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On the cover: Luke Acuña arrived at Rady Children’s near death; 113 days later he left with the promise of a fulfilling life.
I am so pleased to share with you some wonderful news: Rady Children’s was again ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the top children’s hospitals in 10 pediatric specialties. For the second year in a row, our “perfect 10” rankings place Rady Children’s among the nation’s elite.

These rankings reflect our growing reputation for extraordinary outcomes and our emphasis on research and teaching in collaboration with University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. Discovery – research, teaching and innovation – is an important part of our mission, as you’ll discover for yourself on pages 12-13.

We are just as committed to excellent service right on our own campus every day. We have been working to streamline the process in our Sam S. and Rose Stein Emergency Care Center, and the expedited work-ups and treatments have resulted in higher customer service scores that now exceed the national children’s hospitals benchmarks.

Through this initiative, we also have reduced the time a family spends in our Emergency Care Center by 22 percent.

Our goal at Rady Children’s is to consistently deliver excellent care to the nearly 71,000 children who visit our Emergency Care Center each year. That means ensuring patient satisfaction, reducing the time families wait to be seen or admitted, and making sure families don’t leave our Hospital before their children are seen.

These Emergency Care Center improvements are an organizational priority, and the work there is ongoing. We take very seriously our promise to provide families with excellent customer service and easy access to our Emergency Care Center, our Urgent Care centers, and to specialty pediatric care. Your support helps us deliver the best care to San Diego’s kids, and for that I am ever grateful.

With warm regards,

Kathleen A. Sellick
President and Chief Executive Officer
What’s New on the Web | www.rchsd.org

Our website is now more user-friendly and better reflects Rady Children’s standing as a leading pediatric academic medical center.

The new look highlights Rady Children’s key strengths while maintaining the heart and soul of the Hospital. These strengths are our consistently excellent care; our commitment to Discovery through research, teaching and innovation; and our numerous health and safety programs that serve children and families throughout our community.

Check out the new homepage at www.rchsd.org, and let us know what you think!
Sure, there are lots of walks around – but this one is truly special. Not only do you begin with an easy 1-mile walk through SeaWorld and a chance to see some cool animals (have you strolled with a flamingo lately?), but you can also choose to continue on a scenic 3-mile walk along Mission Bay. That makes this event perfect for all ages. There’s a fun family festival, too.

But the real reason this Walk stands out? It benefits Rady Children’s! You’ll help the kids and families we serve at Rady Children’s in a profound and significant way.

**How can YOU get involved?**

Start or join a Walk team. It’s so fun and easy. You can even choose to designate the funds that your team raises to a department or area of the Hospital that’s close to your heart (see the box, right).

**The Walk is Oct. 6. Why sign up now?**

We’re offering early-bird registration through July 31, so the best time to sign up is...NOW!

Register at [www.shamuandyouwalk.org](http://www.shamuandyouwalk.org).

To keep up-to-date on Walk activities, like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/shamuandyouwalk](http://www.facebook.com/shamuandyouwalk).
Top Scientist Moves to New Research Building

Christina D. Chambers, PhD, MPH, an epidemiologist and leading researcher on birth defects at the UC San Diego, has moved her research team to 7910 Frost Street, home of Rady Children’s and UC San Diego’s new Clinical and Translational Research Center.

At the new research building, Dr. Chambers is the co-director, along with Ken Lyons Jones (see page 7), MD, (Chief of Rady Children’s Division of Dysmorphology) of the new Center for Promotion of Maternal Health and Infant Development. The Center, among other things, studies the effects of drugs, foods and alcohol during pregnancy. Dr. Chambers’ and Dr. Jones’ research in this area, particularly on fetal alcohol syndrome, has developed a reputation of excellence in data quality and scientific results.

Dr. Chambers is also the project director for UC San Diego and Rady Children’s in the National Children’s Study, the largest and longest study of environmental effects on children’s health ever conducted in the United States. The study will examine the effects of air, water, diet, sound, family dynamics, community and cultural influences, and genetics on the growth, development, and health of 100,000 children, following them from before birth until age 21.

