



Johns Hopkins All Children's Foundation

Dream Builders

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Franklin Cantrell is a Dream Builder. For Life.

Our Dream Builder this season is Franklin Cantrell who, along with spending nearly three decades creating the beauty that is the extensive gardens at the Ringling Museum of Art, has spent much of his life writing his thoughts and his memories into stories and poems about his southern childhood.

What is important to Frank, 71, is committing to finding the purpose in his own life. Creating a record—if only for himself—of his accomplishments, his stories, his years of LGBT advocacy (highlighted by several articles proudly published in the Bradenton Herald) and his deeds.

Frank has given this a lot of thought. He is proud of what he has attained and what he has done, which he believes defines him, but there is one more thing that he wants to accomplish for his legacy as a single senior citizen who has no immediate family of his own. He has decided to leave a portion of his estate to help children at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.

Frank toured the facilities with his financial adviser and was impressed with what he saw. He went home and immediately filled out the paperwork that would make him a Dream Builder, a designation for those who leave a portion of their estate to the Johns Hopkins All Children's Foundation.

Frank has special interest in the Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute. He is deeply concerned with the plight of these vulnerable children and he wants to help. He also learned that our institute is one of the largest pediatric oncology/hematology facilities in



the southeast willing to accept the most acute cases, often cases that other hospitals have turned down. The chance to be a part of it greatly moved him.

Frank wants to leave a mark that will be remembered and appreciated by the families he is able to touch through financial assistance that will provide them with research, education and quality of care that a hospital like Johns Hopkins All Children's can offer.

"I want to share with people who I really am," Frank explains. "For those of us who are sensitive, it should not be surprising that we want to help children. They are the most vulnerable among us."

The thought of a legacy that includes helping gives Frank comfort as he becomes a Dream Builder. For life.



Emilie's Story Attracts Record Number of *Be The Match* Registrants

In August, just one month before Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, little Emilie rang the symbolic bell on the hematology and oncology floor at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. The ringing celebration marks the end of chemotherapy treatment.

"Seeing her go through everything was tough on all of us," says Emilie's mom, Roxie. "Emilie had good times and very hard times, but we are very grateful that she is now done with that part of her treatment."

At just nine months old in November 2016, Emilie was taken to Johns Hopkins All Children's with a high fever where she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. She would need to undergo chemotherapy and eventually, a bone marrow transplant.

"It was very hard to wrap our head around this," Roxie explains. "As a parent you feel hopeless, devastated—knowing that your child has to fight for her life is very hard."

Acute myeloid leukemia is the second most common type of childhood leukemia. During her treatment under the care of Benjamin Oshrine, M.D., she needed three rounds of chemotherapy to get rid of the leukemia in order to receive the bone marrow transplant. The race was on to find the perfect match since the transplant would need to take place within a certain timeframe.

"It takes a considerable amount of time to identify and evaluate potential donors," Oshrine explains.

The now 1-year-old's journey caught the attention of media around the country. It started with a family friend determined to find Emilie's perfect bone marrow transplant match, and resulted in a record number of bone marrow registrants through an online drive for *Be The Match*, the largest and most diverse donor registry in the world. The link specifically created for Emilie quickly brought in 4,700 new registrants.

"That's unheard of," senior community engagement representative Marc Silver says. "That's never happened in the company."

Between the online and in-person drives, a total of 9,000 people participated in hopes of helping Emilie. Silver's annual goal for the entire state of Florida is 3,300.

"I worked 38 days straight, no days off, 12 to 16 hours every day between passing out kits, processing kits and working drives," Silver says.

"The outpour of people wanting to help was amazing," Roxie says.

In the end, Emilie did not find her perfect match, but her bone marrow transplant did move forward with her dad as the donor. Emilie was able to successfully undergo transplant using a half-match because of a newer platform called haploidentical transplantation with post-transplant cyclophosphamide.

