Healing Hearts
Doernbecher’s Cardiac Team
Dear Friends:

We are pleased to announce two exciting new developments at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital this year. In May, we welcomed a new chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery, Stephen Langley, M.B.B.S., M.D., F.R.C.S. (C.Th.), F.E.T.C.S. His impressive international credentials reflect the expertise he brings to our pediatric and congenital cardiac program. Our cover story includes a profile of this extraordinary surgeon. You’ll learn of his plans to help children with congenital heart disease, not just in the Northwest but around the world. You will also meet a patient of Dr. Langley and other Doernbecher cardiac physicians. Follow 12-year-old Shelby Lee from an uncertain future in a Chinese orphanage to the happier, healthier life she leads today. Finally, we’ll also introduce you to a few of the many physicians who make our cardiac program exceptional.

In June, U.S. News & World Report ranked OHSU Doernbecher’s pediatric cancer program 28th out of 200 children’s cancer programs nationwide. We are the only pediatric specialty program in Oregon ranked in U.S. News & World Reports “Best Children’s Hospitals” for 2010-2011. This honor salutes the Kenneth W. Ford Northwest Children’s Cancer Center and confirms what so many patients and parents already know: Doernbecher cancer care is among the best anywhere.

Such excellence would not be possible without your commitment to supporting Doernbecher. In this issue, we recognize our Friends of Doernbecher Volunteers of the Year. Each one, along with the other individuals and groups mentioned in these pages, exemplifies the can-do spirit, tenacity and compassion that make Doernbecher such a special place. From Shamrock Run participants to Kiwanis Clubs, 99.5 The Wolf listeners and high school students in the Kids Making Miracles program, we owe you a debt of gratitude. The time, money and energy you give to Doernbecher are essential in helping us provide extraordinary care, conduct research into new treatments and educate the next generation of pediatric healthcare providers.

Heart care is the theme of this issue of Hero News. We hope you enjoy learning how Doernbecher’s cardiac teams make a difference in the lives of children around the region. For providing funds, laughter, love and hope to those in need, thank you. We hope these stories of healing inspire you.

Best wishes,

Sue Nicol
Executive Director
Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation

Joseph E. Robertson Jr., M.D., M.B.A.
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New Chief of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery is International Heart Care Expert

Doernbecher’s new chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery, Stephen Langley, M.B.B.S., M.D., F.R.C.S. (C.Th.), F.E.T.C.S., has a list of professional credentials longer than his name. They attest to the breadth and depth of Dr. Langley’s internationally recognized expertise in treating children’s heart problems with the world’s most advanced surgical techniques.

Dr. Langley, who joined the faculty of OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in 2007, trained at London Hospital Medical Center in London, England. He completed fellowships at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina and at Great Ormond Street Hospital and Birmingham Children’s Hospital in the United Kingdom. He spent more than five years as an attending physician at Southampton University Hospital in Southampton, England. There, he was one of six attending surgeons on a cardiac team that operated on more than 2,000 patients each year, including both children and adults with heart disease.

Dr. Langley’s appointment as chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital was announced May 1, 2010. Dr. Langley holds the John C. Hursh Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery and directs the OHSU pediatric cardiac surgical research group. He and his family have settled into life in the Pacific Northwest, enjoying all of its offerings. Kite surfing in Hood River is one of Dr. Langley’s favorite activities in his leisure time.
John Hunter, M.D., chief of surgery at OHSU, says, “When we searched for a new chief of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery, we had 15 highly qualified candidates, including Dr. Langley. After we interviewed everyone, Dr. Langley was at the top of the list. We couldn’t find anyone better than we had right here.”

Under Dr. Langley’s leadership, Doernbecher’s cardiac surgery program continues to be integrated with the pediatric cardiology division. Together, 28 doctors, nurses, pediatric cardiac intensive care specialists, anesthesiologists and perfusionists provide a multidisciplinary approach to patient care. Doernbecher’s cardiac teams provide pediatric heart care at 12 outreach clinics around Oregon and southwest Washington, allowing families access to specialists in or near their hometowns. The continuity and speed of heart care delivered through OHSU Doernbecher translates into better outcomes for children with all types of heart conditions, from simple to complex.

Dr. Langley’s own specialty is treating children with congenital heart disease (CHD) – birth defects that affect the heart. These range from the familiar atrial septal defect (“hole in the heart”) to extremely complicated problems such as hypoplastic left heart syndrome, in which parts of the heart’s left side do not develop fully. His expertise encompasses heart surgery on newborn babies, complex procedures on children with CHD including the Norwood and arterial switch procedures, replacement of the pulmonary valve and repair or replacement of other heart valves. He also treats adults with congenital heart disease and emphasizes that adults with CHD need comprehensive care as much as children do. Over the past 40 years, children who would formerly have died from congenital heart disease have received lifesaving treatment. Today, the number of adults living with CHD is on the rise, as more sophisticated and effective treatments allow patients to live longer and healthier lives.

In addition to performing surgery, Dr. Langley is an accomplished researcher. His interests include valve repair and cardiopulmonary bypass in patients with CHD. In particular, he is interested in reintroducing a procedure called cross-circulation for use in heart surgery. First performed in 1954, the procedure involves operating to repair a heart defect while the patient is hooked up to another patient on an adjoining table. Surgeons connect the patients’ circulatory systems in such a way that the heart not being operated on can beat for two. While this technique was used successfully in 45 patients, doctors stopped using it after the artificial heart-lung machine was developed to keep patients’ blood circulating during heart surgery. Cross-circulation was considered a riskier alternative, and fell out of use.

Dr. Langley believes cross-circulation still has an important role to play in cardiac care. Many facilities in the developing world lack resources to acquire expensive heart-lung machines, and most of the 1 million children with CHD worldwide die from their conditions. “Only 200,000 of these children get treatment,” says Dr. Langley. Refining the cross-circulation procedure in order to bring it back into use could help these children, potentially saving hundreds of thousands of lives around the globe.

At OHSU Doernbecher, Dr. Langley is setting similarly ambitious goals. “I want to develop the great program we already have into the number one pediatric cardiac program in the Northwest,” he says, adding, “The children of our region deserve it. Why should a child in Massachusetts or Wisconsin have better cardiac care than a child in Oregon or Washington? We have a responsibility to children and families to fill the gap.”

While his specialty is cardiothoracic surgery, Dr. Langley stresses that surgery is just part of the heart care children receive at OHSU Doernbecher. “We have an outstanding pediatric
Certified pediatric echocardiography labs in Oregon (only at OHSU)

New pediatric heart procedures introduced in the last 18 months

Oregon and southwest Washington heart clinics

Interventional procedures performed annually (surgeries, heart catheterizations)

Pediatric cardiac patients per year

Diagnostic tests performed each year

Average cost of care for a child with congenital heart disease

Cardiac catheterization, treating heart disease by threading a thin wire or tube into the heart, allows many children to receive treatment without the discomfort and long recovery time of open-heart surgery and to recover more quickly. Dr. Langley notes that Doernbecher’s pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) provides outstanding support and recovery services, as do the cardiac anesthesia program and the operating room team of trained technicians and nurses who treat only heart patients. He also mentions the pediatric and neonatal Doernbecher transport (PANDA) team, the largest such team in Oregon. The PANDA team provides air and ground transport for critically ill children, with ICU-level medical support en route. The cardiac care program even helps children inside the womb, collaborating with OHSU’s perinatal services to diagnose fetal heart problems and provide treatment before and after birth.