The study of how environmental factors affect our genes is known as epigenetics, a rapidly emerging scientific field. This groundbreaking research has the potential to greatly influence parents’ lifestyle choices and behaviors, which could have a dramatic impact on children’s health.

Helen Bernardy Center Ranked among Nation’s Elite

For the fourth consecutive year, the Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children at Rady Children’s was named to the Honor Roll in U.S. News & World Report’s annual Best Nursing Homes publication. The Bernardy Center is one of only 39 nursing homes in the country to achieve perfect performance ratings. With 15,500 facilities nationwide, the honor places the Bernardy Center among the nation’s top nursing homes.

“We are thrilled to once again be ranked among the nation’s best,” says Pamela Dixon, Director of the Bernardy Center. “This honor reflects the unwavering commitment of our interdisciplinary team of caregivers to provide effective, individualized care to each of our residents.”

Registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, licensed respiratory therapists, and certified nursing assistants provide 24-hour nursing care to all residents at the Bernardy Center.

Also cause for celebration is the Bernardy Center’s recent move to its new home in the Nelson Pavilion. Formerly the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, the space was fully renovated and modernized to accommodate the needs of the Bernardy Center’s residents and staff. Best of all, the Bernardy Center is now connected to the main campus, making access to physicians and Hospital resources more convenient.

For more information about the Bernardy Center or to schedule a tour, please call the Admissions Coordinator at 858-966-5833.
Heart Transplant Surgeon Joins Cardiovascular Surgery Team

Heart transplant surgeon Dr. Eric J. Devaney has joined the Division of Cardiovascular Surgery and will lead Rady Children’s new heart transplant program.

“Hiring a surgeon of Dr. Devaney’s caliber is a game-changer for the cardiovascular surgery program at Rady Children’s,” says Dr. John J. Lamberti, the Eugene and Joyce Klein Director in Cardiovascular Surgery at Rady Children’s. “Providing heart transplants here in San Diego will relieve the tremendous burden that is placed on families who, until now, had no choice but to travel long distances for care.”

In addition to heart transplantation, Dr. Devaney specializes in congenital heart surgery and circulatory support. He comes to Rady Children’s from the University of Michigan, where he completed his training in cardiothoracic surgery and pediatric cardiac surgery. Dr. Devaney developed his surgical practice over the last decade at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital at the University of Michigan.

“I’m very excited to make pediatric heart transplantation a reality for the Heart Institute at Rady Children’s,” says Dr. Devaney. “In addition to the services already available at Rady Children’s, the ability to perform heart transplants will allow us to provide comprehensive care for all children with any form of heart disease.”

Dr. Devaney’s clinical interests and expertise are in the surgical management of complex congenital heart disease in neonates, infants and children, and young adults. He also conducts basic research studies in the molecular biology of cardiac muscle function and heart failure, seeking possible therapies for the complications of congenital heart disease.

Rady Children’s hopes to conduct its first pediatric heart transplant by the end of 2012.

Dr. John A. Bishop: In Remembrance

Rady Children’s lost a great humanitarian with the passing of Dr. John A. Bishop, a devoted pediatrician and child advocate in the community for almost six decades.

“John was a true champion for children in the community who provided personalized, dedicated and compassionate care for his patients and families,” says Dr. Irvin “Buzz” Kaufman, Rady Children’s, Sr. Vice President and Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Bishop moved to San Diego after he completed his residency program in 1951, where he operated his private practice until 1986. During that time, he reached out to many organizations and touched the lives of thousands of sick children in San Diego County as a practicing physician. At Rady Children’s, then Children’s Hospital and Health Center, Dr. Bishop held numerous medical leadership positions, including:

- Founding member of the Medical Staff
- Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, 1978 to 1981
- Member, Executive Medical Board, 1978 to 1983
- Member, Board of Trustees, 1980 to 1983
- President of the Medical Staff, 1982 to 1983
The 2012 Annual Meeting was – from the crayons on the tables to the art on the invitations – clearly inspired by children.

“Today, we draw upon everything you love about being a part of the Rady Children’s family -- a picture of our past fiscal year and an outline of what’s to come,” said Kathleen Sellick, Rady Children’s President and CEO.

