



Children & Youth 2019 - 2021

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As we begin anew, step back to assess the year behind us (that's a little scary) and make your goals and plans for the year ahead. As you make those plans, please put our special children on your list as our Eight and Forty Partners put our Hearts in Service for our Special Children.

Stay in touch with your partners and encourage them to not only work on our Children & Youth program but all programs. No one could have every predicted we would be where we are now with our organization. We will get through this and not just survive but thrive. Use technology where you can; free telephone conference services are great way to get a group together and maybe get those partners who are not able to come to meetings active. Think outside the box, stay in touch with your partners! A telephone conference tea party sounds kinda cool, use your great imaginations.

National Chapeau Diane's project still needs your support! Encourage your partners to donate and raise funds for an End-Tidal CO2 Monitor at National Jewish Health. Our goal is \$10,000. This monitor is especially for premature babies. About 1 in 10 babies born in the United States enter the world prematurely and the tiniest patient must be cared for in the neonatal intensive care unit. Unfortunately, the challenges do not end when these infants leave the NICU because their lungs and digestive system remain fragile and require further development. They are susceptible to life-threatening respiratory infections; parents frequently take home a collection of monitors, medications, oxygen tanks and other equipment to help their children grow and remain healthy. The End-Tidal CO2 Monitor measures carbon dioxide levels in the bloodstream.

Our website is always an excellent source of information for our Children & Youth program. Our Children & Youth committee is always available to answer questions and help you with our wonderful program.

Always count your blessings and be thankful for the privilege we have helping our special children with respiratory diseases. With our Hearts in Service for our Special Children, we WILL make this year a huge success!

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