As OHSU chief of surgery John Hunter, M.D., notes, Doernbecher has a long tradition of excellence in children’s heart care. “Our faculty members combine strength in specific skills with a collaborative approach. It’s an ideal combination of expertise and teamwork.” In 2009, OHSU Doernbecher’s cardiac program received the highest ranking from the University Hospital Consortium (UHC), a collection of academic health centers that submit and compare patient outcomes. Most recently, OHSU Doernbecher ranked first among UHC pediatric cardiac surgery programs that perform more than 100 heart surgeries a year.

Dr. Langley and his team are determined to improve on excellence. “Our program is a gift to the children of this region,” he says. “Why? Because these are our children, and they deserve the very best.”
Shelby Lee’s Road to a Stronger Heart

Shelby Lee’s sparkling smile belies her apparent shyness. As her dad will tell you, when the cameras are gone and she is back in the car, she cannot stop talking. No, Shelby is not a child celebrity, but one of this year’s designers of Doernbecher Freestyle Nike shoes. A video crew, a photographer and a slew of other adults are enough to make any kid shy, but when Shelby smiles, the whole room lights up with her.

Things didn’t always seem so bright. Shelby Min Tian Lee spent the first eight years of her life in an orphanage in Jiangxi Province, China. Born with a congenital heart defect, she was told she would never be adopted because of her condition and would probably not live past age 10. When her adoptive parents, Mike and Tanya Lee of Vancouver, Wash., adopted her in February 2007, they did so knowing that Shelby had a serious heart condition. Shelby was born with single ventricle heart disease, a generic term for a birth defect in which only one of the two ventricles, or chambers that pump blood away from the heart, works as it should. “Shelby was born with about 12 heart and lung problems,” says her father, Mike Lee. “Another problem was that the walls separating the halves of her heart were like Swiss cheese, filled with hundreds of holes.” Shelby’s right ventricle, responsible for pumping deoxygenated blood to the lungs, was abnormal. With the function of this chamber compromised, Shelby’s blood never received enough oxygen. This caused her skin, lips and fingernails to be blue all the time, a sure sign of hypoxia, or lack of oxygen. She also had very little energy.

Treatment for congenital heart conditions such as Shelby’s requires complicated medical procedures, sometimes over several years. In a Chinese orphanage, Shelby did not have access to the sophisticated medical care and technology she needed. “Many children in China don’t live more than a few years with congenital heart disease,” Mike Lee explains. Had the Lees not lovingly added Shelby to their brood of three (Anna, Nick and Jake), and had she outlived her previous prognosis, Shelby would have been released from the orphanage at 14, the age when Chinese children reach legal adulthood. As her dad notes, this is “probably around the time her heart [would have] stopped working.” If that had happened, Shelby would have faced an even more uncertain future.

Road to a Stronger Heart Begins at OHSU Doernbecher

Ready to take on the challenges of Shelby’s treatment, the Lees anticipated putting their new daughter on the list for a heart-lung transplant. After consulting with doctors in OHSU Doernbecher’s pediatric and congenital cardiac program, however, they learned it was possible to repair the heart Shelby already had. Treatment would require a series of complex procedures, but the program has specialists in every type of care Shelby needed, from imaging to a catheterization lab where she could receive nonsurgical treatment when appropriate. Doernbecher’s surgeons are adept at the most complicated heart procedures for children. The delicate repairs Shelby’s heart needed required this level of specialty and expertise, which included anesthesiologists, nurses and technicians who specialize in pediatric cardiac procedures. Mindful of all of this, the Lees knew that Shelby was literally in good hands and decided to proceed.
The team’s first step was an MRI to see if the wall between the ventricles of Shelby’s heart could be repaired. Because her problems were so serious, the Lees were realistic about this possibility. “We weren’t surprised to find there was no chance of fixing it,” says Mike Lee.

From there, the road took some twists and turns. In a normal heart, the right ventricle pumps blood to the lungs and the left ventricle pumps blood to the body. Shelby’s heart, which lacked a separation between these two ventricles, had to be reconstructed so the common ventricle would work as well as possible. Surgeons would help it pump blood to the body, and create a direct connection between the blood returning to her heart and lungs.

Doernbecher Pediatric Heart Care Specialists

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Mark Reller, M.D.
Elizabeth N. Gray Professor of Pediatric Cardiology
Division Head, Pediatric Cardiology, OHSU Doernbecher
Medical Director, OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Cardiac Services

“I have treated infants, children and young adults with congenital heart defects for over 25 years. It has been a privilege to participate in their ongoing care and contribute in a meaningful way to their successful outcomes.”

Dr. Reller specializes in caring for children with congenital and acquired heart disease. He sees patients at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital and Doernbecher’s community clinics around Oregon. As medical director of the Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Cardiac services, he is part of a leadership team responsible for optimizing the best available cardiac care for the children of Oregon and southwest Washington.

Laurie Armsby, M.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, OHSU Doernbecher
Director, Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship Program

“Pediatric cardiology is the most rewarding field of medicine I can imagine. Helping children by providing the very best medical care, supporting families through difficult times and teaching the next generation of doctors to do the same is a great pleasure and privilege.”

Dr. Armsby has advanced training in interventional cardiology and heart transplantation. Before coming to Doernbecher, she worked as an interventional cardiologist and heart transplant specialist at Children’s Hospital Boston, one of the busiest children’s hospitals in the country.

Grant Burch, M.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Dotter Interventional Institute,
OHSU Doernbecher
Director, Pediatric & Congenital Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

“There can be no field more rewarding, intellectually or personally, than interventional congenital cardiology. Intellectually, you are continuously devising new methods and implementing new technologies to treat many forms of congenital heart disease. From a personal perspective, there is no more gratifying sensation than returning a patient to their loved ones knowing you have benefited them for the rest of their life.”

Dr. Burch practices pediatric cardiology, specializing in interventional catheterization. He has 12 years of experience mentoring pediatric cardiology fellows in diagnostic and interventional catheterization techniques. He participates in multicenter clinical trials of devices to treat congenital heart disease, and studies the outcomes of interventional cardiac procedures.
In June 2007, Shelby had a surgery called a Glenn operation, in which the large vessel that brings blood from the upper body back to the heart is sewn directly to the blood vessel that carries blood to the lungs. After this, her heart’s single ventricle had less work to do, and the oxygen levels in her blood increased. Children whose heart defects are found at birth often have the Glenn operation at age six months; Shelby was eight years old.