“After all, the children and families we see inspire all of us every day. We are proud to share a whole spectrum of achievements from the past and goals for the future.”

Among the event highlights?

Incredible stories from parents and patients, illustrating the amazing care they received at Rady Children’s, as well as full reports on the financial and philanthropic state of the Hospital.

Congressman Brian Bilbray was honored with the Legislator of the Year Award, and three of our finest physicians were honored for their excellence in teaching, research and clinical care (see page 7).

The luncheon closed with the presentation of the Thomas F. Carter Leadership Award, presented each year in honor and recognition of extraordinary volunteer leadership (right).

The Thomas F. Carter Leadership Award
The Ahlering, Frost and Gildred Families

The members of the Ahlering, Frost and Gildred families represent four generations of support, volunteerism and advocacy.

From involvement in Rady Children’s Auxiliary and the Charity Ball to leadership positions on our Boards – to demonstrations of extraordinary generosity – these families have been a part of the Rady Children’s family for more than 40 years.

We thank and honor this remarkable family.
We asked some of our patients to help us with the visuals for this year’s Meeting. Boring old headshots? We think not! Here is a child’s-eye-view of our 2011 Leadership Team.

Physicians of Excellence

Excellence in Teaching
Dr. John Bradley

Excellence in Research
Dr. Ken Lyons Jones

Excellence in Clinical Care
Dr. Marilyn Jones
A Journey of Hope and Recovery
113.

That’s the number of days Luke Acuña, a 9-year-old with a gentle gaze and the energy of a supernova, spent at Rady Children’s following a devastating accident last winter. A garbage truck struck him while he was skateboarding home from school, sending him to the Trauma Center at Rady Children’s Sam S. and Rose Stein Emergency Care Center at Rady Children’s with grave injuries.

Luke reports this number nonchalantly; his parents linger upon it pensively; his caregivers recite it solemnly – a sacred number: The number of days he spent at the Hospital. The time it took for Luke to find his way back from the edge of death.

By the time Luke and his parents are telling his story, it’s Day 141. He’s on spring break. Relaxing. Playing with his brother. Building up his strength. Master of his wheelchair.

“Poppin’ wheelies!” Luke trills, before a dizzying demonstration. Then he challenges his brother to race.

His parents can’t take their eyes off him, can’t stop smiling. It’s a good moment after so many difficult ones.

When Luke arrived at Rady Children’s, he was unconscious and bleeding to death. His pelvis was broken, and it would take multiple operations, including the amputation of his left leg, to put him on track to recovery, according to Dr. Andrew Skalsky, a rehabilitation specialist.

While he was in the coma, the uncertainty was hard to handle, his mother, Dawneva, recalls. But after a few weeks, Luke’s parents noticed something amazing: A flutter? Was he waking up? A nurse put her finger in his hand. “Luke, do you hear me?” Luke squeezed her finger.

He was back.

For the next months, Luke worked with Dr. Skalsky and a range of therapists to build strength on his right side and mobility on his left side. Luke admits that’s been difficult, but his progress has been outstanding. On Day 100, the Hospital threw a party for Luke and his classmates to celebrate his achievements, and when he left 13 days later, he was seen doing wheelies on his way out.

Luke’s parents say they are blown away by the quality of care at every stage and level, from department heads to the coffee cart staff. “They are our heroes,” says Dawneva, reciting the names of therapists and nurses by heart, like a prayer. How does she remember these details, months later? “They gave us hope. We left here with our baby. And that was the best gift in the world.”

Anthony, Luke’s father, said the doctors set a high bar for his recovery and took the long view. “He’s going to have a fulfilling life,” he says. “They’ve given him a solid foundation for how to use his new body. He’s Luke again.”

Luke’s top priority now is building his strength. That’s because he plans to be the first person with a prosthetic to walk on Mars, or a professional athlete, or maybe both. His journey is still filled with hope.

Urgent and Emergent Care: Improving the Experience for Our Families

What could make a child’s emergency room experience better? Magic healing wands might top the list.

Close second: more staff, more beds, or anything to shorten wait times and jumpstart the treatment process.

