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On the cover and at right: Doernbecher patients Kate (left, top) and Kira Smith.

When mental illness pushes kids out of control, Doernbecher psychiatrists help restore peace to their worlds.
Twin sisters Kate and Kira Smith often talk in an excited duet, finishing each other’s sentences to share an idea or observation. Playful and affectionate, they readily hug and say, “I love you.” They are best friends.

Four years ago the twins were fighting constantly, sometimes cruelly, destroying each other’s treasured possessions. Competition and comparison ruled their relationship. Each felt an uncontrollable compulsion to do exactly what the other was doing. One would not sit down until her twin did. They worried obsessively about who was consuming fewer calories or exercising more. They were dangerously thin.

Kate and Kira felt out of control. “You can’t think about anything else,” said Kate. “You realize it’s totally irrational, but still, you can’t stop thinking about it.”

The twins’ parents, Rebecca and Preston, were desperate to find help for their daughters. But some of the mental health practitioners they spoke with didn’t seem to understand the complexity of twin relationships. Others were quick to offer a diagnosis of “eating disorder,” rather than looking deeper into the root causes of the twins’ behavior.

Life changed when Rebecca was referred to Dr. Ajit Jetmalani at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

**A place where healing can happen**

Pediatricians and families throughout the region turn to Doernbecher experts for help in treating ADHD, autism, emotional and behavioral disorders and more. The need is great: 40 percent of pediatric visits nationally are for mental health concerns.

Donors recognize that these services are critical to improving children’s health, and are stepping forward to support the program. Janice Marvin, whose late father was a faculty member at Doernbecher, says, “I give to child psychiatry because this is where help is so urgently needed. Children should have access to psychiatric care as an integral part of their treatment plan.”

– Janice Marvin, donor

Think:Kids is a collaboration between Doernbecher and Massachusetts General Hospital. The program has proven successful at Doernbecher and more than 35 Oregon organizations for outpatient therapy, inpatient mental health, and education.

**THINK:KIDS TRANSFORMS TREATMENT FOR CHALLENGING CHILDREN**

Children who regularly “act out” lack the skills, not the will, to behave well.

This is the basic tenet of Think:Kids, a revolutionary approach to helping at-risk children that assumes that children will do well if they can – and if they can’t, it is because they lack crucial cognitive abilities such as problem solving, or the ability to tolerate frustration. Think:Kids trains adult caregivers to set expectations, gather information and teach skills with an empathetic rather than punitive stance.

“By seeing kids and families through a different lens, we can more accurately explain what is getting in a child’s way and shift our interactions in overt and subtle ways,” said Ajit Jetmalani, M.D., head of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

Jetmalani recognized Kate and Kira’s intelligence and intellectual curiosity and treated them accordingly. He diagnosed the twins with an obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), explained to them how it affects the brain, and shared his experiences treating other teens with OCD. He patiently but firmly challenged the girls to take small steps toward new behavior, starting with the simple act of sitting down at different times when they arrived at their weekly appointment.

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Primary care clinics are the first place families turn when they have concerns about their child's mental, behavioral and emotional health. Primary care doctors are in a good position to understand a child’s developmental and family context, but they often need advice from psychiatric specialists about how to best assess, treat and refer patients with mental health challenges.

OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital developed and will soon launch the Oregon Psychiatric Access Line for Kids (OPAL-K) to connect primary care providers with Doernbecher specialists via telephone or videoconference. The program leverages Doernbecher’s expertise in child and adolescent psychiatry and its established telemedicine and community networks. OPAL-K helps primary care physicians to provide comprehensive, informed care in their offices, or to refer patients to appropriate community resources.

With philanthropic support, OPAL-K can be implemented throughout the state, ensuring that primary care physicians have access to the right diagnosis and treatment plans for their patients.

Most importantly, he taught Kate and Kira that OCD was their enemy, not each other. The concept of a battle they had to win resonated with both girls, whose interests include medieval weaponry and female warrior heroines (Kate), and the Victorian era and women’s rights (Kira).