After the Glenn operation, Shelby still required monitoring and adjustments in her circulation. Under the care of Laurie Armsby, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics at OHSU Doernbecher, she underwent six cardiac catheterization procedures in three years. A cardiac catheterization allows a doctor working in a specially equipped laboratory to examine and repair the heart from within by threading thin wires and tubes into it, usually through a vein in the leg or neck. Cardiac catheterization, or “heart cath,” as specialists call it, allows patients to receive treatment for heart problems without surgery, which is more invasive than cardiac catheterization, creates more scarring and causes much more discomfort.

Shelby’s catheterizations were done for several reasons, including to assess the new circulation created by the surgeons and to help doctors decide when Shelby was ready for the next stage of her surgical repair. At several of the cardiac catheterizations, blood vessels leading to or away from her lungs were found to be severely narrowed. Dr. Armsby was able to gain access to these tiny vessels...
and restore blood flow through them using balloons and metal structures called stents.

The next major surgery to repair Shelby’s heart, the Fontan operation, was done by Stephen Langley, M.B.B.S., M.D., F.R.C.S. (C.Th.), F.E.T.C.S., in May 2009. This surgery involves directing the deoxygenated blood from the lower half of the body directly to the lungs. “In many ways, it’s the second part of the Glenn operation that was done earlier,” says Dr. Langley. “The Glenn operation does the same thing with the upper half of the body – takes the deoxygenated blood from the arms, head and neck and directs it to the pulmonary artery. When the Fontan operation was first described by Dr. Francis Fontan in 1968, they did the upper and lower halves at once, but we’ve learned it works better for patients if you do it in stages.” Dr. Langley attached a Gore-Tex tube to direct Shelby’s blood, attaching the lower end to the inferior vena cava and the upper end to the underside of her right pulmonary artery. Before this, the blood returning from Shelby’s lower body had bypassed her lungs and gone directly to the body, resulting in lower oxygen levels than normal. After Dr. Langley completed the Fontan surgery in June 2009, however, the Lees noticed that Shelby’s cheeks were finally a healthy pink.

In all, Shelby had six surgeries to repair her heart and improve her blood flow, including three open-heart operations. Each surgery meant several weeks at OHSU Doernbecher, where Tanya Lee spent many nights sleeping in her daughter’s room. Reflecting on the care she received, Shelby told her mom, “I never knew my family would love me so much.”

Heart Doctors Deliver Expert Care, Extraordinary Compassion

Despite Shelby’s long road, the Lees have nothing but praise for Doernbecher’s cardiac teams. “A teaching hospital lends itself to situations like Shelby’s,” Mike Lee says. “It is team oriented – all the doctors talk and work together.” They appreciate the time Dr. Armsby, Dr. Langley and others spend with them. Tanya Lee, a former nurse, knows that many surgeons spend little time with patients outside the operating room. Dr. Langley is different. “He’ll sit down and discuss things, answer questions and talk personally with Shelby,” Mike Lee says. One day, Shelby asked Dr. Langley, “Could I die from [my condition]?” Dr. Langley replied, “Honestly, yes. But if I thought that was going to happen, we wouldn’t do this surgery.” When Shelby heard that she needed a third surgery last summer, she felt defeated. Tears welled up in Shelby’s eyes as she contemplated a sixth trip to the operating room. Dr. Langley knelt beside her and said, in his crisp British accent, “Don’t worry, poppet, I’ll be right there with you.”

The Lees also sing Dr. Armsby’s praises. “We’re in awe of her medical knowledge, her ability to think things through and the energy she puts into Shelby’s care. She’s even scolded us a couple of times for not calling her cell phone with questions,” Mike Lee says. After Shelby’s first open-heart surgery, Dr. Armsby did two cardiac catheterization procedures, then left for a family vacation in Bend, Ore.
A few hours later, she called the Lees. “She said, ‘I think we need to do one more procedure,’” Mike Lee recalls. Dr. Armsby drove back to Portland and spent 12 hours in the pediatric cardiac catheterization lab to open a blood vessel that would allow blood to flow more freely into and out of Shelby’s right lung. During the earlier procedure, Dr. Armsby had decided that because the blood vessel was so tiny, it would be nearly impossible to gain access and reopen it.

During the drive to Bend, she couldn’t stop thinking that Shelby’s chances for a long, healthy life would someday depend in large part on blood being able to flow freely through this vessel. “The vein was compressed between two structures, turning the normally round shape of the vessel into a tiny slit,” Dr. Armsby recalls. After a 12-hour procedure, she succeeded in re-opening and supporting the vessel with a stent. After this catheterization, the Lees gave Dr. Armsby an Energizer Bunny in appreciation of her tenacity and determination.

After her last surgery, Shelby’s heart no longer beat in a normal rhythm – a complication that sometimes occurs after treatment for her condition. In the summer of 2009, Dr. Langley put in a pacemaker to keep her heart beating steadily. Shelby, who turns 12 in August, is finally living a normal life. She will probably have another surgery to fix a blood vessel that grew abnormally large during the years her heart was struggling, and will always need cardiac care, but today, she is doing well. With her new circulation, her father says she can “run, jump and play – things she could never do before.”

**From Disney World to Nike Shoe Design – and Meeting a New Sister**

In February 2010, the Make-A-Wish Foundation helped Shelby fulfill a lifelong dream, visiting Walt Disney World with her family. Perhaps even better, she is one of just six OHSU Doernbecher patients selected to design the 2010 Nike Freestyle shoes. Each year since 2004, this partnership between Doernbecher Children’s Hospital and Nike has given young patients the chance to transcend their illnesses and reveal their talents in free-spirited art and design.

In the Freestyle program, each child works with Nike designers to create an athletic shoe reflecting his or her personality. “It’s a lot of fun,” Shelby says. “I like picking out materials and playing with the different colors.” The latest shoes will be unveiled at a Doernbecher Foundation event on October 9, at Wieden + Kennedy advertising agency in Portland. Please call 503 220-8343 or email mancini@ohsu.edu for tickets. After that, Freestyle shoes will be sold at Niketown stores and online at Nike.com, with all proceeds benefiting the Doernbecher Foundation.

Shelby Lee’s road to a stronger heart led her from Jiangxi Province, China, to Vancouver, Wash., with important stops at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Dr. Langley says, “I think Shelby is very fortunate to have joined such a loving family, and our program is equally fortunate to have met the Lees.” Now that Shelby is doing better, another little girl from China has begun traveling her own road to a healthier heart: Lily Cai Ping Lee, adopted by the Lees in May 2010. Like her sister, Lily also has congenital heart disease that requires treatment. After Shelby’s successful treatment, there is no question about where she’ll receive it, or that OHSU Doernbecher’s congenital and pediatric heart program will give her anything less than the best.
Doernbecher, Community Doctors Team Up to Repair 15-Year-Old’s Heart Defect

Fifteen-year-old Alex Trujillo of Cottage Grove, Ore., never knew he had a heart problem – let alone a life-threatening one. When he went to his family doctor, John Holtzapple, M.D., for a pre-sports physical, Dr. Holtzapple heard a heart murmur and noticed that Alex’s blood pressure was higher than normal. He ordered an echocardiogram, or “echo,” a test that uses sound waves to create images of the beating heart and any abnormalities.

