

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

AT SHANDS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT UF

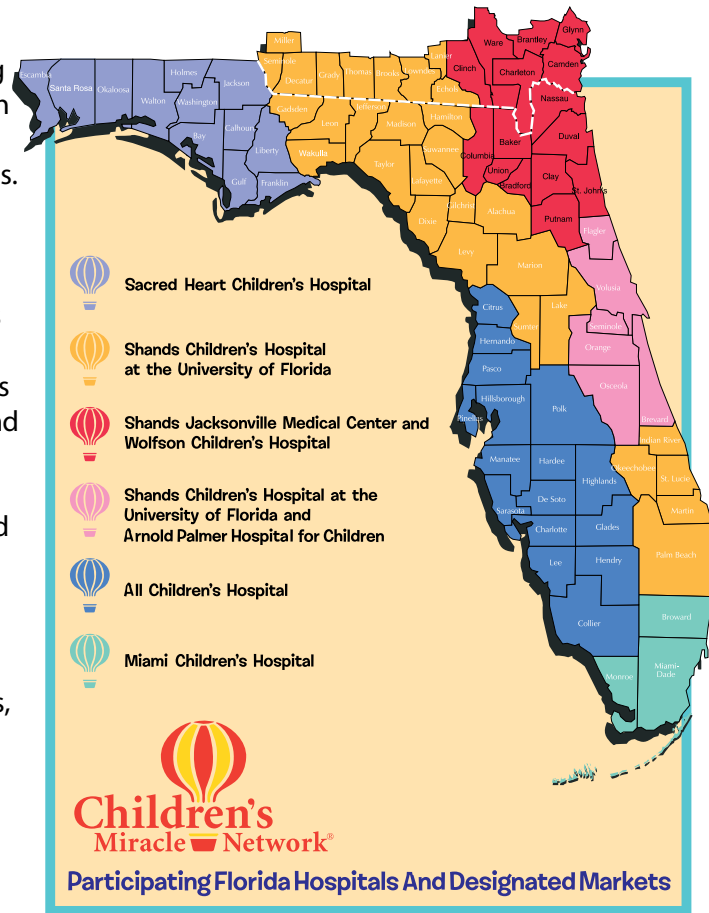


Children's Miracle Network – the alliance of premier hospitals for children – is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for more than 170 children's hospitals across North America. Each year, these nonprofit hospitals provide the best medical care to help 17 million children with a multitude of diseases and injuries.

With more than 8,400 kids treated in 2009, Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida is one of Florida's leading referral systems for children. UF College of Medicine physicians treat kids from all over Florida, across the United States and several foreign countries. UF physicians offer nearly all clinical services delivered at any children's health center in the nation from basic primary care to highly specialized procedures such as organ and bone-marrow transplantation, AIDS treatment, diabetes care and monitoring, neurosurgery and cancer treatment.

Throughout the year, fundraising events are conducted through a coalition of hospital employees, media partners, civic organizations and volunteers working together to ensure the health of kids in their community. This past year, different events in Gainesville, Ocala, Tallahassee, West Palm Beach, Orlando and South Georgia helped raise money and awareness for pediatric programs and work conducted at Shands. Events such as radiothons, dance marathons, golf tournaments, art auctions, trail rides and balloon campaigns helped raise money for the kids at Shands.

Shands Children's Hospital, like all Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, is available 24 hours a day to help all kids overcome every imaginable disease and injury.



A message from Janet Silverstein, MD, UF College of Medicine Chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology



We would like to thank our sponsors and donors from Florida and South Georgia for your support of Children's Miracle Network. The money raised has been used to improve children's facilities, building a state-of-the-art Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, support programs for children (including Arts in Medicine) and to help young investigators initiate research projects that

ultimately will result in improved treatment for our children.

One of the programs that has been particularly important to me was funding to jump start a teen "Bring-A-Friend" weekend. Here teenagers with diabetes invite a friend without diabetes to spend a weekend. They learn about the condition and live with the friend who has to perform frequent blood-glucose checks and frequent insulin injections. They also gather a better understanding of the affects of exercise and food on blood-sugar levels. The teens with diabetes left feeling less isolated, and the friends left feeling more comfortable with diabetes and more willing to help their diabetic friends take better care of themselves. This program has been hugely successful, with 100 teens attending almost every weekend it has been offered.

KUDOS: The pediatric endocrinology program at Shands Children's Hospital at UF was ranked 12th nationally for diabetes and endocrine disorders in the 2010-11 Best Children's Hospitals edition of U.S. News & World Report.