Winter 2012
Finding their momentum
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Noteworthy gifts and news
Finding their momentum

In year nine of the amazing Doernbecher Freestyle program, six young patients make their mark designing limited-edition Nike footwear to support the hospital that changed their lives.

Freestyle designer Autumn Boynton was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2005 and received treatment at Doernbecher, eventually undergoing a successful kidney transplant. Her dad Billy was the donor.

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Welcome to Doernbecher *Next*, a publication for the friends and supporters who help OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital achieve what’s next.

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On the cover

2012 Freestyle designer Finnigan Mooney (photo courtesy of Daniel Root Photography)
It’s easy to find out what Chad himself learned from the experience because it’s printed on the insole of the Nike sneaker that the high school sophomore designed as a participant in the 2012 Doernbecher Freestyle program. Here it is: The people who turn out the best are those people who make the best out of the way things turn out.

That motto defines not just the medical journeys of the six special young people selected this year to anchor Doernbecher Freestyle. It also describes the unique and extraordinary program itself.

A partnership to change the game
Doernbecher Freestyle was born in 2003 when Michael Doherty, Nike Inc.’s creative director of global brand presentations and a longtime board member of the Doernbecher Foundation, was pitched a wild idea by his son, Connor. Connor thought Nike should create a custom shoe honoring Doernbecher patients. Doherty was intrigued, and it wasn’t long before the idea evolved into the program we know today – an empowering opportunity for courageous Doernbecher kids to express themselves in a totally unique way while experiencing the thrill of helping others.

Last January Chad Berg took a spill in his kayak and spent 90 minutes in icy water near his hometown of Albany, Oregon. By the time he was rescued, the 15-year-old was in full cardiac arrest with no pulse and a body temperature of 73 degrees. Essentially, he was lifeless.

Chad’s medical team quickly transferred him to OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, where experts in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) put him on a sophisticated machine that could do the work of his heart and lungs while he recovered. Incredibly, after two weeks at Doernbecher, Chad was back in action with no neurological damage at all.

“There are simply no words for our gratitude,” said Chad’s mom, Kaye Berg, who credits the expertise and enthusiasm of Doernbecher’s PICU team for her son’s rapid recovery. “Our experience proves that good things can come from hard things.”

The 2012 Doernbecher Freestyle collection is expected to sell out quickly at nike.com and selected Nike retail locations nationwide. All proceeds benefit Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.
In nine years the program has featured 51 young designers and deeply involved their families, as well as thousands of Nike and Doernbecher employees and associates – all while raising more than $5 million to advance the Doernbecher cause on a worldwide stage.

“The power of this partnership is beyond calculation,” said Stacy Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., Physician-in-Chief of Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. “It showcases inspiring kids whose experiences highlight Doernbecher’s strengths, and it brings their stories to the world. Nike set out to turn shoe buyers into Doernbecher donors and advocates – and for that vision, we are profoundly grateful.”

For Nike’s employees, that sense of gratitude is mutual, and it’s felt by the thousands of team members who are involved in the Freestyle project each year.

“Freestyle is one of the very best things we do,” said Adam Welliver, a Nike footwear developer who worked with 2012 participant Finnigan Mooney, who at age 10 has toughed out 13 heart surgeries at Doernbecher while maintaining his signature sunny attitude. “All of us – from designers to suppliers – get personally invested in helping these kids express themselves through the shoes they design. We work for them.”

**Paying it forward**

For the designers and their families, nothing beats being able to give back in such a meaningful and positive way to the hospital that changed their lives.

“I feel so emotional about our family’s experience,” said Julie Martineau, mother of 16-year-old Freestyle designer Kylie Bell, who underwent life-saving neurosurgery at Doernbecher. “The doctors and nurses make everything amazing. They took care of everyone in our family, not just our daughter. To have an opportunity to pay that back in such a positive way is a real blessing.”