For LesleyAnn Carlson, Director of Urgent Care, the top priority is providing outstanding care to everyone who enters the Rady Children’s Emergency Care Center – in the shortest possible time. And a few exciting changes are helping doctors and other caregivers do just that.

“We’ve put into place a fast track for patients with less emergent needs,” she explains. “We can see them quickly, which allows us to free up rooms for patients with more urgent needs.

“We’ve brought in midlevel providers and added more beds,” she adds. “We have staff going out into the waiting room to check on people. That way, we can observe children from the time they get children here and see if their condition changes.”

Such changes have helped us reduce the time a family spends in our Emergency Care Center by 22 percent.

Shorter waits and more caregivers? Now that’s magic we can believe in.
The Campaign for Rady Children’s, launched last September, has raised more than $217 million for care, lifesaving technology and discovery. Our goal is to raise $220 million by December of this year.

The Campaign’s honorary chairs are Tracy and Trevor Hoffman, along with three former patients: Ian Quinones, Zara Brazel and Kassidy Brewer.

Learn more about these remarkable children – and how your support makes a real impact in the lives and future of kids in our community and across the nation – at www.HelpSDkids.org.

Children’s Circle of Care

In May, Children’s Circle of Care members gathered to learn more about Discovery at Rady Children’s, starting with the chance to interact with our “SimBaby” with Dr. Charlie Sauer (right) and learning about urology research with Dr. George Chiang and ending the event with a wonderful evening at La Jolla’s Marine Room.

With annual gifts of $10,000 or more, Children’s Circle of Care members make a remarkable impact on kids receiving care at Rady Children’s.

To learn more about becoming a member, please contact Jean Larsen at 858-966-7594 or jlarsen@rchsd.org.
Part of the Ledcor Group of Companies’ corporate culture is to give back to the communities in which they operate. Through a recent United Way employee-driven campaign, in which the company matched employee contributions, fundraising events, and forming a team for the Shamu & You Family Walk last October, the Ledcor Group of Companies raised $85,000 for the Brain Lab System at Rady Children’s.

The Brain Lab System helps Rady Children’s neurosurgeons determine a tumor’s location (similar to a Global Positioning System) and remove additional tumor cells while avoiding critical functional areas of the brain. This equipment will decrease the overall hospital stay of our patients, decrease brain surgery complications and increase the extent and resection of vascular malformations and brain tumors.

The Ledcor Group of Companies’ involvement and influence at Rady Children’s is felt far beyond the Hospital’s walls and is making a lasting impact throughout the community.

Penny Dokmo, a champion for Rady Children’s and longtime civic leader, received the Outstanding Development/Fundraising Volunteer award at the 39th Annual Association of Fundraising Professionals San Diego chapter award luncheon held in honor of National Philanthropy Day.

“I am honored to be given this award for the work I do with Rady Children’s and other local nonprofits,” says Dokmo. “Rady Children’s has always held a special place in my heart, and the time I have spent helping to support the Hospital has been very meaningful to me.”

Dokmo has served as Chair, Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees; Chair, Rady Children’s Hospital Board of Trustees; President, Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary; and SuperBall Chair (1998 Charity Ball). Since 1981, Dokmo has been a supporting member of the Rady Children’s Auxiliary Rancho Bernardo Unit, where she has helped organize many fundraising events. In 1999, she launched the unit’s first Poinsettia Fundraiser, which continues to raise more than $25,000 annually.

David Gillig, Sr. Vice President and Executive Director of Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation, says Dokmo has been an inspiration: “Few organizations are so fortunate to find such a committed, compassionate volunteer leader.”
Until recently, the first thing Tracy Dixon-Salazar did every morning was check her daughter Savannah to see if she was still breathing.

When she was a toddler, Savannah started having seizures. The first time it happened, Tracy and her husband thought she might be choking, but it turned out to be much worse. Savannah has a severe form of epilepsy called Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS).

The seizures come fast and furious. Now a teenager, Savannah has experienced more than 27,000, and they have taken a huge toll. She is a happy, social girl, but her condition has put her way behind developmentally.

