



Providence  
St. Vincent Medical  
Foundation

*Children with  
special needs  
now have  
services in  
one location*

The newly expanded Providence Children's Development Institute helps more patients and families get the care they need close to home.

## 2018 Highlights

Providence Children's Development Institute started in two small rooms in the basement of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. Michele Raddish, M.D., worked three half-days when the then-named Providence Neurodevelopmental Center opened to serve children with behavioral, developmental and complex health care needs. Now, thanks to your support, about 500 patients are seen each week.

"Very little of this growth would have happened without the support of donors," said Dr. Raddish. **"Parents tell me how grateful they are to have such a calm and safe space for their children."**

The expanded institute opened in April on the fifth floor of the hospital. This bright and colorful space has 31 exam rooms, four audiology rooms, three therapy gyms, an education area and places for teams to work.

Your support helped bring together all the services onto one floor, which previously were scattered in four locations within the hospital. "Doctor visits can be stressful for children with developmental delays, said Dr. Raddish. "Now they don't need to move to a different floor or office, which helps children stay composed."

Because of you, children with special needs can learn skills to be more independent. In the adaptive kitchen, for example, they learn how to cook and clean. The adaptive bathroom is used to teach children toileting skills and bathing.

"We also have a quiet room now. There is no medical equipment or computer in the room," said Dr. Raddish. Kids can sit on a beanbag chair, in a swing or in a tent equipped with lights that go off and on and change colors. All of these options help reduce the child's stress and help them to keep calm.

"Every day I feel extremely blessed that we can see these great numbers of children," said Dr. Raddish. **"On any given day you're more than likely to come to a place that feels joyful, kids are having a great time and families are calm. It's pretty remarkable."**

### New healing garden serves as peaceful sanctuary

The new Sister Rita Peace Garden was blessed with great fanfare and joy on Oct. 22. Named after long-time hospital administrator Sister Rita Ferschweiler, SP, the garden provides a sanctuary for our patients, their families and our caregivers. Situated just outside the Emergency Department, the garden features lush greenery, bright flowers and a soothing waterfall. "I hope it makes people happy to see such a nice place," said Sister Rita at the dedication.



### Providence Black & White Ball

Thanks to your generosity at Providence Heart Institute's first Black & White Ball, more than \$726,000 was raised for heart disease prevention and cardiac wellness programs. Because of you, we can provide 6,000 free youth heart screenings; give 200 life-saving AEDs free to schools and community organizations; and help 170 families with resources and support to develop heart-healthy lifestyle, eating and exercise habits. The special event was made possible through a partnership with the Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns FC.

## 2018 total dollars raised by fund

Total amount raised:  
**\$7,876,803**

- ▶ Area of Greatest Need | 1%
- ▶ Behavioral Health | 9%
- ▶ Brain/Orthopedics | 2%
- ▶ Cancer Support & Services | 17%
- ▶ Charity Care | 1%
- ▶ Ethics Center | 1%
- ▶ Heart | 57%
- ▶ Hospice/Palliative Care | 1%
- ▶ Women & Children's | 5%
- ▶ Other Funds | 6%