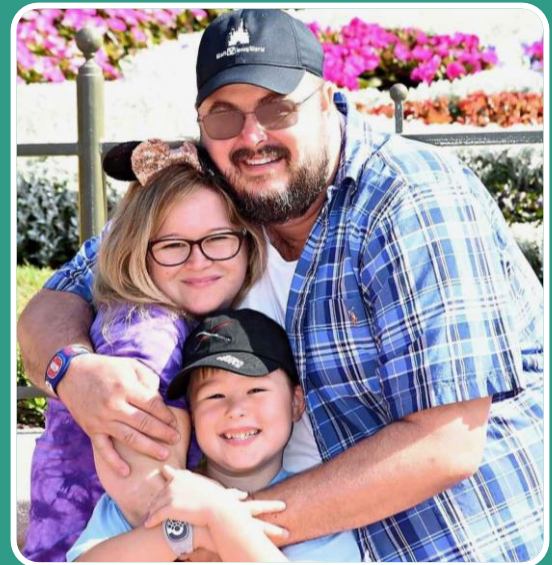
After a successful surgery and 17 days of recovery, Mathew continued receiving care from Dr. Mehta—now for over eight years. The family even relocated to Orlando to stay close to Nemours, ensuring access to lifelong care.

Today, Mathew is a thriving 8-year-old: a straight-A student, a Heart Family Weekend Retreat camper, and a Youth Heart Ambassador who raises over \$1,000 annually for heart disease research.

"We're optimistic about Mathew's future," says Megan. "His positivity and smile keep us going."



Mathew as an infant



Thank You.

Your generosity is helping Nemours Children's Health transform children's health care — *well beyond medicine.*

Medical care is often confused with overall health, leading to a significant portion of resources being spent on treating clinical issues while neglecting the non-medical root causes of ill health. At Nemours Children's, we are rethinking this approach.

Our **whole child health** focus promotes a holistic view of children's health and overall well-being that includes not just medical care but also social, emotional, and developmental needs – things like safe environments, access to quality education and health care, public safety and economic stability.

By adopting comprehensive whole child health strategies, we aim to ensure that all children can reach their full potential and achieve health equity.

Your generosity and continued support helps us to achieve this vision. **Thank you for playing a role in improve health equity and outcomes for our children.**