Via a telemedicine connection, the results were sent the same day from Dr. Holtzapple’s office in Eugene to OHSU Doernbecher’s pediatric cardiac ultrasound laboratory. Lab director Mary Minette, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics at OHSU Doernbecher, diagnosed coarctation of the aorta, a narrowing of the main blood vessel leading out of the heart. Because this problem can take many forms, Dr. Minette wanted a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan of Alex’s heart to pinpoint the problem.

Michael Silberbach, M.D., professor of pediatrics at OHSU Doernbecher, did an MRI with state-of-the-art 3-D imaging. It showed that Alex’s aorta was almost completely closed. Blood was traveling through many other vessels to bypass the aorta and reach his lower body. Coarctation of the aorta is a form of congenital heart disease (birth defect) usually diagnosed in early infancy, but sometimes found later.

The Doernbecher cardiac imaging specialists discussed Alex’s case with the pediatric heart surgeons and the team from the cardiac catheterization lab. (Catheterization is a type of nonsurgical treatment that uses thin wires and tiny instruments to treat heart problems.) Doctors agreed that because Alex’s heart was using so many blood vessels to bypass his aorta, surgery in that area would be dangerous.

Although the MRI showed that almost no blood could pass through the aorta, interventional cardiologist Grant Burch, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics and Dotter Interventional Institute at OHSU Doernbecher and director of the pediatric and congenital cardiac catheterization laboratory, believed he could get a balloon catheter through the tiny opening – less than 1 millimeter in diameter. After that, he would slowly inflate the balloon to widen Alex’s aorta in a procedure called balloon angioplasty.

With surgeons standing by in case something went wrong, Dr. Burch successfully performed the angioplasty. He inserted a tiny device called a stent to prop Alex’s aorta open. To be safe, he expanded the stent just halfway; Alex will have another procedure to open the aorta completely. In the meantime, Alex is feeling well, his blood pressure is normal and he was back in school just two days after the procedure.

Says Dr. Silberbach, “This case highlights the excellent decision-making of community pediatricians such as Dr. Holtzapple, the value of rapid diagnosis using telemedicine, the usefulness of noninvasive imaging with cardiac MRI and the teamwork of our superb cardiac surgeons and pediatric interventional cardiologists.” We are certain Alex and his family would agree!
Doernbecher Radiothon on 99.5
The Wolf Raises Over $300,000

This year, 99.5 The Wolf listeners called in to pledge more than $321,000 during the 10th annual 99.5 The Wolf’s “Hunt for a Cure” Radiothon. The 2010 event was broadcast live from the lobby of Doernbecher Children's Hospital on March 4 and 5. Patients and family members shared their stories with listeners, and many volunteers came to help answer phones and record pledges.

Burger King helped build excitement for the event by hosting “King’s Kids Day” on March 2. Local Burger King franchises donated 20 percent of the day’s gross sales to the Radiothon, and representatives from Burger King presented a check for more than $50,000 at the event.

A special thanks to our sponsors John L. Scott Foundation and Burger King. We would also like to thank our in-kind donors: Acosta Sales & Marketing, Bellagio’s Pizza, Burger King, Coca-Cola, Kellogg’s, Kraft, Reser’s Fine Foods, Safeway, Starbucks Coffee Company, Tillamook Cheese and Quaker.

We’d also like to express our appreciation to everyone at 99.5 The Wolf, to all the phone bank volunteers and to our listeners who made the Radiothon such a success!

If you would like information about how to get involved next year, please contact Ashley Schmidt at 503 412-6351 or schmidas@ohsu.edu.

Burger King employees help answer phones at the event.

Miracle Aisles at a Grocery Store Near You

From September 1 through October 15, look for products in your local grocery store marked with the bright Miracle Aisles shelf tags. When you buy these items, you are supporting the companies that generously contribute to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Now in its 23rd year, Miracle Aisles has raised more than $2.6 million for the hospital. Funds from the 2010 campaign will help fund an endowed professorship in pediatric diabetes at OHSU’s Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center.

The Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center treats children and adults with diabetes. It is one of just a few centers to treat adults and children in one facility, providing continuity of care throughout a patient’s lifelong experience with diabetes. In addition, the center trains current and future diabetes specialists and provides resources that improve the standard of care for diabetes patients around Oregon and southwest Washington, including those in underserved areas.

A special thank you to all the companies, retailers and volunteers involved in making this program a huge success!

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Burger King employees present a check from “King’s Kids Day.”
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Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving and improving children’s lives by raising funds for children’s hospitals across North America. Every year, 170 Children’s Miracle Networks hospitals provide the finest medical care, lifesaving research and education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind.

Doernbecher Children’s Hospital would like to salute the generous national sponsors who have raised millions of dollars for Doernbecher. These sponsors raise money by selling CMN balloon cutouts, hosting golf tournaments, participating in local parades and much, much more. Employees from these companies also help by volunteering their time at the annual Radiothon and Telethon. We rely on these sponsors to provide in-kind donations for many of the Doernbecher Foundation’s fund-raising events.

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Doernbecher Cancer Program Ranks Among Best in United States

We want you, our friends, to know! U.S. News & World Report ranks OHSU Doernbecher’s pediatric cancer program 28th out of 200 children’s cancer programs nationwide. And Doernbecher is the only pediatric specialty program in Oregon to be ranked in U.S. News & World Report’s 2010-11 “Best Children’s Hospitals.” This is the first year Doernbecher has applied for ranking in any category.

The Kenneth W. Ford Northwest Children’s Cancer Center at OHSU Doernbecher, founded 12 years ago with a gift from the Ford Family Foundation, is a comprehensive children’s cancer center. Each year, we treat more than 1,000 children and adolescents with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. The center also has a robust educational effort, training the next generation of pediatricians and subspecialists.

The ranking reflects input from hundreds of pediatric cancer specialists at children’s hospitals nationwide. Criteria include quality of care, reputation, infection-prevention activities, patient volume, nurse-patient ratio, clinical services and support, participation in pediatric clinical trials and more.

Based on data compiled by U.S. News & World Report, the survival rates of stem cell transplant patients at OHSU Doernbecher parallel those of the No. 1-ranked pediatric cancer program in the nation, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

“We are extremely proud of the care our cancer team provides on a daily basis. This dedication and commitment to excellence is representative of the many programs at Doernbecher,” said H. Stacy Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., Doernbecher Physician-in-Chief and Credit Unions for Kids Professor and Chair of Pediatrics in the OHSU School of Medicine. “While we celebrate this achievement, we will continue to work to deliver even better care to the children of Oregon, southwest Washington and beyond.”

