



Franciscan Hospital
for Children

2007-2008 Annual Report

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Our Mission

At Franciscan Hospital for Children, our mission is to provide compassionate care and education to children with special health care needs and to help them reach their full potential.

Our Vision

Our vision is to create a pediatric center for children with special needs that is a nationally and internationally recognized model, leader, and advocate of care, which offers the best possible outcome for children with special needs

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essage from
Our Leadership

“Let us celebrate the collective effort we've put forward to ensure that our children have remained our focus in the past year.”



Each new year brings with it an opportunity to reflect on the past year's challenges, accomplishments and growth. It is always an especially satisfying exercise to determine the extent to which the mission of the Hospital has been played out in the successes of our programs, capital improvements and fundraising activities. I am proud to say that most, if not all of our endeavors in the past year have reflected our values of compassion, health, integrity, laughter, dignity, respect, excellence and networking. Whether it be in the day - to - day care of our courageous patients, the outreach activities that promote the health and well-being of the community at large or the cultivation of mutually beneficial partnerships, our goal of delivering compassionate care to our children so that they reach their full potential is always unquestionably evident.

I am grateful for the commitment of our staff, volunteers, individual and corporate donors, friends as well as community partners who in so many ways continue to touch the lives of our children. As we turn the page to a new year, let us celebrate the collective effort we've put forward to ensure that our children have remained our focus in the past year.

Paul DellaRocco

President & Chief Executive Officer



Inpatient Medical Services

Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy programs treat children with a variety of physical health problems.

Whether resulting from childhood illness or trauma, children treated in our inpatient medical units require specialized

care to help them recover and to adapt to the world around them. The core of both our mission and our financial stability, these programs all maintained a very strong census this year.

Mental Health Services

Franciscan has a long-time partnership with McLean Hospital, which helps us to provide first class Psychiatric and Behavioral Health services to our children.

Our Inpatient and Residential programs combine psychiatry, counseling, education, and case management to

create a continuum of care designed to best care for each child, and to prepare them for life's challenges when they are released from the Hospital.



Educational Services

Franciscan is committed to providing educational services to children with special health care needs.

Our Kennedy Day School, which enrolls about 80 students from 35 communities throughout Massachusetts, was recently recognized by the Department of Education for its outstanding service. With classrooms organized by level of ability, the Kennedy Day School is an irreplaceable resource for children with multiple, chronic health care needs.



Medical Day Care

The Hyman Novack Medical Day Care Center is a day care program for children too chronically ill to attend traditional day care centers. Here, they are able to learn, laugh, and play with their classmates while at the same time being treated for a variety of physical health difficulties and developmental delays.

Recently renovated through a generous grant by the Novack Family Foundation, the center now enrolls 25 students from the Greater Boston area.



Outpatient Medical Services

Every year, Franciscan serves thousands of local children through our Outpatient Pediatric Department and our Dental Clinic.

In 2007, we greatly increased our number of partnerships with area health care providers, allowing us to reach out to more children than ever before. Our outpatient departments serve a highly diverse, low-income population, which relies on Franciscan to provide the health care services that they so desperately need.

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The Research Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs at Franciscan Hospital for Children is an innovative enterprise devoted to the promotion of evidence-based practice in pediatric rehabilitation and the development, evaluation, and dissemination of effective models of care for children.

The Research Center provides the infrastructure and expertise to investigate the effectiveness of new interventions and programs and to disseminate the results to a broad community of professionals, purchasers of pediatric services, and families. Research activities at the Center fall into the four general areas; program evaluation, training and conferences, external fundraising, and the dissemination of information.

The Research Center compliments and supports the service mission of the Hospital. Research is conducted in the general areas of outcome measurement, pulmonary rehabilitation, physical rehabilitation and physical fitness for children with disabilities. For example, in a recent case series, the effectiveness of aquatic therapy as an adjunct to traditional land-based physical therapy was examined in four patients with cerebral palsy, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, or Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Clinically significant improvements were documented in functional mobility, walking endurance, flexibility, muscle strength and/or pain reduction for all four patients following a combined aquatic and land-based rehabilitation program.

To enhance the Center's knowledge sharing goal, Dr. Jane O'Brien, Medical Director and Director of the Research Center, founded the Specialized Pediatric Applied Research Collaborative (SPARC), a national group of pediatric specialty hospitals pursuing a common research agenda.

Since the group's inception in 2003, SPARC member hospitals have been collaborating on research that in-



Underwater monitoring system for Aquatic Therapy

vestigates evidence-based care for children with airway support needs. To date, SPARC has:

- Developed clinical guidelines for weaning children from mechanical ventilation in a post-acute setting.
- Reported on the percentage of children who were weaned from ventilators during a post-acute care episode.