Over time, moments of calm turned into days of calm. The constant fighting stopped. The girls felt happy for the first time in years. Today, Kira and Kate say that they – not OCD – are in control.

The girls had the opportunity to express their gratitude – and their creativity – as participants in this year’s Doernbecher Freestyle program, a collaboration with Nike in which Doernbecher patients design Nike shoes to benefit the hospital. Kate’s shoe is decorated with a coat of arms and the words, “You are stronger than you think you are.” Kira’s features a playing card motif, a reference to Alice in Wonderland and its themes of madness and a key that unlocks a small door.

Parents Rebecca and Preston are deeply thankful for OHSU’s program. “My children were on the side of a cliff, stranded on a little ledge,” said Rebecca. “Dr. Jetmalani picked them up and put them on firm ground.”

Research programs under way at Doernbecher are shedding light on the underlying causes of psychiatric conditions in children, driving toward new and better treatments or prevention. Doernbecher Foundation board member Candace Young, Ph.D., and her son Peter Gorman recently made a gift to support an autism research project led by Elinor Sullivan, Ph.D., a scientist in OHSU’s Oregon National Primate Research Center, and Doernbecher autism expert Eric Fombonne, M.D. Candace evaluated proposals together with Peter and her daughter, Margaret Gorman, and the family was impressed by Dr. Sullivan’s research on the effects of prenatal maternal fat consumption on autism in children.

“As a clinical psychologist who has in the past worked in autism treatment settings, I was particularly interested in the potential of this study to shed light on the considerable increase in the diagnosis of autism in the last decade,” said Candace.

The project is part of a broad research program at OHSU that is increasing our understanding of this complex disorder and its global epidemiology.

For more information on how you can support child psychiatry programs and research, please contact Ellie Dir at 503 552-0690 or dir@ohsu.edu.
FAMILY'S PHILANTHROPY SUPPORTS AUTISM RESEARCH

But the field is still fraught with challenges. One of the biggest obstacles is obtaining healthy cells suitable for transplantation. Markus Grompe, M.D., Doernbecher’s Ray Hickey Chair for the Director of the Papé Family Pediatric Research Institute, is on the verge of removing this hurdle – and is transforming what is possible in cell research.

One of the most exciting frontiers in science today is cell therapy, which aims to cure diseases by replacing missing or damaged cells with healthy ones. Cell transplantation may offer new hope for children with sickle cell disease, inherited immune deficiencies, metabolic disorders, and other genetic diseases.

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To find new cures, scientists need the right tools. A Doernbecher discovery is equipping researchers to develop new therapies for genetic disorders.

Grompe’s research focuses on liver cell transplantation for genetic diseases. One such disease is MSUD (maple syrup urine disease), a rare metabolic disorder in which malfunctioning liver cells fail to produce a critical enzyme needed to break down protein in the body. If untreated, MSUD damages the nervous system, causing mental
Scientists in the Papé Family Pediatric Research Institute at OHSU Doernbecher are part of one of the most active pediatric research programs in the country. Established in 2006 with a gift from philanthropist Shirley N. Papé, R.D., in honor of her family, the Papé Institute combines expertise in stem cell research, gene therapy, pediatric neuroscience, pediatric cancer biology, cardiology and more in a multidisciplinary quest for new treatments and cures for childhood disease. Much of the Institute’s work focuses on breakthrough research in the genetic and cellular causes of childhood diseases.

Leading the charge is Markus Grompe, M.D., an expert in gene therapy and stem cell research, who holds the Ray Hickey Chair for the Director of the Papé Family Pediatric Research Institute and directs OHSU’s Stem Cell Center. The Institute’s work is a testament to the power of philanthropy to drive innovation in basic science and to support discoveries that will translate from the laboratory to the clinic.