"We use heavier preventative regimen after the cells are given to prevent graft vs. host disease (GVHD), which is the primary complication when you give cells from a mismatched donor," Oshrine explains. "The transplant field has been evolving rapidly and that's really only possible with ongoing intensive research efforts."

Emilie was diagnosed with mild GVHD, but Oshrine says she is responding well to treatment. Now Emilie needs time to allow her immune system to fully develop.

With thousands of new registrants now in the *Be The Match* database, Silver says potential new matches have already been identified. For Roxie, it is touching to know that her daughter's story will likely help some of the 14,000 patients on the *Be The Match* transplant list.

Visit hopkinsallchildrens.org/cancer to learn more about the Johns Hopkins All Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders Institute. Go to <https://join.bethematch.org/> if you'd like to register as a potential donor in the *Be The Match* database in honor of Emilie.

CHARITABLE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

A tax-wise way to leave a legacy



Advantages of Beneficiary Designation Gifts

Revocable

You can modify or revoke the beneficiary designations at any time during your lifetime.

Avoid Probate

Gifting assets via a beneficiary designation will avoid the probate process.

Easy to Do

Simply fill out a brief beneficiary designation form provided by the plan or account administrator. (You will need the legal name and tax ID number of our organization).

Tax Savings

By making a gift of your retirement plan to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, your estate will receive a 100% charitable deduction, thereby saving estate taxes, and will avoid the income taxes on those assets. By comparison, if your estate were subject to the estate tax, your retirement plan would be subject to estate taxes, and if you left your retirement plan to children or grandchildren, those assets would result in substantial income taxes. From a tax perspective, your retirement plan is a "good" asset to leave to charity and can be a "bad" asset to leave to family.

Inexpensive

In most cases, there is no need to amend your will or trust, thus saving legal fees.

Is a beneficiary designation gift right for you?

If you are interested in or have questions about making a beneficiary designation gift to impact the work of our organization, please contact us.

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A Beneficiary Designation Gift to Impact Our Work

Etta and her late husband Luther had been longtime supporters of our organization. She had been thinking about how she could make a significant gift to support our work. She met with her attorney to explain her goals and describe her assets. Originally, she thought about leaving her IRA to her kids and other assets to charity.

Her attorney suggested a different strategy. He explained that if her children inherited the IRA, the estate would pay estate taxes, and her children would pay income taxes on the IRA. But, by giving the IRA to charity and other assets to her children, Etta could still provide a nice inheritance to her children while avoiding the income tax!

Etta contacted her IRA custodian, who sent her an IRA beneficiary designation form. She completed the form, named our organization as the primary beneficiary of her IRA and mailed the form back. Etta was thrilled with the plan.



CARES FOR KIDS!

Radiothon

December 7 & 8, 2017

Tune in and tell your friends about the 10th Annual US 103.5 Cares for Kids Radiothon on Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital through Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Double Your Impact When You Double Your Gift

Through the generosity of the Goforth family, Johns Hopkins All Children's Foundation donors have a chance to increase the impact of their gifts.

Stephanie and Del Goforth have supported Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital for nearly two decades.

They are donors, civic leaders in numerous organizations and, like so many others, grateful parents. This year, they have committed to doubling their previous gift to the Foundation and developed a program called the Double Down Challenge to inspire others to do the same.

When individuals or family foundations who gave \$1,000 –\$5,000 to Johns Hopkins All Children's Foundation in the past three years double their gifts this year, the Goforths will match the increase.

Here is how it works: If you gave \$1,000 in the past three years, donate \$2,000 this year and the Goforth family will match the \$1,000 increase, up to \$50,000.

Gifts may be made to the Johns Hopkins All Children's Foundation for the areas of greatest need or designated for



Del Goforth, left, Stephanie Goforth and their son Alexander support Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital and hope to inspire others.

a specific program or department. The Goforths' match will follow your designation, doubling the impact to that program.

The Double Down Challenge began Sept. 1, 2017 and ends Dec. 31, 2017.

Call the foundation to learn more: 727-767-4332.



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