



Providence
Children's Health
Foundation

*Respite care
gives families
a break*

Amanda Leeder is thankful for the respite care her son Kobi receives at the Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children.

2018 Highlights

"We moved to Portland a few years ago and don't have any family nearby to help us care for our medically fragile two-year-old son Kobi," said Amanda Leeder.

"Kobi has a feeding tube and a major seizure disorder and will likely never walk or talk," explained Amanda. "Caring for a child like Kobi every day can be emotionally and physically draining, and is often met with practical limitations and frustrations."

Thanks to your generosity, Kobi has been able to stay at the Center for Medically Fragile Children for respite care, giving his family a much-needed break. In addition, short-term care also is available at the center. This can be very helpful for a child who is cared for at home and develops a new (or recurring) medical issue that needs highly specialized professional care. A short-term stay can last from several days to several months.

"While these challenges can pose a threat to our quality of life, having the Center for Medically Fragile Children nearby allows Kobi to receive incredible care while we recharge our batteries or tend to other areas of our life," said Amanda. Kobi has both a younger and an older brother.

"The patience and attentiveness of the center's staff is beyond measure and far exceeded my expectations for a caregiving job that is so demanding. My overwhelming impression of CMFC is that the children there feel very loved and cared for," she said.

"We are grateful that we have access to respite care so close to our home, and we feel incredibly blessed that this care is nothing short of extraordinary. Thank you for all that you do for us!"

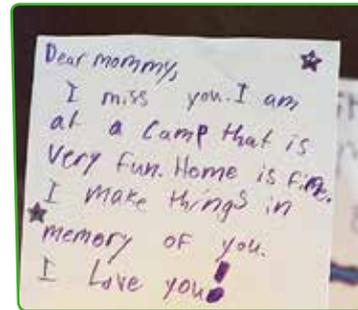
Safety Net for Families provides support system for those in need

Thanks to your generous gifts, families in need have an important resource. The Safety Net for Families Fund helps provide pregnancy supplies (prenatal vitamins, diabetes supplies, compression socks, etc.), rent assistance, transportation vouchers and other services not covered by insurance to at-risk mothers. The fund helps social workers support pregnant women who have accessed or tried other community resources.

Camp Erin provides safe space for grieving children

Camp Erin gives children mourning the loss of a loved one a safe place to express their grief. Because of you, more than 85 children and teens ages 6 to 17 attended the weekend-long camp in 2018.

Along with traditional camp activities, children also receive grief education and emotional support from grief professionals and specially trained counselors. "Camp Erin helped me grieve and say goodbye to my loved one," said one 14-year-old camper. Thank you for giving children a safe space to grieve.



2018 total dollars raised by fund

Total amount raised:
\$3,220,498

- ▶ Area of Greatest Need | 8%
- ▶ Center for Medically Fragile Children | 47%
- ▶ Children's Health | 3%
- ▶ Festival of Trees | 22%
- ▶ Swindells Resource Center | 3%
- ▶ Women and Infants | 13%
- ▶ Other Funds | 4%