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- Studied the rates of home discharge vs. long-term care or acute hospitalization.
- Examined the relationship between the level of airway support and discharge to home following post-acute hospitalizations.

At present, SPARC is working on developing a minimal data set for the transfer of care between hospitals to improve communication and safety for children with airway support. The group is also examining non-medical barriers to discharge as well as best practices for the care of central lines.



Hospital Events

Year 2007 in Review



On the Left: Franciscan Profiles in Children's Courage Award recipients at the 2007 Community Leadership Award Dinner. The event marked 5 years of celebrating the Franciscan Profiles in Children's Courage. (Left – right) Josh Jick, Norah Scholl, Nick Prefontaine, Kai Leigh-Harriot and her family.

On the Right: Host Natalie Jacobson with Co-Chairs Ted Maclean and Dan Marous with Joey Rice (Right), 2007 Profile in Children's courage award recipient.



Above left: 2007 Annual Friends Gala Hosts Janet Wu and Lenny Clarke.



Above right: 2007 Annual Friends Gala Co-Chairs: Tracie Sullivan, Judy Parkhurst and Marianne Sullivan.

Hospital Events

Year 2007 in Review

Below left: Kids from the Kennedy Day School at a Bank of America sponsored tour of Fenway Park.



Below right: Teamworks fundraiser held in Acton.



Below: Star quarterback Matt Ryan and a resident of the Kennedy Hope Academy.



Below right: Tim Wakefield and former patient Nick Prefontaine at the Pitching in for Kids Fundraiser.



Middle: BC Basketball players with kids from Franciscan.



Above & right: 21 Nickels Grille and Tap Barbecue, a summer-long event for the kids at Franciscan.



Financial Performance: 2007

Combined Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2007	2006
<i>For the years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006</i>		
Total Revenue	\$43,561,410	\$41,485,291
Salaries & Benefits	27,096,142	26,228,957
Supplies and Purchased Services	13,516,538	12,495,164
Depreciation	1,504,494	1,420,143
Interest	278,019	423,278
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	905,979	655,751
Total Expenses	\$43,301,172	\$41,223,293
Income from Operations	\$260,238	\$261,998

Consolidated Balance Sheet

For the years ended September 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Total Current Assets	\$8,298,440	\$8,638,287
Total assets whose use is limited or restricted	\$2,986,556	\$2,966,751
Property and equipment, net	\$13,769,695	\$13,232,821
Total Assets	\$25,081,691	\$24,837,859
Total Current Liabilities	\$6,996,721	\$6,622,031
Total Long term Liabilities	\$986,041	\$2,496,586
Total Net Assets	\$12,436,178	\$10,679,195
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$25,081,691	\$24,837,859

Focus on Philanthropy

Thanks to the generous support of friends and benefactors, children from Massachusetts, the United States and around the globe have found hope through the care and treatment provided at Franciscan Hospital. The support we receive from countless individuals is essential to the Hospital's ability to provide the finest care for our patients.

Ways you can help:

- Consider making a donation. Make a secure online donation at www.franciscanhospital.org.
- Attend a special event. For information on upcoming events, please call (617) 779 1414.
- Donate your vehicle. Call 1-800-568-8688 for more information.
- Consider a planned gift to the Hospital. Please call 617-779-1149 for more information.
- Become a corporate partner by making a gift, funding a grant or sponsoring an event.

Providing quality health care at Franciscan Hospital for Children would not be possible without the support and generosity of our donors.

We are grateful for the support we receive from our friends and partners.

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Planned Giving at Franciscan Hospital for Children

As a polio survivor, Ralph DiPrisco always had a special affinity for sick children. One evening, he saw a billboard for Franciscan Hospital for Children and the next day, he called the Hospital to learn more. Ralph was beginning to make plans for his estate, and with no living heirs, had decided to direct his assets to children's charities.

When Mr. DiPrisco passed away in June 2006, Franciscan Hospital for Children was thrilled to receive a gift of more than \$400,000.

"Bequests such as the one from Ralph DiPrisco are critical to ensuring that we continue to provide the very best care for our children," said Hospital President and CEO Paul DellaRocco, who will use this gift to fuel the Hospital's top priorities.

Special thanks to Ralph DiPrisco for his great generosity.

For further information or a confidential conversation on making a planned gift to the Hospital, please contact : Steven Snyder by calling (617) 779-1149 or email us at plannedgiving@fhfc.org .



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