OHSU Doernbecher – A Center for Children’s Cancer Research

Doernbecher is one of just 21 National Cancer Institute-designated Phase I clinical trial sites for children’s cancer research in the country. It is also one of 200 children’s hospitals nationwide invited to participate in the Children’s Oncology Group, a consortium of childhood cancer research programs sponsored by the National Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Please join us in thanking and congratulating the doctors, nurses, technicians, child life specialists and many others who provide first-rate medical treatment for children who suffer from cancer. They are deeply committed to a family-centered environment that strives to make life as normal as possible for these kids and their families through the challenges of treatment.
When Kids Making Miracles (KMM) founder Myron Child started the program in 1992, many told him it would not last more than a few years. But 18 years later, the program is not only still around, it’s thriving.

This year, students organized fundraisers in their schools and communities ranging from auctions to mock beauty pageants, fashion shows to bunco tournaments. There is no limit to the creativity behind these fundraisers, and every year students try to outdo their predecessors, setting new goals and exceeding expectations along the way.

Since the program began, over 350 schools have participated in Kids Making Miracles. Through the program, students gain valuable life skills in leadership and philanthropy that will stick with them long after high school. In 18 years, the program has raised more than $6 million for Doernbecher and every year new students bring fresh fuel to the fundraising fire. Congratulations to the Kids Making Miracles students of 2009-2010, and thank you for all you have done for Doernbecher!

Here are just a few examples of the creative and highly successful fundraisers organized by KMM students this year:

**Wahkiakum High School** hosted a drive-in movie night on their football field. This was their first year participating in KMM, and they raised more than $1,200!

**Alameda Elementary** raised almost $2,400 by selling greeting cards they created using student artwork.

Students at **Columbia River High School** raised nearly $68,900 through various fundraisers, including the school’s annual Mr. CR pageant.

Students have a blast at the 2009-2010 Kids Making Miracles Pajama Jam!
During the 2009-2010 school year, participating students worked within their schools and communities to raise money and awareness for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. On May 7, hundreds of students from Oregon and southwest Washington gathered to celebrate their fundraising achievements with the annual Candlelight Procession and Pajama Jam events. The Candlelight Procession began at the OHSU Auditorium and ended at the eternal flame in front of Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. More than 500 students gathered to rekindle the eternal flame and pay tribute, honoring their commitment to help Doernbecher patients and their families. Following the Candlelight Procession, the students were treated to a night of fun at Bullwinkle’s Family Fun Center in Wilsonville. The Pajama Jam is an annual party to thank the Kids Making Miracles students who have worked so hard to raise money and awareness for the hospital.

We would like to send a very special thank you to our generous Kids Making Miracles sponsor Wells Fargo Bank.

Thank you to volunteers and in-kind donors:
Bullwinkle’s Family Fun Center
Costco
First Student
**Rite Aid Breaks Record in Fund Raising for Doernbecher**

This year, employees at the Rite Aid Distribution Center in Wilsonville broke a record with their fundraising efforts for Children’s Miracle Network. During their six-week campaign, Rite Aid raised $14,000 for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Employees hosted various fund-raising activities throughout the campaign, including selling balloon cutouts and their hugely successful annual plant sale. Thank you, Rite Aid, for your continued support of Doernbecher!

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**Overview of plant sale at the Rite Aid Distribution Center in Wilsonville.**

**Artists from Cascade Artisans Guild standing in front of the mural they created for Doernbecher.**

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**Artists Brighten Doernbecher Day Surgery Area**

Children and parents arriving at Doernbecher’s day surgery area have a series of cheery murals to brighten their way, thanks to a group of artists from Cascade Artisans Guild. Guild president Terry Hansen Leibenguth co-chaired the project; Carolyn Lehl designed the layout and worked alongside the other volunteers to complete the art. A heartfelt thank you to all these artists for using their talents to benefit Doernbecher patients, parents and staff!

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**Annual Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook Off**

The 8th Annual Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook Off, put on by Unions for Kids, raised $50,000 for the third year in a row for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Over 400 riders took part in this annual event under cloudless blue skies on June 12.

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**Rite Aid employees at Doernbecher with a check for $14,000.**

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**Unions for Kids presents DCHF with a $50,000 check at the 8th Annual Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook Off.**
Shamrock Run
On March 14, a record-breaking 21,000 runners and walkers participated in the 2010 Shamrock Run. The annual run is sponsored by Adidas and organized by Hamilton Events, a specialized fitness event production and management company located in Wilsonville. Proceeds from the race benefit Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, and this year the field limit for the race sold out. Bank of America agreed to sponsor an additional 500 spots at a premium registration fee, resulting in the largest turnout in race history. A big thank you to Hamilton Events, Adidas, Bank of America and all the race participants and loyal volunteers who helped make the 2010 Shamrock Run a huge success!

Outstanding Volunteer
Maryann Silva

Maryann Silva has shown tremendous commitment to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation over the years. Since Maryann’s earliest involvement with Doernbecher, she has always gone above and beyond the call of duty. Maryann was a charter member of her Friends of Doernbecher chapter, Women for Children, when it was established in 1993 and has been a Friends of Doernbecher board member since 2000. She has been actively involved with her Friends of Doernbecher chapter, has served as the Friends of Doernbecher Board president and has co-chaired the Cards for Kids committee for the last three years. The list continues, as she has also been a Cards for Kids committee member for over six years and a Heart of Doernbecher Auction committee member since 2003.

Maryann exemplifies the volunteer spirit. When she commits to something, she always gives 100 percent. She is a go-getter and never says no to anything she is asked to do. Her ability to juggle a variety of roles within the Doernbecher Foundation volunteer community is remarkable. Maryann’s dedication to each of her roles makes her a one-of-a-kind volunteer. We are lucky to have her as part of the Doernbecher family.

Thank you, Maryann, for all you do for Doernbecher!
Friends of Doernbecher is a grassroots community outreach organization of more than 200 caring volunteers, former patients, patient families and their friends dedicated to ongoing support of Doernbecher. Friends has six active chapters and three associate chapters in Oregon and southwest Washington.

At its heart are members who work in their own neighborhoods and communities to raise funds and friends for the hospital. Through projects such as golf tournaments, sales of handcrafted products, auctions, garage sales, dances, t-shirt sales, cookbooks and bunco nights, Friends volunteers have raised more than $10.5 million to benefit the children treated at Doernbecher. If you would like to learn more about Friends of Doernbecher, are interested in joining a chapter or even starting your own chapter, please call 503 220-8341.

Cards for Kids

Cards for Kids, a program of Friends of Doernbecher, is gearing up for another successful year. For more than 18 years, this program has created greeting cards using the artwork of Doernbecher patients, patient siblings and community artists. The cards are sold during the holiday season with proceeds going to the hospital. Last year, Cards for Kids raised more than $70,000 for Doernbecher!

