

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated Amy Ferguson, MD, Hospitalist, for receiving the A. H. Blank Physician of the Year Award.
- Awarded the Blank Children's Advanced Practice Provider Star Award to Andrea Terrones, MSN, NNP-BC.
- 17 new providers joined the team of over 150 specialists at Blank Children's.
- Reached all 99 counties in Iowa through medical conferences, classes, training, and webinars.
- Blank Children's Hospital was re-verified as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, one of just two in the state, through the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.
- Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) had a record year by caring for 1,123 babies.

Celebrating 80 years of caring for children and families at Blank Children's.

On December 3, 1944, A. H. Blank spoke these words at the dedication for the Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children:

"The Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital has been built by us to make up in some small measure for the contribution Raymond himself would have made to the community and to the nation, had he lived. Its foundation is zealous enthusiasm of our son's compassion for those who need treatment and help. Its future destiny is to keep alive the memory of an earthly dream."

Now 80 years later, Blank Children's Hospital continues the legacy of the Blank family. It's a place where the unique health care needs of children are met through compassion, specialized care, and even fun.



Care Team Recognized for Hospital Hero Award

Team members from Blank Children's Hospital and UnityPoint Health - Des Moines were the recipients of the 2024 Iowa Hospital Association Hospital Hero Award. Our team provided extraordinary, specialized care and support to transport a 4-year-old girl to Omaha, NE for life-saving surgery during a severe blizzard.

Their dedication, creativity and courage in the face of immense challenges exemplifies what it means to be true health care heroes.

YOUR Impact MATTERS

2024

Blank Children's Hospital
Impact Report



Helping Kids Thrive

Your support can be seen throughout Blank Children's Hospital; in the little moments that bring a smile to a child's face and the big, important moments that forever change lives.

Thanks to you, Blank Children's continues to meet the unique health care needs of children throughout Iowa and beyond. **Areas impacted include:**

Advocacy & Outreach

Responded to the tornado disaster in Greenfield, IA and assisted children and families with a donation of 72 car seats and 47 pack and plays.

Audiology

New equipment and hearing screenings were provided to newborns. 35 families were served with hearing aid support.

Child Life

Expanded Music Therapy to the STAR & Developmental Center.

Compassion Funds

Provided over \$243,000 in support to families under financial hardship through the Compassion Fund.

Hannah Safety for All

Helped provide safe sleep through the donation of 106 pack and plays to families in need.

NICU

Littlest patients in the Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) benefited from new Giraffe Beds and other equipment.

Pediatric Therapy

New Universal Exercise Unit was purchased to help children build balance and strength.

STAR Center

More than 400 children served through the Foster Care Clinic for primary health care need.



You care deeply about the children in our community, and it shows. Take a look at some of the things your support made possible in 2024. You made a difference!

YOU HELPED ...



Provide **3,376** patients staying in the hospital with compassionate, expert care.



Transport **805** newborn babies and critically ill children by teams that specialize in this care - by ground in our Pediatric Critical Care Ambulance or by air in our LifeFlight Helicopter.



Support **50** newly diagnosed cancer patients along with **40** clinical trials, and treat hundreds of children and teens in the Cancer & Blood Disorder Center.



Provide **26,166** emergency care visits for patients with injuries and illnesses that couldn't wait.



Provide specialized care in our outpatient medical clinics at more than **110,000** visits.

Deliveries

For the **tenth year** in a row, more babies in central Iowa were born in our hospitals than anywhere else. We helped welcome 4,849 totally amazing babies in 2024.

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3,290	1,661

Child Life

INTERACTIONS	PHILANTHROPY FUNDED
43,350	100%

Being in a hospital or visiting a doctor can be very stressful for children and their families. Child Life specialists foster healing and recovery by helping children express their concerns and cope with fears.

Giving

TOTAL GIFTS	NUMBER OF GIFTS
\$5,889,035	3,394

NUMBER OF DONORS
1,952

As more and more families choose Blank Children's Hospital for care, we continue to add team members and services to meet the needs of the community. Your support makes a difference in helping provide these life-changing and life-saving programs to children and families when they need it most.