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retardation. Newborns in Oregon are screened for MSUD, and those who test positive must be put on a severely restricted diet to control the disorder’s devastating effects. Right now, there is no cure.

“The hope for cell therapy is that it would lead to a lifelong correction of such disorders,” says Grompe, who also serves as director of the Oregon Stem Cell Center. Cell therapies work by introducing healthy cells that take over for damaged cells and permanently restore proper cell function. Bone marrow transplantation is one example of cell therapy. “In the case of MSUD or similar genetic liver disorders,” says Grompe, “one could imagine transplanting liver cells to correct the underlying problem. But the question is: Where do you get those liver cells?”

Cells in short supply
The shortage of viable liver cells has been a huge impediment to the advancement of cell therapy. Many liver cells available for research are poor-quality or nonviable, coming primarily from cadavers. High-quality livers are needed for organ transplants. An additional challenge is that mature liver cells do not divide and multiply in the laboratory, and sufficient quantities cannot yet be grown from stem cells.

To speed the pace of progress in research, Grompe and his team have developed a new way to produce transplantable liver cells consistently. And they’re well on their way to producing quantities large enough for developing and testing cell therapies.

“We have figured out a way to take those hard-to-get liver cells and expand them significantly by transplantation into animals,” says Grompe. The key is a genetically modified breed of mouse that Grompe’s team has engineered to accept and grow the human cells. “The reason it works to grow human liver cells in a mouse but not in a petri dish is that the cells are getting all the cues and instructions from the living organism that allow them to expand,” says Grompe.

A shared resource for science
Grompe founded Yecuris, an OHSU biotech startup, to commercialize this discovery and is now making the liver cells available to scientists and pharmaceutical researchers nationwide. In his quest to find new cures for kids, Grompe has developed a much-needed resource that is already benefiting other important avenues in medical research, including pharmaceutical testing.

“Our ultimate goal is cell therapy,” he says, “but in the meantime scientists are using these mice with human livers to study liver disease, such as hepatitis B and C. They’re also being used to study malaria, which affects millions of children and adults worldwide.”

“This approach is truly innovative,” says H. Stacy Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., Doernbecher’s physician-in-chief. “Dr. Grompe and his group are world leaders in this methodology. Nobody has been able to do what they have done.”
OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital is fortunate to have many supporters who give to the Area of Greatest Need. These gifts give Doernbecher leaders the flexibility to spend funds where they’re needed most. One of the many stellar programs that have benefited from Area of Greatest Need funds is Reach Out and Read, a national childhood literacy program with a Doernbecher connection that has won the prestigious David M. Rubenstein Prize, the top honor among the 2013 Library of Congress Literacy Awards.

Exposure to books and reading aloud are essential to a child’s development, yet many children start kindergarten unprepared to learn because reading was not part of their early lives. This is especially true of children from low-income households, which often don’t have any books in the home.

Reach Out and Read trains medical providers to counsel parents about the importance of reading aloud with their children. A new book is given to the family beginning with the child’s checkup at 6 months old and continuing through age 5.

The Reach Out and Read Oregon program reaches families in 58 pediatric practices, health centers and hospitals. In the past 12 months, more than 95,000 developmentally appropriate books were provided to children during their well child checkups at sites including both Doernbecher pediatric clinics and the OHSU family medicine clinics.

Dr. Ellen Stevenson, M.D., is Reach Out and Read Oregon’s medical director and a Doernbecher pediatrician. “From research, we know the early years are critical to language development. The best thing that parents can do to help their children succeed in school is to start reading aloud to them in infancy and continue throughout childhood,” she said.

“We hope this award will help elevate the national conversation about early literacy, brain development, and the importance of reading to children from infancy.” – Ellen Stevenson, M.D.
The Davis and Abbot families of Cornelius, Ore., have raised more than $250,000 for Doernbecher since 1990 by hosting Papa’s Toys, an open house for classic car fans. Papa’s Toys is the name the family fondly bestowed upon the late John Davis’ large collection of classic street rods and classic and custom cars. The family opens his collection to the public on the second Saturday in May and admission proceeds benefit Doernbecher.