Kylie, who thinks she may want to be a neonatal nurse practitioner when she gets older, agrees that giving back is great, and doing it through Freestyle has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. “I just love to see people’s reactions when I tell them I designed a Nike shoe! Please go buy mine today!”

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**Cancer:** Expansion of pioneering cancer and metabolic disease research

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A brand new day

Savvy donors are supporting one of the nation’s best and most innovative pediatric epilepsy programs, creating new opportunities to help kids control seizures and families get back to normal.

Epilepsy specialist Dr. Carter Wray checks in with patient Emmy Payne and her mom, Breanne.
In 2009 Friends of Doernbecher pledged $1 million – raised through grassroots events and activities – to expand Doernbecher’s epilepsy program, making possible transforming growth, including:

- Recruitment of new epilepsy experts including Carter Wray, M.D., Jason Coryell, M.D., and Andrea Frank, C.P.N.P.
- A more than 80 percent reduction in wait time for new epilepsy patients, who in 2009 had to wait more than a year to access care
- A new dedicated clinical home at Doernbecher featuring specialized rooms and updated equipment

Thank you!

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Breanne and Jesse Payne didn’t know anything about Doernbecher Children’s Hospital when they drove up the hill to OHSU for the first time little more than a year ago – all they knew is that they had to find help for their infant daughter.

Just days after the family moved to Salem, five-month-old Emmy began having terrifying clusters of seizures that rocked her small body. Confused and distraught, her parents sought answers, but a diagnosis proved elusive. Finally Emmy’s pediatrician recommended Doernbecher, and everything changed.

Emmy Payne with brother, Eli.

“**It’s impossible to describe the relief we felt when we got to Doernbecher, and a whole team of experts were instantly dedicated to helping Emmy.**” said Jesse Payne. “**They took the time to understand what was happening, and they had the tools and expertise to diagnose her.**” Emmy’s diagnosis was a rare form of epilepsy caused by congenital problems with brain development.

**A comprehensive program to help kids**

Epilepsy is a commonly misunderstood neurological disorder affecting more than 45,000 children in the U.S. each year – about 500 a year in Oregon and southwest Washington. It is marked by regular seizures – electric storms that move across the brain which can trigger convulsions, loss of bodily control and other severe reactions. Though epilepsy can often be controlled through medication, some patients require special dietary therapy or surgery. Its emotional impacts are especially hard on kids and families.

Fortunately, Doernbecher’s neurology and neurosurgery programs are ranked among the best in the country – and passionate donors are stepping up to ensure that the epilepsy team has what it needs to help kids like Emmy.

“**This is the kind of incredible**
What if we could make pediatric brain surgery far less risky and virtually eliminate the need for repeat surgeries? This is the future of neurosurgery at Doernbecher.

In the next five years, $5 million in philanthropic contributions will be needed to help purchase an intraoperative MRI device to image the brain during surgery, transforming the precision with which surgeons can operate, eliminating hazards associated with other techniques, and providing families with a standard of care offered at few other places in the world.

“Imaging during brain surgery will give even greater hope to the children of Oregon and our region. Philanthropy has built our program. With the support of our community of donors, advances at Doernbecher will help children and families around the nation.”
– Nathan Selden, M.D., Ph.D.
Throughout his adolescence, Robert Lisac survived more than most of us can imagine. His six-year journey, which started with a cancer diagnosis in middle school, is now a triumphant testament to what happens when extraordinary care meets an extraordinary spirit.

Robert was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 12 years old and received a bone marrow transplant (BMT) at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital that saved his life. A couple of weeks after the transplant, he woke up struggling to breathe. His body was rejecting the new bone marrow. He made it through the night, and spent the next four years battling his condition with a steely determination not just to survive but to thrive. For the next three years, Robert needed a wheelchair, but after a hip replacement and two knee replacements, he was able to walk proudly across the stage to accept his high school diploma and speak to the student body – as their valedictorian.

