In many ways, it was a difficult year for our community, but we have never been prouder to be a part of it.

When trouble targeted our town, we helped each other over the rough spots, finding ways to celebrate the joys, both big and small.

We are Dayton Strong.

At Dayton Children’s, we see the strength of our community in our kids every day. We watch them fight the hardest battles, with a smile on their face and love for everyone they meet. That is why we pledge to do our best for them every day. That is why our mission is the relentless pursuit of optimal health for every child within our reach. We want to help each child to achieve his or her personal best. We know it looks different for everyone.

Never before have we had such a wide variety of services so that each child has access to what will help achieve his or her personal best. This year we celebrate those achievements that help each child be better - from life-changing surgery for a toddler with spirit, to a quick check-up for a kid with a cough, to a place to stay when the world gets too much. We reached outside of our walls to help those in need around us and to partner with those miles away.

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Like Gwen. Her chestnut curls and cherub cheeks might make you think she’s guileless, but those wide eyes hold a spark of untamed spirit. Her mom calls her “Stitch” from Lilo and Stitch. “She’s an energetic pistol that’s built to destroy,” laughs her mother Megan. “When she wants something she’ll push straight through to get it, all the while smiling at you.”

Gwen was born missing the tibia in her right leg, the large bone in between the knee and ankle. According to Michael Albert, MD, chief, division of orthopedics, that only happens in one in a million births. “With Gwen’s circumstances, the best option was to amputate. And in today’s world, prosthetics allow a child to do almost anything other kids can do,” says Dr. Albert.

That’s certainly true for Gwen who is hitting the milestones of childhood, just in a little different way. “Given Gwen’s feisty personality, I just know I’m going to get a call from day care one day that she’s taken off her leg and hit a kid with it,” Megan laughs. “That’s just how she is. She doesn’t let anyone — or anything — stop her from what she wants.”
about us

- 176 beds
- 5,133 admissions
- 7,019 observations
- 37,220 patient days
- 3.06 days average stay
- 101.2 average daily census

top 5 inpatient diagnoses

- RSV/bronchiolitis
- Asthma/bronchospasm
- Jaundice
- Pneumonia
- Diabetes
While Dayton Children’s has the advanced expertise to care for one-in-a-million kids like Gwen, we also know that more parents need fast, easy, effective help for those dime-a-dozen complaints. That overnight ear infection. The weekend sore throat. That right-before-vacation rash. While the pediatrician is the best place to go, if the family can’t get in on short notice, we want them to see someone who knows how to take care of kids.

That’s why we launched Kids Express on January 9, 2019, the trial of a new concept in pediatric-focused health care. It combines the convenience of a retail clinic approach and online scheduling with the pediatric expertise of a specially trained nurse practitioner. While there are a lot of retail clinics for adults, this is the only one in Ohio with care that is just right for kids and focused on their unique needs.

5 star review on Google

“This place is so awesome! It’s so convenient to be able to take my kids in for a visit on short notice.... With the option to reserve a time beforehand, I have never had to wait to be seen. The staff is always super friendly and they are amazing with the kiddos.”

Jessica, reviewed September 2019

top five conditions seen at Kids Express

- sore throat
- ear pain
- fever
- cough
- rash
total outpatient locations: **12**

**Huber Heights urgent care**
- Opened December 19, 2018
- 7,008 kids treated
- Average 36 patients a day

**Troy outpatient care center**
- Opened February 4, 2019
- Seeing cardiology, endocrinology, orthopedics, physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy patients

**more new services:**
- After-hours ortho – extended hours on nights and weekends to care for practice or game-time bumps, breaks, sprains and strains
- Rheumatology – deals with auto-immune disorders of the joints, muscles and bones that cause pain, swelling, stiffness and deformity
- Chronic pain clinic – unique program encompassing not only medication management but physical therapy, psychology and massage in the same visit
- Headache clinic – faster, more comfortable care for kids with chronic headaches that allow them to bypass the emergency department
reinventing the path

Dayton Children’s officially opened The Child Health Pavilion on Monday, May 20, 2019. This new space supports a truly unique, integrative model of pediatric primary care excellence unlike anything seen across the country.

It integrates a primary care medical home, behavioral health and specialty clinical services for vulnerable populations (children in foster/kinship care, children with medical complexities, children with weight issues) alongside community-based programs to address the social determinants of health such as food insecurity, housing instability, durable goods and educational resources for children.

a few unique components:

- A teaching kitchen where families can learn and practice preparing nutritious and tasty recipes.
- The Food Pharm where, in partnership with the Dayton Foodbank, families in need can get emergency boxes of nutritious food.
- The Family Resource Connection where advocates connect families with an identified social need to the appropriate community resources, including food, housing, transportation, after-school care or baby supplies.

philanthropic support

$4,300,000+
paying it forward

We know our kids are strong, but this year we also saw how strong our community is when tornadoes ripped through our cities. While the hospital was spared, our neighborhood took a direct hit.