Organizers include John’s wife, Susan, children Troy Davis and TimiSue Abbott and five grandchildren. The next annual event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014. For more information, visit PapasToysCarCollection.com.

B & R Auto Wrecking reached a significant milestone this year in their longtime support of OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, reaching a cumulative total of $100,000 in contributions. As a family-owned regional business, B & R Auto Wrecking is committed to supporting the health and well-being of children in the Northwest and they have supported Doernbecher since 2004.

The Legacy of Angels Foundation donated $240,000 to support the research of Magda Petryniak, M.D., in her effort to identify drugs to treat Krabbe Disease – a rare, often fatal degenerative disorder that affects the myelin sheath of the nervous system.

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a volunteer-driven and donor-centered charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research, has awarded a one-year $100,000 St. Baldrick’s Research Grant to Peter Kurre, M.D., at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Kurre’s research focuses on children with relapsed acute myeloid leukemia (AML). “St. Baldrick’s remains focused on supporting innovative pediatric cancer research. This funding is critical for us to help improve outcomes for children with leukemia and to develop the next generation of treatments to conquer childhood cancer,” said Kurre, an associate professor of pediatric hematology/oncology in the Papé Family Pediatric Research Institute and a member of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute.

Thank you to everyone who visited their local Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) partner and purchased a miracle balloon to support Doernbecher. 2013 was a record year for local Costco warehouses, which raised $518,020, Walmart, which raised $182,231 (a 42% increase from 2012) and Rite Aid stores, which raised $77,000. We are grateful to our wonderful CMNH corporate partners for their support.
On September 11, Hyundai Hope On Wheels® and Portland-area Hyundai dealers awarded OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital with a $250,000 Hyundai Hope Grant for pediatric cancer research. The grant funds will support Monika Davare, Ph.D., whose research focuses on medulloblastoma, a form of brain cancer. Funds from Hyundai Hope on Wheels will help Davare test the effectiveness of targeted drugs as a treatment option for these tumors.

Local Hyundai dealers presented Davare with a check during a gathering in Doernbecher’s 9th floor outdoor courtyard that featured remarks by Warang McManus, a young patient who has conquered cancer.

OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital received a grant of more than $123,000 from Kohl’s Department Stores for car seat safety outreach provided by the Tom Sargent Safety Center through the Kohl’s Cares Car Seat Community Project. Motor vehicle collisions are still the leading cause of death for children under the age of 14. Although a properly used car seat reduces the risk of death drastically, 73% of families visiting Kohl’s sponsored clinics in Portland were not using their seats correctly. Last year, Doernbecher technicians inspected nearly 1,900 car seats at monthly Kohl’s Car Seat Clinics in the community and the Kohl’s Outreach Fitting Station at Doernbecher. Three hundred forty five new car seats were distributed to families at no cost.

Since 1986, Credit Unions of Oregon and southwest Washington have raised more than $10 million to support capital projects, research, faculty endowment and clinical programs at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Here’s a round-up of recent fundraisers hosted by Credit Unions for Kids.

**Dave & Dan Golf Tournament**

A star-studded lineup of athletes joined Credit Union professionals and business partners on the links in July for the Dave and Dan Celebrity Golf Tournament at the Reserve in Aloha, Ore. Now in its 13th year, the annual tournament was created with the leadership of Tom Sargent, who retired as First Tech Federal Credit Union’s president in 2010. The tournament is named for Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees (and former Oregon Ducks) Dave Wilcox and Dan Fouts. Other celebrities participating this year included football stars Dick Butkus, Charlie Joiner, Paul Krause and Randall McDaniel, baseball greats Rick Bladt and Al Weis, former Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon, and musician Gary Morris.