As director of Doernbecher’s pediatric bone marrow transplantation program, Eneida Nemecek, M.D., remembers Robert well and is enormously proud of his achievements, just as she is proud of the role Doernbecher played in helping to make possible his bright future. The survival rate for kids who undergo a
Timing is everything when diagnosing and treating complex diseases with origins in a child’s bone marrow. Leukemia, metabolic disorders and pediatric immunodeficiency must be treated early while a patient is healthy enough to tolerate the challenging process of a bone marrow transplant. That’s why Doernbecher is committed to establishing a world-class pediatric immunology program – and why philanthropy will be critical.

Dr. Nemecek credits such success to her team’s sophisticated version of patient-centered, multi-disciplinary care, which brings together every team member – from physicians to care coordinators to patient families – in a highly coordinated effort. She believes the best practices her team developed dramatically improve outcomes for patients and families.

Those exceptional survival outcomes place Doernbecher’s BMT program on the front line of national clinical research. Dr. Nemecek is often invited to national and international conferences to share Doernbecher’s unique approach to disease treatment and patient follow-up, and to advocate for policy issues affecting patients and families, including legislative and insurance changes.

That kind of dedication made an impression on Robert. In fact, today he is preparing to become a pediatric oncologist, inspired in part by his experiences at Doernbecher. “All my interactions with physicians over the years shaped this goal,” he said. “They each showed me in their own way what makes a great doctor.”

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bone marrow transplant at Doernbecher ranks in the top 5 percent nationally – 70 percent compared to the national average of 56 percent. Put another way, of the 400 children whose transplants were performed at Doernbecher since the program began in 1996, 56 of them might not have survived elsewhere.

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OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital gratefully acknowledges all contributions made to help improve the health and well-being of children. The gifts listed below reflect key philanthropic investments made in recent months. Thank you, donors!

Derrol and Mary Lou McKern never had children of their own but were second parents to many. Their generous spirit has been extended through estate contributions to Doernbecher totaling $795,000. The gifts will help fund care for uninsured or underinsured children. The hospital seeks to treat families in the region regardless of their ability to pay, and the McKerns’ legacy will continue to make that possible.

Phil and Barbara Silver contributed $250,000 to help Doernbecher deliver exceptional care to mothers and their at-risk babies. Of that amount, $125,000 will support research led by Leonardo Pereira, M.D., chief of OHSU’s Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, to help create a test that can accurately predict pre-term birth. The second $125,000 will fund technology enabling Doernbecher specialists to provide real-time consultation and advanced diagnosis to rural providers, helping families stay in their home communities during treatment.

Over the past year, the Cambia Health Foundation, an organization working to expand access to and understanding of palliative care, has provided multiple grants to the Bridges Pediatric Palliative Care program at Doernbecher. Most recently, the Cambia Health Foundation pledged $250,000 to fund a pediatric social worker to provide mental health services for children and their families. Earlier this year, the foundation also awarded $195,000 to the Bridges program to expand access to palliative care for children throughout Oregon and southwest Washington through telehealth technology. In addition, Bridges Program Director Kathleen Perko, M.S., P.N.P., received a $50,000 Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Award, which recognizes inspirational leaders in the field of palliative and end-of-life care.

The Douglas and Lila Goodman Family pledged $150,000 to advance pediatric research and recruitment priorities at Doernbecher. In addition to Douglas and Lila, the Goodman family includes Mark and Christi Goodman, and Greg Goodman and Susan Schnitzer. The family’s investment has already helped recruit world-leading autism expert Eric Fombonne, M.D., to OHSU’s Department of Psychiatry, where he will lead both Doernbecher’s clinical program in autism and advance pioneering research on the disease’s genetic and environmental risk factors.