There is no single cause for LGS and no specific treatment. Savannah has been on every anti-seizure medicine that made sense—and a few that didn’t. Her parents tried changing her diet and changing it again. They scoured epilepsy message boards for anecdotal successes, but nothing controlled her condition.
Mother and Researcher

With no family history, or any other explanation, physicians were mystified. “I couldn’t get over the fact that no one could tell me why this was happening,” says Tracy.

She started taking biology classes to better understand her daughter’s condition, found she loved the science and decided to get her degree.

She also met Dr. Joseph Gleeson.

A practicing neurologist and dedicated researcher, Dr. Gleeson investigates the genetic causes of neurological diseases, including epilepsy. As an undergraduate, Tracy volunteered in his lab and quickly demonstrated her organizational skills and attention to detail. She helped author important papers, orchestrated research and contributed to our understanding of epilepsy. Then she went to work on her PhD.

“I never thought for a minute I would be able to help Savannah,” says Tracy. “But I enjoyed the opportunity to help other kids.”

New Technology

Tracy left the Gleeson lab for graduate school, but recently returned as a newly minted Ph.D. Much has changed. Advances in genomic sequencing have given scientists greater insights into the molecular causes of disease. Now a doctor herself, Tracy encouraged Dr. Gleeson to embrace exome sequencing, which captures information on the small portion of our genome that codes for proteins.

Savannah’s condition was not improving. She had non-stop seizures two or three times a week, events that could last for hours or even days. But Dr. Gleeson had an idea. “I said to Tracy, let’s sequence her. Maybe we can find something treatable.”

Savannah’s exome sequencing showed 25,000 genetic variations, which had to be painstakingly analyzed to understand which ones might be causing her condition. Dr. Dixon-Salazar pored over the data for months to find the disease-causing mutations in Savannah’s DNA. In late 2011, she succeeded.

Savannah has mutations in several calcium channel genes, which can affect muscle contractions. Her family already knew that calcium supplements increased her seizures. Perhaps calcium channel blockers could control them.

Treatment began in December and the results are amazing. Savannah’s seizures have been reduced by 80 percent. “She goes entire days seizure-free,” says Tracy. “That’s unheard of.”

Though Savannah will never regain function, without constant seizures she can have a more normal life. In the big picture, sequencing may help identify the underlying causes of other conditions.

“There is no disease described that has ten different calcium channel mutations,” says Dr. Gleeson. “We would never have looked for that cause. Sequencing gave us the answers we needed.”

The Promise of Genomics

The ability to sequence genes and determine how different mutations affect our health will have a profound impact on medicine. In cancer, it will allow physicians to understand each tumor’s genetic “flavor” and custom-prescribe treatments. In heart disease, genomic data will help identify how each patient responds to specific medications. But perhaps the greatest payoff will be understanding genetic diseases.

Dr. Joseph Gleeson, a senior neurologist at Rady Children’s Hospital and professor of neurosciences at UC San Diego, is already harnessing this technology to decipher neurodevelopmental diseases.

“We want to understand the parts lists,” says Dr. Gleeson. “The list of genes that is important in putting the human brain together and the diseases that result when one or more of those genes is missing.”

Dr. Gleeson’s lab is making progress. Recently, the team analyzed the exomes (genes that code for proteins) for a small group of children suffering from both autism and epilepsy. They found a mutation in a gene not previously linked to human disease. Even better, they found the condition could be treated with a simple change in diet.

“This was a previously unknown metabolic cause for autism and epilepsy,” says Dr. Gleeson. “We have similar cases. By finding the gene, we can determine a treatment.”
Children live in a world of discovery. Every step, each milestone, leads them into the future.

Rady Children’s is dedicated to creating milestones – and changing the future of pediatric care through research, teaching and innovation. After all, in the world of pediatrics, research – quite literally – gives a young child an entire lifetime.

That’s what Discovery is all about.

A Miracle Maker is an individual or group that commits to raising at least $500 a year for Rady Children’s. Last year, these dedicated groups raised more than $12.8 million.