**Ride & Rock**

iQ and Fibre Federal Credit Unions hosted the inaugural Ride & Rock, a motorcycle ride featuring stops sponsored by credit unions and local businesses and culminating in a visit to Doernbecher to deliver teddy bears to children. The ride continued to Bethany Vineyard where participants enjoyed a jazz concert and picnic dinner. With the support of nearly 40 local businesses – including 11 credit unions – 30 volunteers, and more than 150 participants, the Credit Unions for Kids Ride & Rock raised more than $36,000.

**Wine on the Willamette**

On August 23, Unitus Community Credit Union hosted its sixth annual Wine on the Willamette event, raising more than $57,000. Guests sampled a variety of fine wines and delicious food pairings, listened to live music by John Nilsen, and bid in a silent auction featuring patient artwork – all while enjoying a scenic cruise on along the Willamette River. At the close of the evening, guests were invited to a reception at the urban contemporary Hotel Rose H5O Bistro & Bar. Since its inception in 2008, Wine on the Willamette has raised nearly $292,000.
With a $25,000 grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center is able to start a pediatric diabetes telemedicine clinic in Eugene. This new project will provide essential care from pediatric diabetes specialists to many patients and their families unable to travel to Portland for treatment. Since 2000, Spirit Mountain Community Fund has awarded grants totaling $566,000 to Doernbecher and OHSU.

Barbara Hurd of Ashland, Ore., raised $2,000 for Doernbecher through her participation in the Death Ride for Life, an incredibly challenging cycling tour through the mountains of Colorado. The 3-day tour includes 16,500 feet of climbing and more than 239 miles in the saddle. Despite the difficult ride, Barbara was inspired by the beautiful landscape and was pleased to have finished this challenge in honor of all children treated at Doernbecher and those who contributed to the cause.

If you are interested in fundraising for Doernbecher while training for an upcoming cycling or running event, contact Mallory Tyler at tylerva@ohsu.edu or 503 220-8344 to learn how you can get started!

OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital lost two longstanding friends and supporters this year – Mario J. Campagna, M.D., passed away in July, following his wife Edith’s death in February. Dr. Campagna, an OHSU graduate and emeritus member of the OHSU Foundation Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Campagna lived in Medford, Ore., where Dr. Campagna established the Medford Neurological Clinic and was a leader in the medical community. The Campagnas were strong supporters of many cultural, educational and medical activities in the Rogue Valley, especially after Dr. Campagna retired from a distinguished forty-year career as a neurosurgeon.

At OHSU, the Campagnas supported the pediatric neurological surgery department with an emphasis on education of future neurosurgeons. They previously established the Mario and Edith Campagna Chair in Pediatric Neurological Surgery, held by Nathan R. Selden, M.D., Ph.D., and the Campagna Scholarship, a 10-week summer semester for a medical student to engage in research under the supervision of a neurological mentor at OHSU. In the Campagna’s estate plans, they generously remembered Doernbecher with funds to endow the Mario and Edith Campagna Professorship in Pediatric Neurological Surgery and the Mario and Edith Campagna Fellowship in Pediatric Neurological Surgery.
designers took the stage with their Nike design team, their unique creation was auctioned off to the highest bidder. As a special surprise, this year’s designers also had the opportunity to create their own piece of Nike apparel as well.

Freestyle is an incredible partnership between Nike and OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital that has raised nearly $8 million to date. In celebration of the program’s 10th anniversary this year, Nike hosted a simultaneous Freestyle auction in New York City. Together the events raised more than $646,000.

The Doernbecher Freestyle program was created in 2004 when Michael Doherty, Nike’s Creative Director of Global Brand Presentations and Doernbecher Foundation board member, was talking to his son, Connor, about ways to raise money for the hospital. Connor suggested that Nike create shoes and sell them to raise funds. Michael then invited one of Nike’s shoe designers to take a tour of the hospital to inspire him to design a pair of shoes for Doernbecher. It was designer Marcus Taiyi’s vision to work with patients to design the shoes with the proceeds benefiting the hospital that in many cases has saved their lives. Funds raised through the Doernbecher Freestyle program have supported everything from clinical programs, cancer research and hospital construction to providing the best care for underinsured children.

