



About Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt is one of the nation's leading children's hospitals, treating a full range of pediatric health issues from colds and broken bones to complex heart diseases and cancer. Achieving 10 out of 10 nationally ranked pediatric specialties in 2020, Children's Hospital was again named among the nation's "Best Children's Hospitals" for the 14th consecutive year by U.S. News & World Report.

As a nonprofit organization, Children's Hospital cares for patients regardless of their family's ability to pay. Taking a team approach to caring for children, Children's Hospital works to create a healing environment that cares for the whole family – physically, emotionally and developmentally.

Mission Moment - Caroline's Story

Donations to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt make a difference for patients like Caroline. When Caroline was 4 years old, she was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma, a cancer that affects the glands. She immediately began a long treatment process, which included chemotherapy, surgeries, stem cell transplant and more. In 2019, Caroline was cleared with no evidence of cancer. This level of expertise and life-changing care would not be possible without philanthropy.

Caroline's family is grateful for all that Children's Hospital has done for them during this journey. Now 7 years old, Caroline loves her family, sushi, unicorns and dancing. Generous support from the community helps patients like Caroline beat the odds and get back to being just kids.



Friends of Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Vaco has helped make a difference for Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt through support of the Friends of Children's Hospital organization. Founded in 1972, Friends is a group of volunteers who work together to provide support for the hospital through fundraising, outreach and patient and family support programs. Friends' volunteers coordinate fundraising initiatives such as An Evening with Friends, Friends & Fashion and Gifts from Friends to raise money for large, programmatic work at the hospital. For the past 10+ years, Vaco has generously supported these efforts.

Individuals can become members of Friends with a donation to the organization. These membership donations support programs for patients and families in the hospital. Whether it's through free meals served to families, funding for music and art therapy or through a grant program, the special impact of Friends can be felt all throughout the hospital.

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Vaco team attending An Evening with Friends benefiting Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital



Vaco team sorting holiday toys for the children undergoing treatment at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital