



Golf Outing Raises Money for Center!

The 2nd Annual Golf Outing for the Center for Infants and Children with Special Needs occurred on September 26, 2005, at Shaker Run Golf Course. The day started out raining, but prior to the start the sun came out and it was a beautiful day. Michael Flannery was our Master of Ceremonies and Anthony Munoz was the celebrity golfer. We raised money for our center and had lots of fun in the process. A big thanks to all of our parent volunteers Sandy Foley, Kathy Searfoss, Kelly Ackley, Debbie Martin, Beth Kiley, Shawn Ledford, Donna Slabaugh and Doug Kurtz and all of the other parents that helped with donations. Thanks to The Rose Group for their sponsorship. We could not have this event without our wonderful volunteers. Mark your calendar for next year's outing on September 25, 2006, again at Shaker Run. If you would like to volunteer for next years outing please contact Della or Sally at 513-636-3000.



From left to right front row: Gene Rose, Cindy Rose, Ron Levin, Sandy Foley, Kathy Searfoss, Donna Slabaugh. Second row: Beth Kiley

Appointment Availability

We are in the process of changing the way we schedule patients in order to decrease wait times and expand our clinic hours. We have been restricted in scheduling due to our limited space available to see patients. We have just added some morning hours on Thursday and Friday at our West Chester location. We will continue to try to get additional space in Clifton for those patients who prefer that location. We ask that you try to be on time for your scheduled appointment. If you are late for your appointment it may affect the order in which you are seen and may increase your wait time. Our current clinic hours at West Chester are Monday afternoons, Thursday and Friday all day. Base (Clifton) location hours are currently Tuesday afternoons. Our office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:30. As usual we will try

We Need Your Email Address

We are again trying to collect all of our families email addresses. We would like to have email addresses in order to send out our newsletter, as well as periodic important information throughout the year. Your email address will be kept confidential and only used by our staff. Email will not be used for medical care issues. If you would be willing to be put on our list, please email Della at della.smithsokol@cchmc.org or Sally at sally.inderhees@cchmc.org. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



Meet Our Team

We are happy to announce the addition of our new physician Dr. Derek Fletcher. He joined our team August 1, 2005. Please join us in welcoming him and our additional new staff Angela, Carrie and Sally. Here is some information regarding our new and expanded staff.

Dr. Ron Levin

Director

Dr. Levin along with the staff continues to advocate for all children with special health care needs locally and statewide. Some of the projects he has been spearheading are mental health residential and medically fragile daycare facilities. Improving access, navigation and coordination of Ohio's many healthcare programs. Maintaining and expanding the online resource guide. Dr. Levin has also been teaching advocacy and care coordination to the residents at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Derek Fletcher

Assistant Professor

Dr. Fletcher obtained a BS from the United States Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, CO. He obtained his MD from Wright State University Dayton Ohio. He recently completed his residency in general pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's. Prior to medical school Dr. Fletcher was in active duty with the Air Force for 7 years and obtained a rank of captain.

Dr. Fletcher is single with no children. He was a foster parent prior to attending medical school. His interests are golf, swimming and scuba diving.

Gina Krakovsky MSN, CNP

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Gina has been our PNP for the last 5 years. She obtained her MSN from the University of Cincinnati. Gina has been at Cincinnati Children's for 18 years and prior to becoming a nurse practitioner she was a nurse on the Cincinnati Children's transport team, worked in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and worked on a medical / surgical floor. Gina is married and has 2 daughters Paige and Mia.

Julie Doyle RN, BSN

Clinical Nurse

Julie has been with the clinic for 6 years. She enjoyed being the clinical coordinator for 4 years, but was happy to go back to more hands on care as one of our nurses.

She graduated from the College of Mount St. Joseph with her BSN. She has worked in the NICU at Cincinnati Children's and spent some time at MCH Nursing agency as a case manager. Julie is married to Dale and has 2 children Shane and Brady. She describes her interest as many but time as little!

Sara Maurmeier RN

Clinical Nurse

Sara has been a member of our team for 2 years. Prior to joining us she worked on the Rehabilitation / Tracheostomy Unit. Sara received her Associate Degree in nursing at Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing. Sara is single and enjoys shopping and crafts.

