



# The Power of giving

150



Infants and children helped each day by Providence Children's Development Institute

1,750



Pediatric patients supported by child life specialists

\$200,000



Invested in research focused on children's neurodevelopment and rare diseases

20,000



Virtual points of contact by Swindells Resource Center with families of children with special health care needs

\$2.4M



in philanthropic support for Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children

Thank you.  
Because of your generosity, we are able to match each child with the specific resources they need to live their best life. ●

## You gave Evan the gift of communication

For families with children who are unable to communicate verbally, your donations helped purchase specialized communication devices through the Augmentative and Alternative Communication program.



Darrick Stiff, speech language pathologist, helps Ever Calderon with his new specialized communication device.

Providence has 10 therapists who are specially trained to help children communicate, but a therapist may see a child for only one or two hours a week. Providing funds to offset the cost of a communication device means a child has access to this resource wherever and whenever they need.

**“A communication device can cost thousands of dollars. As resources are scarce, foundation funds have been a light for families during a very dark time. Your donations helped reduce the financial burden of helping their child grow and thrive,”** said Darrick Stiff, MS, CCC-SLP, who oversees the Augmentative and Alternative Communication program.

The Calderons received funds for a communication device for their son and were forever touched by this kindness. “Thank you on behalf of my son, my family and all those who stand beside my child to support his development,” said José Calderon.

José’s son has longed for a learning device to help him wherever he goes. It keeps him more engaged in learning and will help in his pursuit of a career in technology. Thank you for helping to provide specialized equipment to the Calderon family and fulfill a dream for a child with special needs. ●



## Aunt Elsie's bequest helps families in need

Elsie Clements was a passionate community teacher in Oregon. When completing her will, she asked her niece, Theresa Taylor, to select a cause that would make a powerful impact on families.

Theresa selected Providence Safety Net Fund for Families that supports unmet needs of families receiving care in Providence women's clinics, family practices and pediatric specialty clinics.

"There was nothing more important to Aunt Elsie than family," said Theresa. "Knowing that her gift helps provide for vulnerable families would make her happy. It is an expression of her faith and belief that we are called upon to love and take care of one another." ●



## You help stressed families recharge

Proceeds from the 2021 Festival of Trees supported the Center for Medically Fragile Children including respite care, the Safety Net Fund for Families and Swindells Resource Center.

Ellie's family is grateful for respite care available at Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children. Before they learned about the respite care program, Scott and Vicki McCracken were caring for Ellie around the clock.

With respite care, "we can take care of our marriage, take care of ourselves and know that Ellie is in a place where she is being well cared for," said Scott. ●



Ellie McCracken smiles whenever she visits the Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children.





## Don't miss the 40th Annual Festival of Trees

What a gift it will be to celebrate the holidays in person this year!

### Gala Dinner and Auction

Thursday, Dec. 1

### Elf Academy Public Show

Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3

### Festival Holiday TV Special on KATU

Wednesday, December 7

To sponsor or attend, please visit

[ProvidenceFoundations.org/portlandgala](https://ProvidenceFoundations.org/portlandgala)

## Our Mission

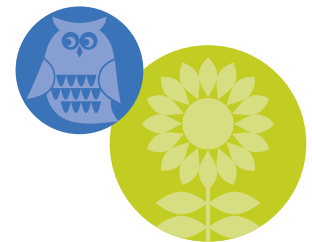
As expressions of God's healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

## Our Values

Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, Integrity

"Your generous donations give us the opportunity to provide the environment and the tools we need to increase coping, self-regulation, body awareness and understanding of the mind-body connection. With these tools we can have better engagement, more participation and better outcomes. Thanks to you, we can prepare them for the next step."

– Jeni Desmond, occupational therapist, helps children learn how to self-regulate and modulate their behavior when they feel anxious or upset.



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Thank you for your support of the special children in our community. You make it possible for children to reach their full potential.