Beginning in October, cards will be available for sale at a number of retail outlets, including:

- Annie’s Hallmark
- Burkhardt’s European Flower Shoppe
- Chocolates by Bernard Callebaut
- Dragonfly Greetings and Gifts
- Haggen Food & Pharmacy
- Made in Oregon
- New Seasons Markets
- OHSU Campus Store
- Powell’s City of Books
- Sleighbells Christmas Shop and Tree Farm
- Terra Casa
- Zupan’s Markets

Cards may also be purchased online at www.doernbecherfoundation.org, from participating Friends chapters, credit unions or Kiwanis Clubs and by direct mail through the Cards for Kids brochure.

A special thank you to our 2009 Cards for Kids sponsors and supporters:

- Boyd Coffee Company
- Friends and Family in honor of Chris Woida
- Joe Salta, in memory of Ruth Salta
- Weller Associates, Inc.
- Woodmen of the World, Rose City Camp #77

There are currently sponsorship opportunities available for the 2010 Cards for Kids program. For more information, please contact Jessica LeBlanc at 503 220-8344 or leblanc@ohsu.edu. We also accept artwork applications for the program year round, so please let us know if you would like to submit an entry!
Oswego Friends Movie Night

Oswego Friends of Doernbecher’s annual Movie Night was held Tuesday, April 20, when 250 Doernbecher supporters gathered for an evening of fun and fund raising. Attendees were served delicious hors d’oeuvres courtesy of Oswego Lake House. Other activities included a tasting of Moonstruck chocolates, a wine tasting, a silent auction, special prize drawings and showing of two first-run movies with popcorn and soda, compliments of the Lake Twin Cinema.

Thanks to the generosity of their sponsors, 100 percent of Movie Night proceeds will benefit Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. Star sponsors included Lake Twin Cinema, Oswego Lake House, Soldera Properties, Trista Nelson, Moonstruck Chocolates, Knowledge Universe, Robert Rosenthal, Lori Langston, Dr. Curtis Thompson (CTA Lab), New Seasons Market, CinemaTouch Systems, Brandon and Jennifer Stokes, Dischinger Orthodontics, Lake Oswego Review and Lyn Trainer.

Oswego Friends of Doernbecher would also like to thank the many guests, donors and volunteers who made Movie Night 2010 their most successful year yet. Oswego Friends was able to raise approximately $20,000 for the hospital.

Claudia Swanson Spring Brunch

Spring cheer was certainly in the air on March 14, when more than 500 guests gathered at the Hilton in Vancouver, Wash., for the 17th annual Claudia Swanson Spring Brunch. The event featured hundreds of Easter baskets, a raffle and a large silent auction. Guests also enjoyed a fun and lively game of Heads and Tails, and a former Doernbecher patient gave a moving speech about his time in the hospital and his plans for the future. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with this annual event. Your continued support allowed this year’s event to raise over $55,000 for the hospital!
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You have the power to make a difference in the future of health care. With every gift to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, you give hope to the smallest patients. A Charitable Gift Annuity allows you to receive dependable income and tax benefits. At the same time, you help support breakthrough treatments, leading-edge research and the education of tomorrow’s pediatric specialists – making it an investment in the growth and vitality of our region.

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Friends of Doernbecher 2010-2011 Grant Recipients

For the past 12 years, Friends of Doernbecher members have funded a grant program that awards $75,000 annually to Doernbecher faculty or staff to pursue research or develop projects and programs at the hospital. This year, the grant funding was increased to $100,000. In many cases, this kind of initial funding can get a project under way and provide a platform and track record to help researchers secure longer-term funding from the National Institutes of Health or other sources. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2010-2011 Friends Grants!

Topical Timolol 0.5% Solution for Proliferating Infantile Hemangiomas: A Prospective Double Blinded Placebo Controlled Study
Awarded to: Alfons Krol, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.
Co-Investigators: Dawn Siegel, M.D., Ph.D., Brooke Sikora, M.D., and Julianne Mann, M.D.
Amount Awarded: $18,843
Infantile hemangiomas are the most common benign tumors of infancy. They are vascular endothelial neoplasms, which affect approximately 10 percent of Caucasian children. This study will evaluate the efficacy and safety of topical timolol in the treatment of uncomplicated infantile hemangiomas. Currently there are no studies evaluating topical timolol as a treatment for infantile hemangiomas, so this will be the pilot study.

Unrelated Donor Cord Blood Program of Oregon
Awarded to: Eneida Nemecek, M.D.
Amount Awarded: $41,194
The Oregon Cord Blood Program was established in 2008 after receiving a grant from the Friends of Doernbecher, with the mission to initiate the collection of cord blood units for public donation at OHSU. The program has successfully been established at OHSU Hospitals and Clinics and the goal is to expand this opportunity to other hospitals in the area. The program is providing a unique service to the community and has generated a significant amount of media coverage and attention for OHSU and Doernbecher.

Microvesicles as Novel Biomarkers to Detect Early Relapse in High-Risk Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
Awarded to: Matthew Shurtleff, M.S.
Amount Awarded: $39,963
Modern advances in chemotherapy have greatly increased rates of survival in pediatric leukemia. Children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common form of pediatric cancer, have especially benefited from new generation drug therapies. Despite progress, some forms of ALL remain resistant to current therapies and patients suffer from high relapse rates. Due to a lack of sufficiently sensitive biomarkers for testing, standard serial bone marrow testing may fail to detect relapse in the earliest, most manageable stages. The goal is to establish microvesicles as potent biomarkers for early detection of relapse in high-risk childhood leukemia.

Friends of Doernbecher Salutes Volunteers of the Year

Volunteers of the Year are nominated by their fellow chapter and committee members. They are dedicated Friends of Doernbecher members who have devoted an exceptional amount of time and energy to their chapters or committees.

The Claudia Swanson Chapter’s Volunteer of the Year is Vickie Tennyson. She has been a member of the chapter for many years and continues to be an inspiration. Vickie has co-chaired the silent auction for the past three years, and the chapter is grateful for her creativity and organizational skills. Because of Vickie’s cheerful and positive leadership, the auction has been very successful. She is detail-oriented and spends endless hours entering auction item info on the computer as well as creating professional signage. It was amazing how she rallied her whole family for the annual fund raiser! Her two teenage girls were right there helping in any way needed, and her husband was involved in transporting items to the event. The family has been so kind to let the chapter store and put together the auction items at their home for the past two years, even though it means they have to tiptoe through their home between items. Vickie is a member everyone admires, and Claudia Swanson is thankful for all she does.

Kim Swenson has been a great asset to the Douglas County Friends Chapter. She is a passionate and caring young woman who is willing to help out in any way needed. Kim has been an active participant in the annual Dinner/Auction and Golf Tournament, from helping out with decorations for the event to obtaining and keeping the auction puppy at her home, sometimes for weeks before the event (not a task for the faint-hearted!). Kim also helped with golf tournament registration this past year. Douglas County Friends members appreciate Kim for all she does for the children of Doernbecher! Thank you, Kim.