Bud and Twyla Bailey made a $50,000 pledge to support the Doernbecher Neonatal Care Center at the 2012 Heart of Doernbecher Auction. In addition, they made nearly $17,000 in auction purchases that night. The family’s generous contributions will help Doernbecher provide care for hundreds of infants from throughout the Northwest.
The **Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals** program raised nearly $813,000 to support OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in 2012. The network is an alliance of 170 children’s hospitals throughout the U.S. and Canada dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children and families. This year’s events included the 99.5 the Wolf Hunt for a Cure Radiothon, Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day, Miracle Jeans Day, and more. These efforts involved numerous corporate partners and inspired the generosity of thousands of donors, many of them new to the Doernbecher cause. Special commendation is due to this year’s Miracle Balloons sponsors, including Costco, Walmart and Rite Aid, for a record-breaking year. For a complete listing of sponsors, visit cmnh.doernbecherfoundation.org. Thank you for an exceptional year.

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**Credit Unions for Kids** raised nearly $456,000 for Doernbecher in 2012 through everything from bake sales to auctions to golf tournaments. More than 100 credit unions throughout Oregon and southwest Washington have raised $8 million for Doernbecher since 1986 through an incredible array of grassroots efforts. Their commitment for more than two decades helped build the new hospital and endowed critical faculty positions.

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When it comes to kids, **Kohl’s** cares. This year Kohl’s granted $166,048 to support the Kohl’s Car Seat Safety Outreach Program. As part of this important program, families can receive free inspections at Doernbecher to insure that their child’s car seat is properly installed. During the event, technicians and volunteers served more than 70 families, checked 121 seats and distributed 33 seats to families in need.

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**Doernbecher Foundation Board Member Rick Wright**, his family and company – Market of Choice – have made contributions to Doernbecher totaling $35,000 in recent months. The family contributed $10,000 to the area of greatest need at Doernbecher through the 2011 Doernbecher Freestyle event (the Wrights’ daughter was a Freestyle designer in 2008). In addition, Market of Choice made a $25,000 corporate contribution to support the Doernbecher Neonatal Care Center at this year’s Heart of Doernbecher Auction.

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**George and Janet Boldt** invested $25,000 to support the area of greatest need at Doernbecher. Contributions of this nature are critical. They fund opportunities to make an immediate difference – whether developing new clinical services, funding research programs, or advancing new treatments for serious childhood diseases.

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Every time a new **Hyundai** vehicle is sold in the U.S., Hyundai customers join Hyundai and its dealers in funding important life-saving research through its Hyundai Scholar Grant and Hyundai Hope Grant programs. Since 2008, Hyundai Hope On Wheels has provided more than $530,000 to support Doernbecher’s pediatric oncology research. This year, Hyundai awarded Doernbecher’s Bill Chang, M.D., Ph.D., $250,000 to advance pediatric leukemia research. Previous grant recipients include Doernbecher cancer experts Charles Keller, M.D., Peter Kurre, M.D., and Suman Malempati, M.D.

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**Costco team**
**Liam’s $6 Club – From $6 to $60,000**

*Club for young philanthropists grows up*

What started as a 6-year-old boy donating $6 from his piggy bank to benefit fellow patients at Doernbecher has grown into a community campaign raising nearly $60,000 to support Doernbecher’s pediatric neurosurgery program.

Liam Jaussi was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in June 2010. He was rushed to Doernbecher where surgeons performed two surgeries to remove the tumors, and he later received radiation to attack the remaining cancer cells. Since then Liam has faced more surgery, but the now-8-year-old boy is doing well and enjoying second grade at Edy Ridge Elementary School in Sherwood, Ore.

Liam and his family shared their story at the 2010 Heart of Doernbecher Auction. At the event, Liam proudly handed off a bag containing his life savings – $6.00. Word of Liam’s compassion for his peers spread, and Liam’s $6 Club was born. Since then, hundreds of kids and families have joined Liam’s crusade, and donations made through his club today total $60,000 – a powerful testimony that anyone, at any age, can make a difference.