The Child Health Pavilion opened less than two weeks before. Located on the corner of Valley Street and Stanley Avenue, it was just one street away from where the tornado touched down. The staff was perfectly positioned to help those who needed it most. Thanks to a partnership in place with the Dayton Foodbank, they already had boxes of food ready to go. They also had baby items on hand – formula, diapers, car seats, portable cribs. Since they had relationships already established in the neighborhood, they were able to get this help quickly to those who needed it.

In the days following the tornado, staff at the Child Health Pavilion distributed:

- Food, water and diapers to 306 families
- 142 car seats
- 42 cribs
Given the events of the summer, the behavioral health of our kids has never been more important. Kids in the Dayton region have witnessed far too much trauma recently to ignore, including the opioid epidemic over the last few years. Research shows that the more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) a child encounters, the greater likelihood they will experience health issues, even an early death.

Dayton Children’s continues to step up to address the need of our children and their behavioral health. Close partnerships allow us to continue to get kids to the right resources in our community quickly in the Mental Health Resource Connection. We are offering better ways to treat and screen for mental health issues with our new crisis center. We also continue to add staff to address the need.

- Psychiatry visits — 5,265
  up 12% in the last year

- Mental health resource connection referrals — 6,364
  up 34% in the last year

- Mental health risk assessments — 3,392
  up 174% in the last year

- Screenings
  - Every child age 10 or older gets a suicide screen in the emergency department
  - 29,951 children were screened
  - 1,315 received additional screening
On June 26, 2019, we invited the community to view our first-ever inpatient behavioral health unit. We believe it is the most innovative and inviting unit in the country, with a level of unprecedented safety and comfort. In addition, we are the first children’s hospital on the continent to incorporate digital media boards in every patient room. These will aid the therapeutic process, allowing us to better connect with our children, who are digital natives.

philanthropic support
$2,000,000+
• The Women’s Board raised a record breaking $927,914 at the biennial cha|cha event
• TWIGs continue to fulfill $1.2 million pledge
Along with strengthening our ties at home, we forged new relationships with partners outside our city. We formalized a cancer, blood disorder and bone marrow transplant collaborative with Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus to enhance services, create more research opportunities for both institutions and allow more patients from the Dayton region to stay closer to home during treatment.

**survival rates**

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**children diagnosed at Dayton Children’s every year, on average**

52

**5 types of cancer make up 2/3 of all pediatric cases**

- Leukemia (ALL and AML)
- Brain/central nervous system tumors
- Lymphoma
- Neuroblastoma
- Wilms tumor
Carrie Sudoff first heard the news that something was wrong with her baby when she was just 13 weeks pregnant. Baby Baylor had an omphalocele, a condition in which a baby’s intestines or organs develop outside the body in a thin membrane. It’s also a sign that the baby could have additional birth defects.

Luckily for Carrie, Dayton Children’s has the only radiologist in the area who has the expertise to read fetal MRIs, Dr. Elizabeth Ey. By taking high speed images with a moving magnet, a fetal MRI provides a clearer picture of a baby’s anatomy than an ultrasound can. Dr. Ey found no other issues with Baylor and helped Carrie and her obstetrician develop a birth plan to ensure both were taken care of.

Baylor was transferred to Dayton Children’s the day he was born and had surgery to repair the omphalocele. Three weeks later, he was headed home to join his four siblings. Today, you could never tell that anything was ever wrong. “He’s walking, talking, climbing and even without his shirt, he has a perfect ‘outtie’ belly button that the surgeon created for him,” says Carrie. “Thanks to Dayton Children’s, Baylor will live a perfectly normal life.”
locally specialized, nationally recognized
visits

- 384,653 total visits
- 115,621 specialty care visits
- 12,768 surgeries
- 97,646 ED visits
- 3,028 transports
- 23,254 urgent care visits
- 12,768 Kids Express visits
- 2,009 Kids Express visits
people and places

people

3,342 employees
413 physicians (active, courtesy, residents)
1,014 nurses
1,089 volunteers
29 pet therapy animals (including two miniature horses!)
Dayton Children’s commitment to making the lives of children better is a key part of our mission. Community benefits we provide include health improvement programs, injury prevention activities, educating the next generation of health professionals and contributing to other not-for-profit organizations that share our mission.

In addition, it includes unreimbursed costs from providing care to patients enrolled in Medicaid and supporting clinical programs that operate at a loss but meet an identified need in the community.

**community benefit — $85,393,998**

**community building activities — $271,813**
Community building activities include environmental improvements, workforce development and community health improvement advocacy efforts.

**philanthropic benefit — $7,101,444**
Dayton Children’s has always had overwhelmingly generous support from the community that we serve. It is this dedication that has allowed us to thrive and take every service, every interaction from good to great.

*fiscal year 2017-2018*