

A Time for Heroes

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All of us know that the doctors, nurses and staff at Riley Hospital for Children are superheroes. These days, it feels like their powers are *supercharged*.

The remarkable team at Riley is taking extraordinary steps to protect Indiana kids amid the coronavirus outbreak. All the while, they're continuing to provide compassionate, skilled care to children facing monumental health challenges that have nothing to do with this virus.

**Many people have reached out to ask how they might help. Here are a few thoughts:**

- First and foremost, listen to the guidance of health officials: Practice social distancing and stay home. That's the best way to stop the spread.
- For those who are able, please **continue to give**. Diseases like cancer, heart disease and asthma are stubborn. They do not take a break, regardless of the events of the outside world. Your donations are needed now more than ever so Riley can be flexible and innovative in caring for kids.
- Keep Riley patients, families and staff in your thoughts. Share photos and stories about Riley physicians, nurses, Child Life Specialists and other team members on social media and use the hashtag

other team members on social media and use the hashtag #RileyHeroes to thank them, cheer them on and tell the world about Riley. It helps to spread hope and joy during this challenging time.

We are witnessing an unprecedented public health crisis, and the days and weeks ahead will be hard. We're fortunate to have Riley superheroes fighting for our kids today and every day. And we're grateful for your unwavering commitment to Riley and the children it serves.

With gratitude,



Liz Elkas  
President and CEO  
Riley Children's Foundation

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## Keep up with important COVID-19 updates from Riley Children's Health

**Information on COVID-19:** Learn more about COVID-19 and what you can do to help protect your child and family.

**Visitor Restrictions:** Riley at IU Health Facilities have implemented visitor restrictions to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, flu and other respiratory viruses.

**Information on Previously Scheduled Outpatient Appointments:** To ensure the health and safety of all Riley patients and team members during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Riley Children's Health is making adjustments to some outpatient appointments.

**Free Virtual Coronavirus Screenings:** IU Health has launched a virtual

clinic to offer individuals in Indiana regardless of age free coronavirus (COVID-19) screenings.

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## Creativity for a cause



Riley kids have amazing ideas to help raise funds all year round. Check out this [toy Dance Marathon](#) Riley kid Nolan Birke created with some impressive stop-motion animation! His goal is to raise \$2,500 in honor of his friend Jack Moon, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

While fundraising events are canceled and we're all social distancing, you can still use your own creativity to help raise funds for Riley. It's as easy as creating a DIY fundraising page. And your fundraiser doesn't have to be complicated: You can simply ask friends and family to make a donation in honor of your birthday or as a tribute to a special caregiver. [Here's how to get started!](#)

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## Need some joy? Follow us on social!





In these uncertain times, beautiful and happy moments are still happening for Riley families thanks to your support and generosity. In the coming weeks, we will be making an extra effort to share stories from Riley kids that will add some sunshine to your days. Follow us at @RileyKids on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to get your daily dose of joy.

In the meantime, take a moment to [meet Charlie Smith](#), a toddler from Franklin, Ind., who is battling high-risk neuroblastoma with the help of Riley. “We can’t imagine being anywhere else with Charlie,” his mom says.

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## Still working hard for Indiana kids

Like many others, Riley Children’s Foundation has [taken important steps](#) to protect our staff, our donors and our community. While we won’t be meeting with donors, attending events or working from the office for the time being, we are available to connect with you virtually. Don’t hesitate to reach out to us at [Riley@RileyKids.org](mailto:Riley@RileyKids.org). Learn more about how Riley Children’s Foundation is [adjusting the way we work](#).



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