



## The Annual Fund at The Children's Institute

**At The Children's Institute, we take great pride in the accomplishments of our amazing kids and the incredible strides they make every day. We want you to share in this pride by joining us in our commitment to children with special needs. A contribution to the Annual Fund at The Children's Institute is a gift of compassion that allows us to provide for comprehensive and individualized healthcare, education and family support requirements of children with special needs.**

Established in 1902, The Children's Institute is an independent, nonprofit, licensed organization dedicated to promoting the well-being of children, young people and their families and to providing services that meet their special needs. The unique comprehensive approach of The Children's Institute—hospital, school, adoption service—sets the organization apart from others in western Pennsylvania.

Our work is only possible because of amazing donors who support our mission to provide care to all children, regardless of the families' ability to pay. In fact, we provide approximately \$4 million yearly—that's 10 percent of our annual operating budget—in uncompensated care. This is double the national average of 4.7 percent. To meet the extraordinary needs of the children we serve each year, The Children's Institute relies on operating support from generous donors to the Annual Fund—donors who understand that the needs of these children and their families would be unmet if it weren't for The Children's Institute.

Contributions to the Annual Fund provide flexibility for The Children's Institute to direct the funds to the most pressing needs of the children and families we serve. That might mean providing financial assistance for a young family unable to pay for speech therapy through The Hospital; it might mean contributing to the creation of an individualized education program for a child with autism in The Day School; or it may mean that through Project STAR, a child with disabilities finds a home in a nurturing family instead of remaining caught in the web of the foster care system.

Contributions to the Annual Fund at The Children's Institute come in many shapes and sizes—just like the children we serve. Each gift has the power to enhance, improve and change lives, both for those who give and those who receive.

With the help of generous Annual Fund donors like you, The Children's Institute will continue to provide the services so vitally needed by children and families. Your support will enable The Children's Institute to remain one of the nation's preeminent providers of pediatric rehabilitation services, helping children and families realize their dreams.

To support the Annual Fund at The Children's Institute, please contact Kate Lewis at [kle@the-institute.org](mailto:kle@the-institute.org) or call 412.420.2254.