The 2013 Doernbecher Freestyle Collection will be sold online at Nike.com and at select Nike retail locations. Follow Freestyle online at freestyle.doernbecherfoundation.org or at facebook.com/doernbecherfreestyle
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 friends.doernbecherfoundation.org.

Chapter Highlights

Oswego Friends (Lake Oswego, Ore.) participated in the spring “Shopping Extravaganza” at Woodburn Company Stores on behalf of Doernbecher. Through event tickets, raffle sales and donations, they raised nearly $5,000 for Doernbecher. Oswego Friends are also bringing back their popular Movie Night event at Lake Theater and Cafe in Lake Oswego. Make plans to attend this great event on February 13, 2014.

Dru’s Chapter (Portland, Ore.) designed, produced and sold beautiful new glass Dolly Doernbecher Christmas ornaments with proceeds benefiting Doernbecher. The limited edition ornament has been selling out quickly. Don’t miss your opportunity to decorate your Christmas tree with some Doernbecher cheer this holiday season. Ornaments are available for purchase through the Dru’s Chapter at druschapter.org or at R. Blooms in Lake Oswego.

The Oregon Elks have made the “gift of sight” a reality for thousands of Oregon’s children. Since 1949, the Elks have generously supported the Elks Children’s Eye clinic at OHSU. The Elks Children’s Eye clinic combines patient care, education and research and was the first of its kind in the nation when it opened. Over the decades, hundreds of thousands of children, veterans and other adults have directly benefited from new technology and research made possible by Oregon Elks. With a cumulative investment of $25 million dollars and thousands of volunteer hours, the Elks have brought sight to thousands of children who might not otherwise have experienced this most precious sense.
Felicity Chapter’s (Portland, Ore.) sold out “April in Paris” luncheon and fashion show was another big success. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, auction and Chico’s fashion show all while giving generously to Doernbecher. This stylish event raised more than $13,000.

Claudia Swanson (Vancouver, Wash.) hosted a very successful spring brunch and auction at the Vancouver Hilton. With more than 500 people in attendance bidding on one-of-a-kind Easter baskets and silent auction items, they raised more than $63,000.

The Friends of Doernbecher knocked it out of the park again this year with the 27th annual Doernbecher Softball Tournament. With 20 teams participating in the all-day tournament, the competition was fierce. The event raised nearly $15,000.

Women for Children (Portland, Ore.) raised nearly $50,000 through two signature events – their annual spring wine raffle and the third annual Green Light Fundraiser bingo and poker party on the rooftop terrace at Wieden+Kennedy. The Women for Children know how to throw a fabulous fundraising party.
Members of the OHSU and Doernbecher faculty have created and are fundraising for two awards to recognize their peers for excellence in the field of pediatrics. These efforts are in honor of two former faculty members: Jeffrey G. Miller, M.D., and Robert J. Meechan, M.D.

Miller was an assistant professor of pediatrics at Doernbecher from 1999 until his death in 2010. He was an exceptional academic pediatrician, who eagerly shared his knowledge with young trainees and practiced in clinics where he could serve underprivileged families and children.

Meechan was a professor of pediatrics and head of the outpatient clinic at Doernbecher for 32 years. His love of teaching, enthusiasm, and genuine kindness influenced thousands of medical and nursing students, pediatric residents and postgraduate trainees in many specialties.

To find out how you can help support outstanding faculty by contributing to these award funds, contact Ellie Dir at 503 552-0690 or dir@ohsu.edu.

A research team led by OHSU and the University of California, Davis, reveals that childhood gunshot injuries, while uncommon, are more severe, require more major surgery, have greater mortality and higher per-patient costs than any other type of childhood injury – particularly among teen boys. The study was led by Craig Newgard, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Center for Policy and Research in Emergency Medicine at OHSU and was recently published online in the journal Pediatrics.