As the current president of Felicity Chapter, Lynda Marshall has been a motivated and energetic leader. She has been a member of Felicity for three years and has been willing to undertake any duty or responsibility to make their events successful. This past year, she chaired the Western/dinner dance fundraiser at Oaks Park and was instrumental in making sure everything went smoothly. She also made Christmas wreaths as part of the silent auction. She has participated in several of the hospital parties for the children at Doernbecher and has already volunteered to be president for a second term. Selecting Lynda as Volunteer of the Year is Felicity’s way of thanking her for her past years of commitment to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

Oswego Friends Volunteer of the Year is Lisa Sayre. As procurement co-chair, Lisa was instrumental in planning and implementing the 2010 Movie Night. She is indefatigable in her efforts to procure items for their events! Lisa’s resources, enthusiasm and dedication continue to bring results to the chapter. Though she may call herself a stalker in her procurement efforts, chapter members just call her determined. Whether it is selling tickets for the Shopping Extravaganza or delivering books for a Doernbecher book drive, Lisa is tireless in her efforts for Doernbecher while taking care of her family and volunteering in her community. Lisa, Oswego Friends appreciates all you do!

Petra St. John has committed herself wholeheartedly to Women for Children Chapter and the Doernbecher mission. She is a tireless organizer, always willing to step up to the tasks others shy away from. Her ability to rally people and resources is remarkable. Whether it is selling hundreds of raffle tickets, picking up banquet tables for the auction, securing significant donations or writing and editing promotional packages, Petra always comes through. Her efforts do not end with the chapter – in addition to her active involvement in Women for Children, Petra sits on the board of Friends of Doernbecher. Women for Children feel incredibly lucky to have Petra as a member – you couldn’t ask for a more committed volunteer. Thank you, Petra!
Not only is Maryann Silva currently co-chairing the Cards for Kids committee for the third consecutive season, she also helped form the Women for Children Friends Chapter, served as a dedicated Friends of Doernbecher board member and has been an active member of the Heart of Doernbecher auction committee! Maryann is a dedicated volunteer, taking on new challenges with determination and vigor while inspiring others with her dedication to Doernbecher. Thank you for all your hard work and years of service, Maryann!

Kate McCoy has been a committed member of the Heart of Doernbecher Auction committee for years. This year marks her third consecutive year co-chairing the auction – that’s amazing! Kate works hard and puts in a lot of hours to make sure things are being done – and done well. She often refers to herself as the cheerleader of the auction committee, but she is much more than that. She encourages her fellow committee members to work hard and is also involved with all aspects of the event. Kate doesn’t miss a single detail. She is an incredible volunteer and has demonstrated a true commitment to Doernbecher through her tireless efforts. Thank you, Kate, for your continued passion for Doernbecher and the Heart of Doernbecher Auction.

Women for Children Wine Raffle

For the past eight years, the Women for Children Chapter of Friends of Doernbecher has held a wine raffle with one-of-a-kind prize packages that raise thousands of dollars for Doernbecher. This year, chapter members procured 476 bottles of wine with a total value of more than $10,000! Packages ranged in value from $500 to $1,500 with 35 to 50 bottles of wine in each package. Tickets sold out in a matter of weeks, and Women for Children raised nearly $10,000 for Doernbecher. The 12 lucky wine raffle winners were drawn on April 14. Check out the winners at www.womenforchildren.com!

The Women for Children Chapter would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations.

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Petra St. John, Women for Children volunteer, picks the ticket for one lucky winner.

Ken Wright Cellars
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Kiwanis Clubs Lend Strong Support to Doernbecher’s Nationally Ranked Cancer Program

The Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Program (KDCCP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has supported Doernbecher Children’s Hospital for over 20 years. Initially a supporter of Doernbecher in its capacity as a Children’s Miracle Network hospital, KDCCP subsequently led the campaign to establish the Bone Marrow Transplant Program in the early 1990s. Doernbecher continues to be the only provider of pediatric stem cell transplants for cancer patients in Oregon and southwest Washington.

As the cancer program grew, so did the mission of KDCCP. In 1999, KDCCP founded the Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Fellowship, a program that trains board certified pediatricians to become the next generation of specialists in children’s cancer and blood disorders. The three-year program has graduated pediatric hematologist-oncologists who now practice in all corners of the country, from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine. With Kiwanis support, current Kiwanis fellows will research therapies and trends in survivorship, gene therapy and neuro-oncology that will change how children throughout the region and beyond are treated for cancer and blood disorders.

This year, KDCCP contributed over $182,000 to support the fellowship. The Kiwanians of Oregon and southern Washington support Doernbecher’s pediatric cancer program, which U.S. News & World Report recently ranked 28th of 200 children’s cancer programs in the United States, with a number of annual fundraisers:

**Kiwanis Doernbecher Golf Tournaments**

The 18th Annual Clark County Kiwanis Doernbecher Golf Tournament took place once again at the Camas Meadows Golf Course on May 21. Despite the rain, over 95 golfers and 22 Kiwanis volunteers came out and raised $11,000 for KDCCP. The foursome of Doernbecher’s own Stacy Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., Michael Recht, M.D., senior associate dean for clinical practice, Tom Heckler and Tom Worsley, pediatric division administrator, gave an outstanding performance on the links.

On Friday, July 16, 153 golfers gathered for the 14th Annual Portland Golf Tournament at Gresham Golf Course. Special thanks to Bob Wolsborn of Gresham Golf Course and the Wolsborn family for their continued support of this event. Honorary co-chair and Doernbecher patient Conor Oliver golfed a great game and reminded the other golfers why what they are supporting is so important. Under blue skies and sparse clouds, over $39,340 was raised to support KDCCP. The Seguro Group came in as the winning team with a score of 55 on the par 72 course. Portland Golf Tournament Director, Dave Edwards, and his fellow committee members would like to thank the Rental Housing Association of Greater Portland, who took the lead as sponsor for this year’s tournament.

**Kiwanis Doernbecher Memorial Bicycle Tour**

Now completing its 14th year, the 61-mile round trip Kiwanis Doernbecher Memorial Bicycle Tour went from Sturdivant Park in Coquille to Frona Park in Dora, where the Bandon-by-the-Sea Kiwanis Club hosted lunch for the 44 riders before their return to Coquille, where they enjoyed a BBQ dinner hosted by the Coos Bay Kiwanis Club. Together, the 44 riders, the school-based “Coins for Kids,” corporate sponsors, Kiwanis club sponsors, ghost riders and in-kind sponsors raised approximately $20,000 for KDCCP, with over $9200 raised by the bike riders alone.

