



Thanks to you, we can calm a scared, overstimulated child – a wonderful gift for children and their parents.

The activity in an emergency department can be overwhelming for patients, especially the 11,000 children and adolescents who visit us every year. The generous donation of a Vecta Sensory Station with its soothing lights and sound has eased their way – thank you!





# Providence St. Vincent Medical Foundation

## Sensory station brings peace to pediatric patients

Samantha's grandson, Magnus, had an eye infection that took a turn for the worse and he needed to go to the emergency department. Samantha and her daughter rushed Magnus to Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

Three-year-old Magnus has KBG syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. He also had recently been diagnosed with epilepsy and autism. The emergency department can be overwhelming for anyone but especially for young children. According to Samantha, "His senses were on overdrive that night as he was very sick, out of his routine, with strangers, and it was past his bedtime."

As they were waiting to be admitted after being seen by emergency department providers, a Vecta Sensory Station was rolled into his room. The Vecta is equipped with a bubble tube, tentacle lights and a projector that screens soothing images on the ceiling. **Magnus was the first person to use the machine given to the emergency department by generous donors.**

"We use this tool regularly to help transform hospital rooms into spaces that are calming, interactive and child-focused. This cart truly makes a positive difference for countless kids!" said Beth Wong, lead child life specialist.

"The sound was reassuring, and the lighting was incredible. We witnessed what a comfort the sensory station was to him almost immediately," said Samantha.

Samantha, our Mission services coordinator at Providence Newberg Medical Center, has witnessed our Mission and core values in action. But seeing it firsthand from the patient's side, she was struck by how meaningful donations such as the Vecta are for those we care for and serve. "It was such a wonderful gift to our family that night. I'm sure many patients will be blessed by it for many years to come."

### In 2023, you helped:



Invest more than \$1.5 million in the Providence Heart Institute heart transplant program and patient transportation, lodging and meals not covered by insurance



Purchase a surgical robot for Providence Brain and Spine Institute to assist surgeons, provide safer procedures and ease recovery



Launch construction on the re-imagined emergency department, part of the Tomorrow Starts Today campaign, and add a CT scanner to speed diagnostic times for patients



Give more than \$650,000 to support professional development for nursing staff



Underwrite education for sexual assault nurse examiners



Fund an additional music thanatologist for spiritual care

### 2023 total dollars raised by fund

- Area of Greatest Need | 3%
- Cancer Research and Support Services | 5%
- Emergency Services | 22%
- Heart | 60%
- Neurosciences | 6%
- Women and Children's | 1%
- Other Funds | 3%