This year, our Miracle Makers Gala – a yearly celebration in honor of the corporations and community groups that raise funds for the Hospital – showed just how fun Discovery can be. And they discovered some extra generosity, too, raising an additional $184,000 the night of the event.
A Truly Spectacular Charity Ball

January 21 marked the date of the 103rd Anniversary Charity Ball, “Spectacular San Diego,” at the Hotel del Coronado. Chaired by Noreen Gilman Mulliken and Jane Fetter, the event raised more than $260,000 for Rady Children’s Trauma Care Center at the Sam S. and Rose Stein Emergency Care Center.

More than 650 people attended the sold-out event – one of the best turnouts in the Ball’s history – and there were plenty of new faces.

The evening started with a pre-ball reception in the Carousel room, followed by a delicious dinner in the Crown and Coronet rooms. Guests were then treated to a musical performance by Rick Faugno, who sang a variety of crowd-pleasing classics. Faugno has performed on Broadway as well as nationally televised shows including the Tony Awards, America’s Got Talent and the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

After the entertainment, the crowd moved to the Grand Ballroom and danced the night away to the Swing Cats Orchestra. Judging by the smiles and nifty moves, a good time was had by all.
The funds we receive from our Legacy Circle members help provide excellent clinical care, support programs and services that will never be reimbursed by insurance, purchase the latest technology and best equipment, and discover cures and treatments for childhood diseases. Gifts in any amount are meaningful and important to our future.

If you have already included Rady Children’s in your estate plan but have not previously notified us, we encourage you to share your wishes with us.

_If you would like more information, please contact Elise Webster at 858-966-5804 or ewebster@rchsd.org._
On June 10, 1953, the first meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Rady Children's was called to order by Mabel Jessop.

Note the date: That’s one year before the Hospital opened, and this diverse and dedicated group of volunteers has been a part of our story ever since. From the very beginning, Auxilians searched for new and innovative ideas to help the new Hospital flourish. Funds raised for the Hospital surpassed $100,000 during its first four years. In 2011, the Auxiliary raised more than $1.38 million.

The Diamond Anniversary Fund: A New Way to Help

Now, in celebration of its 2013 60th Anniversary, the Auxiliary is kicking off a new campaign to raise $600,000 to support the Diamond Anniversary Fund. The Fund will support Child Life services at Rady Children’s – vital psychosocial care for patients and their families that is 100 percent dependent on philanthropy. By designating this Fund in your estate plan or giving a cash gift, you can make a profound difference in the life of a child.

For information about the Diamond Anniversary Fund, please call the Auxiliary office at 858-966-5887.

Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary is a diverse group of volunteers with something very important in common: a deep love and concern for children. Team spirit, camaraderie and fun can be found throughout the 22-unit membership, Miracle Makers and other caring volunteers.

It’s Mission is to work in partnership with Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego and to support its mission through advocating for the health and well-being of children, increasing community awareness of Rady Children’s, and fundraising.

Learn more by calling 858-966-5887 or visiting www.HelpSDKids.org.

RADY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL CALENDAR of EVENTS

Rady Children’s Hospital Shamu & You Family Walk at SeaWorld presented by San Diego County Credit Union
Saturday, October 6, 2012, 7:30 a.m., South Shores Park. Visit www.shamuandyoufamilywalk.org for more information.

23rd Annual U-T Kids’ NewsDay
Tuesday, October 23. Purchase a special $1 edition of the paper, read inspiring stories of our patients, and help all the kids at Rady Children’s. Call 858-966-5887 for more information.

Rady Children’s Hospital Fantasy On Ice
November 2012-January 2013, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Horton Square. Call 858-966-5887 for more information.

Holiday of Miracles Radiothon-KyXy 96.5
Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. Call 858-966-5988 for more information.

More Event Information: You can learn more about upcoming events – and see more photos of recent events, like our June 2 Miracle Makers Gala – on our website at HelpSDkids.org.
Discovery ensures that Rady Children’s will always be able to offer the finest care, the latest technology, the best hope for cures to childhood disease. Your support makes you a research partner, enabling the amazing physicians and researchers to come to San Diego and blaze new trails in pediatric healthcare.

Learn more in this edition of *Rady Children’s Magazine*.

For more information on Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego and a calendar of events:

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