**Bay to Bay Bike Ride Supported by Key Clubs**

The 10th Annual Bay to Bay Bike Ride took place in southwest Washington on May 15, one of the few sunny days this spring: “No rain and no injuries, nary a Band-Aid; what else could you ask for?” said Patty Downey. Special thanks to Key Club Lt. Governor Clarisa Mondragon from Hudson’s Bay High School and
Key Club Lt. Governor Carolyn Foster from Camas High School who worked hard to publicize this event among their Key Clubs; there were representatives from eight of the 10 local Key Clubs. Faculty advisor Jennifer Riordan from Hudson’s Bay and Key Club members Shelley Adao and Layla Afu were also involved in the event planning. Twenty-five riders and 15 ghost riders raised over $2,000 for KDCCP. Donations from Fred Meyer, Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver Cyclery, Bortolami’s Pizza and Ken & Jane Martin (Advocare Rehydrate) helped keep costs down, and the Cascade Park Kiwanians were very helpful as several members worked as course marshals for the event.

Don’t Miss the Mustang Raffle on Labor Day!
A Kiwanis fundraising year would not be complete without the annual Mustang Raffle. Tickets are still on sale for this 2010 candy apple red Ford Mustang with gold trim and custom tires. Some might describe it as a 4.0 L, 210 horsepower slice of Americana, while others might just call it a sweet ride. Get your tickets today at www.kdccp.org or from almost any Kiwanian around. Visit www.kdccp.org to see where and when the car will be on display, including its run at the Oregon State Fair from August 26 to September 6. The raffle winner will be drawn on Labor Day at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $5 each or five for $20. The winner does not need to be present at the State Fair to claim victory.

Speaking of raffles, KDCCP’s own Bob Smith won this year’s gazebo raffle. He is still deciding where to put the beautifully handcrafted covered gazebo that stands 10 feet tall and eight feet in diameter. Thanks to Larry Hough and the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln City for making this fundraiser possible. In addition to all of these programs, KDCCP continues to host the Little Red Wagon campaign in October and the holiday ornament sales. New ideas are in the works for the 2010 ornaments!

Children’s Cancer Research is Governor’s Project for Kiwanis Pacific Northwest District
Frank Morehouse, Pacific Northwest district governor for Kiwanis, designated children’s cancer training and research the governor’s project for his one-year term. Called the Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Program, the initiative will promote fund raising among Kiwanians across the region and into Canada to support the local hospital that trains hematology-oncology fellows. In the Pacific Northwest, hospitals include OHSU Doernbecher, Seattle Children’s and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. Linda Stork, M.D., Robert Neerhout Professor and division head of pediatric hematology/oncology at OHSU Doernbecher, spoke at the annual Lieutenant Governor’s training at Timberline Lodge on June 5 about the importance of supporting fellowship training and the role this program plays in making Doernbecher’s program greater. The presentation was well received and it is anticipated that this will spur increased support for KDCCP and the Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Fellowship at Portland.

A special thank you goes to Frank Morehouse for seeing the importance and potential of this program and for helping spread the word about Doernbecher’s great work. Of course, none of this would be possible without the tireless support of the KDCCP board members. Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation thanks all Kiwanians from Oregon and southwest Washington and the KDCCP board for their steadfast dedication in raising funds for this program.

Make a donation or learn more about KDCCP fund-raising activities at www.kdccp.org.
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Save the Date: November 6 is the Heart of Doernbecher Auction!

Doernbecher salutes our heroes at the 13th Annual Heart of Doernbecher Auction presented by Unified Grocers. The event, themed “Heroes on the Hill” will be held November 6 at the Portland Art Museum. We hope you will join us for an inspirational evening featuring silent and live auctions, performances by local musicians and touching testimonials by several Doernbecher patients. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or a table, sponsoring the event or donating an auction item, please contact Carolanne Wipfli at 503 220-8341 or Jessica LeBlanc at 503 220-8344.


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September 6
Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Program
Mustang Raffle
$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20
Tickets are available until 6:30 p.m., raffle drawing at 6:45 p.m. at the Oregon State Fair. Winner need not be present.
To purchase tickets online or to locate car showings visit http://www.kdccp.org.

September 18-19
Cascade Sports Car Club’s 26th Annual Doernbecher Dash
Portland International Raceway
9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Practice, qualifying and racing
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Doernbecher Kids check in
Kidz Karts will be there with electric race cars for ages 4 to 10.
Kids Karavan before noon both days. Race car rides available at noon both days.
Silent auction closes at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
For more information, contact Tracy Klein, chair, at racergirl0110@yahoo.com.

September 13
Business Union and Legislative Leaders (B.U.L.L.)
Dinner & Auction
Oregon Convention Center
Tickets: $125
5:30 p.m. Hosted cocktails and super silent auction
6:45 p.m. Seated dinner
7:00 p.m. Live auction
For ticket and sponsor information, contact Ed Ellis at 503 644-7670 or 503 970-5136 or edk.ellis@verizon.net.

September 14
Business Union and Legislative Leaders (B.U.L.L.)
Charity Golf Tournament
The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club
Entrance fee: $375 per player
6:15 a.m. Morning registration
6:00 p.m. Hosted cocktails, appetizers and raffle drawing
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October 9
Doernbecher Freestyle VII
Wieden + Kennedy
Tickets: $125
5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Annie Mancini at 503 220-8343 or mancini@ohsu.edu.

October 9
Women for Children’s 18th Annual “Hope on the Horizon” Auction
Disjecta Gallery
Tickets: $40 per ticket; $70 per couple
6:30 p.m.
Come enjoy fine food, drinks, music, and silent and live auctions.
For more information, visit www.womenforchildren.com.

November 6
13th Annual Heart of Doernbecher Auction “Heroes on the Hill”
Portland Art Museum
Tickets: $200 general; $300 patron
5 p.m. Silent auction and reception
7 p.m. Dinner, entertainment and live auction
For more information, or to purchase tickets or tables, contact Jessica LeBlanc at 503 220-8344 or leblanc@ohsu.edu or Carolanne Wipfli at 503 220-8341 or wipfli@ohsu.edu.

November 6
Shopping Extravaganza
Friends of Doernbecher Oswego Friends Chapter
Woodburn Company Stores
Tickets: $25
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Lunch, wine tasting, raffles, special discounts at your favorite stores and complimentary gift wrap are provided to all ticket holders.
Tickets will be available mid-September, with 50 percent of ticket proceeds donated to Doernbecher.
For more information, contact Kathi Kopet at 503 939-8558 or kkopet@csimllc.com.
Freestyle Shoe Designers Know – It’s What’s Inside That Counts!

What do a LEGO whiz, football fan, artist, horseback rider, whitewater rafter and basketball player all have in common? Each is just one way to describe the 2010 Doernbecher Freestyle designers. This year, some of Nike’s most popular shoe models have been innovated and redesigned by Doernbecher’s own. Many brainstorming and design sessions have led to the latest collection of Doernbecher Freestyle shoes. Now in its seventh year, Freestyle has raised over $2.4 million for Doernbecher. On October 9, six brand new, limited-run designs will be unveiled to the public at Wieden + Kennedy. Meet the patients, hear their stories and be the first to see their creations! For more information on this very special event, please contact Annie Mancini at 503 220-8343 or mancini@ohsu.edu. NEW this year: check out the Doernbecher Freestyle page on Facebook!