Nearly 600 students from Oregon and southwest Washington attended the inspiring Kids Making Miracles (KMM) Candlelight Procession & Pajama Jam events last May. After holding a special KMM assembly at the OHSU Auditorium, students proceed to the Eternal Flame at the entrance of Doernbecher and rekindle the flame as a symbol of hope. The walls surrounding the Eternal Flame list the names of every school that has participated in KMM. After the flame is lit, students travel to Bullwinkle’s Family Fun Center in Wilsonville and celebrate their hard work until midnight.
The mission of the Oregon Good Sams Club is to promote wholesome outdoor fun and friendship through interesting camping activities and service projects. **The Blue Mountain chapter of the Oregon Good Sams Club** of Pendleton, Ore. has adopted OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital as their charity, with chapter members collaborating throughout the year to collect, store and return cans and bottles and donating the deposit money. Since 2005, members have raised more than $26,000 for Doernbecher’s Cystic Fibrosis (CF) program, with the Pendleton Round-Up weekend being their busiest time for collections. Member Jeanne Smith, grandmother of two girls, both of whom are CF patients at Doernbecher, says, “We want to make sure these children continue to receive the best treatments so they will do well and thrive until we find a cure. The Doernbecher CF Center provides great care and is engaged in groundbreaking CF research. We are proud to help in any way we can.”

Nike co-founder Phil Knight and his wife, Penny, have issued a historic challenge for cancer research at Oregon Health & Science University – if OHSU can raise $500 million by December 31, 2015 the Knights will donate an additional $500 million. The Knights gave OHSU this opportunity because of their confidence in the institution and their desire to make a difference for cancer patients.

The Knights’ pledge supports OHSU’s vision to make the most powerful life-saving impact on cancer care possible in the shortest amount of time. These efforts are organized around the biggest fundamental barrier to better patient outcomes – inadequate tools for detecting and diagnosing the disease early enough to save lives. The Knight Cancer Challenge will dedicate unprecedented resources and expertise to collaborative science. OHSU is building a team of the best minds in cancer science, focusing them on the greatest opportunities for discovery and empowering them to pursue bold ideas.

Leading the charge is Brian Druker, M.D. director of OHSU Knight Cancer Institute and the pioneering scientist behind Gleevec, the game-changing molecularly targeted cancer drug. Gleevec proved that if we know what’s broken in cancer at the molecular level, we can fix it. The Knight Cancer Challenge tackles the next front in the war on cancer – detecting cancer at its earliest, most curable stages. “If we know what’s causing cancer on the molecular level,” said Druker, “we can find it before it becomes lethal.”

To find out how to support the Knight Cancer Challenge, please visit ohsu.edu/knightcancerchallenge
WHY I SUPPORT DOERNBECHER

“We care about people who are affected by cancer and want to help them. We hope our donation can help OHSU reach the cure!”

– Ella, Erika, Lillian, Maddie, Maddy, Maggie, Reese, Riya and Rishitha, fifth grade students who were inspired by the Knight Cancer Challenge to raise money for cancer care by selling handmade bracelets at their school.

2013-2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 12-13 99.5 The Wolf’s Hunt for a Cure Radiothon
radiothon.doernbecherfoundation.org

Feb 13 Oswego Friends Movie Night
Lake Theater & Café, Lake Oswego / oswegofriends.com

Mar 16 Shamrock Run
Join Team Doernbecher! It’s a great way to get exercise and benefit Doernbecher. Enter our team number 5520 in the Team Registration Field when registering at shamrockrunportland.com

Mar 16 Claudia Swanson Brunch
Vancouver Hilton / friends.doernbecherfoundation.org

Apr 5 Felicity April in Paris Fashion Show
Tualatin Country Club / friends.doernbecherfoundation.org

Apr 26 Heart of Doernbecher
Portland Art Museum / hod.doernbecherfoundation.org