To join Liam’s club and see a video of his moving story, visit liams6dollarclub.com

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**THE POWER OF FRIENDS**

*Friends of Doernbecher is a grassroots organization comprised of hundreds of volunteers who raise funds and friends for OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital through community-based events and activities. For information on a chapter near you, visit doernbecherfoundation.org.*

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“Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts, and we support a hospital whose impact is without measure.”

– Andrew Over, Friends of Doernbecher Board President

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**Friends Follow Yellow Brick Road to Doernbecher**

Friends of Doernbecher hosted the 14th Annual Heart of Doernbecher Auction in April, 2012, raising more than $827,000 for Doernbecher’s Neonatal Care Center. The Portland Art Museum was transformed into the Land of Oz for the evening, and 400 guests followed the yellow brick road along with Dorothy and her pals for a gala fundraiser filled with both touching and fun moments.

“This event is one of the highlights of our year,” said Mary Turina, executive director of the Doernbecher Foundation. “Friends devote countless hours to help raise critical resources for Doernbecher and make sure everyone has a wonderful time doing it.”

Led by co-chairs Andrew Over and Ron and Alisa Brake, the auction wouldn’t have been possible without the generosity of sponsors Regence, Safeway, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Fred Meyer, Sunset Porsche Audi, Unified Grocers, Bud & Twyla Bailey, Columbia Sportswear, Hoffman Construction, Lamb’s Markets, Market of Choice, Portland Monthly, RBC Wealth Management, Reser’s Fine Food, Roth’s Fresh Markets, Umpqua Private Bank, Ziba and ZGF Architects LLP. Thank you, sponsors!
FRIENDS ON THE GO
A roundup of Friends chapter highlights

Claudia Swanson (Vancouver, Wash.) hosted a successful spring auction brunch where a record-breaking crowd of 600 raised more than $65,000 for Doernbecher, bidding on spectacular Easter baskets. "I’m proud to be a part of a chapter that’s doing so much good in the community," said chapter member Amy Johnson.

It was a “Fiesta with Friends” for the annual Friends of Douglas County (Roseburg, Ore.) dinner auction and golf classic. With generous community support, the event brought in $40,000 to help Doernbecher purchase a vehicle to bring its experts to underserved communities.

The second annual Dru’s Chapter (Portland, Ore.) golf tournament and auction raised nearly $40,000 at its fall event, which included silent, live and dessert auctions, a game of heads and tails, and a hugely successful paddle raise.

Felicity Chapter’s (Portland, Ore.) “April in Paris” luncheon and spring fashion show raised more than $10,000. “We love supporting Doernbecher,” said chapter member Jerrie Johnson. “We are each involved for our own reasons, but we all agree on the importance of Doernbecher in our lives and our community.”

Oswego Friends (Lake Oswego, Ore.) celebrated their passion for kids at a “Fashion with a Passion” spring shopping event netting $8,000. Guests purchased locally-designed clothes, jewelry, handbags and scarves while raising funds for Doernbecher.

Women for Children (Portland, Ore.) raised $34,000 for Doernbecher through two lively events – the second annual summer Bingo Bash on the rooftop of Wieden+Kennedy, and an annual spring wine raffle. "It’s been so inspiring to hear about our chapter’s longtime commitment to Doernbecher," said new member and chapter president Lindsay Ferrin.

At the inaugural Friends of Doernbecher Bowling with Heart event this fall, 100 supporters participated in a striking evening of fun – raising nearly $13,000 to support the Doernbecher Neonatal Care Center and a grant program.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!
Kids Make Miracles
Each year K-12 students in more than 100 participating Oregon and southwest Washington schools join forces to support patients at Doernbecher through the Kids Making Miracles (KMM) program. What started as a simple coin drive in one elementary school has turned into an $8 million program. During 2012, kids raised more than $572,000 for the areas of greatest need at Doernbecher. These young philanthropists celebrated their efforts during an inspiring candlelight procession to the eternal flame in front of Doernbecher. From the windows of their hospital rooms, young patients cheered. For more information on joining KMM, visit kmm.doernbecherfoundation.org.

Shamrock Run
For the last 16 years, Hamilton Events has hosted its annual Shamrock Run in Portland – with Doernbecher Children’s Hospital as its charitable partner. On a rainy Sunday last March, more than 32,000 fitness enthusiasts showed up to run or walk in their favorite shade of green at the 34th annual event, which raised $75,000 for Doernbecher’s area of greatest need. Team OHSU was the second-largest team on race day, with more than 650 members. Registration is now open for the 2013 run on March 17, 2013. To join Team OHSU, enter team number 5520 when you register at shamrockrunportland.com.

Fastpitch Cares Softball Tournament
In April, Bailey Marshall and Vanessa Brown were looking forward to starting their freshman year at Tualatin High School when they became critically ill from an E. coli infection after consuming raw milk. After months of treatment and dialysis at Doernbecher, the two are thriving. To show their appreciation, the softball community led by Sue Oran and her organization Fastpitch Cares hosted a September softball tournament that raised $28,000 to purchase vital equipment.
The following individuals were elected in 2012 to serve on the Doernbecher Foundation Board of Directors, which advocates broadly in the community for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital and its life-saving work:

Don Antonucci, President, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon
Jeff Borlaug, Principal and Executive Vice President, Brokerage Division, Norris, Beggs & Simpson
Patrick Clark, Principal-Owner, Broker Realty Trust
Kevin Director, Senior Vice President, Institutional Equity Sales, D.A. Davidson
Siouxsie Jennett, President and CEO, Mambo Media, Inc.
Bruce Kerr, Founder, The Partners Group
Andrew Over, Director of Community and Business Relations, Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon

“We are extremely lucky to have board members who figure prominently in the community and have a demonstrated commitment to Doernbecher. The energy and expertise they bring is invaluable.”

– Mary Turina
Executive Director, Doernbecher Foundation

Study offers new hope for children with brain diseases

Researchers at Doernbecher have demonstrated for the first time that banked human neural stem cells, HuCNS-SC®, can survive and make functional myelin in mice with severe symptoms of myelin loss. Led by Stephen A. Back, M.D., Ph.D., clinician-scientist in the Papé Family Pediatric Research Institute, the study is published online in the journal Science Translational Medicine. The breakthrough research offers new hope for children with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, and other myelin disorders. Myelin is the critical fatty insulation surrounding new nerve fibers and is essential for normal brain function. This is a very important finding in terms of advancing stem cell therapy to patients because in most cases, patients are not diagnosed with a myelin disease until they begin to show symptoms. “These findings provide us with much greater confidence that going forward, a wide variety of myelin disorders might be candidates for therapy,” Back said.

Doernbecher + Mass Gen Collaborate

In a high-profile new cross-country partnership, Doernbecher and Massachusetts General Hospital will collaborate to help children struggling with significant social, emotional and behavioral challenges. The program, called Think:Kids, is based on a celebrated problem solving model first developed at Massachusetts General. The collaboration will be led on the Doernbecher side by Ajit Jetmalani, M.D., head of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Doernbecher Nationally Ranked by U.S. News & World Report

Doernbecher was the only Oregon children’s hospital to be nationally ranked among the country’s top 50 pediatric hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. The hospital made the grade in six separate pediatric specialty areas, including cancer, cardiology/heart surgery, diabetes/endocrinology, neonatology, neurology/neurosurgery, and orthopaedics. The rankings are based on patient outcomes, reputation among pediatric specialists nationwide, and key care-related indicators (infection rate, for example).

“This is a validation of Doernbecher’s strong national position, and it underscores the quality of care that our doctors and nurses bring to our region’s children and families,” said Stacy Nicholson, M.D., Doernbecher’s physician-in-chief.
“The amazing experts at Doernbecher help give families peace of mind when they’re at their most vulnerable. You can’t put a price tag on that.”

– Donors Bud and Twyla Bailey