Angela Babanskyj RN

Clinical Nurse

Angela has been with our clinic for 1 year. She graduated from the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in 1992 and she is currently pursuing her BSN from the College of Mount Saint Joseph and plans to graduate in 2006. Angela has worked at MCH Services, Pediatric Nursing Care and Interim Healthcare as a staff nurse and case management. Angela has also worked as a nurse in the fields of disability, workers compensation and auto injury case management. She is married and has a new daughter, Ella

Carrie Pleiman RN, BSN

Clinical Nurse

Carrie has been with us for 2 months. Prior to joining our team she worked on C6west, and Radiology. Carrie obtained her BSN from Wright State University in 1998. She is married and has 1 daughter Mia. She enjoys reading, shopping, decorating and going out to dinner.

Elizabeth Mathison LISW

Social Worker

Elizabeth has been with the clinic for 3 years. She obtained a BA from Miami University and a MSW from Ohio State University. Prior to joining us she worked with oncology patients and families at Cincinnati Children's. She also worked with foster care and outpatient therapy at Cincinnati Children's. Recently Elizabeth added the title of Clinical Coordinator to her role. Elizabeth is married and has 2 boys ages 6 and 2.

Barbara Munafo

Medical Assistant / X-ray Technician

Barb has been a recognized face in the clinical area for the



Meet Our Team (Continued)

Chris Pappas

Care Coordinator

Chris has a BS in Special Education and Elementary Education. She is currently working towards a Master's degree. Chris comes to us from Hamilton County MRDD where she spent the last 3 ½ years. Chris has been a special education teacher and a director of ICF/MR residential facilities.

Chris is married and has 2 children. She has twin granddaughters that keep her very busy. She also enjoys reading, traveling and scuba diving.

Della Smith-Sokol

Scheduling Coordinator

Della is a medical assistant but functions in many roles on our team. She has been with Dr. Levin for 19 years. She is married with 2 daughters Stephanie and Crystal. Della recently welcomed her first grandchild Cailyn

Sally Inderhees

Scheduling Coordinator

Sally started with our clinic the end of October. She is job sharing with Della. Sally has been at Cincinnati Children's for 4 years in the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery. Prior to joining Cincinnati Children's she was at Group Health Associates. Sally has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Cincinnati.



Welcome to our new staff; From left to right: Chris Pappas, Dr. Derek Fletcher, Angela Babanskyj, Carrie Pleiman and Sally Inderhees.

Second Home Addresses "Quality of Life"

Second Home is an initiative that addresses "Quality of Life" for families with special needs children. The program's first phase is to facilitate "Medical Home" accessibility through the donation of medical equipment & supplies from individuals, medical providers and suppliers. Many families have equipment and supplies they can no longer use for their child. Until now there has not been a way to recycle gently used equipment, obtain a tax deduction and benefit others.

If you have any items / equipment to donate or if you are in need of something specific you may contact Second Home affiliated with Child Wellness Community Fund at (513) 241-1879. You may also learn more by visiting their web site www.givetosecondhome.com or www.childwellnessfair.com

Read the Latest BCMH Parent Newsletter

Please see the enclosed parent to parent newsletter from the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps. This contains important information regarding changes in financial eligibility. For program specific questions, please contact BCMH program staff at 1-800-755-4769 or 614-466-1700.



Welcome the new medically fragile day cares: The Kidz Club (located in Anderson) and Max's House (located in Tri-County)

The Kidz Club

The Kidz Club provides medically fragile children a revolutionary alternative to home or institutional care. They are a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care facility.

The Kidz Club mission is to provide the safest, most inclusive and cost-effective medical treatment available in a day care setting. They accomplish this by integrating medically fragile children and professional medical staff with the children and staff of a typical day care.

The Kidz Club has been operating for eight years in Louisville, Kentucky. Soon, The Kidz Club will be opening its first Cincinnati location on Beechmont Avenue. The Cincinnati location is a 37,000-square-foot facility designed to stimulate children from ages six weeks to twelve years of age. Eventually, The Kidz Club will open several more facilities in the Cincinnati area.

For more information about The Kidz Club, please contact Rebecca Meyer at 513-910-6378 or check out the web site at www.Thekidzclub.cc.

Max's House

Max's House, a division of Maxim Healthcare Services, is a family-centered, comprehensive nursing and learning center. They are dedicated to providing a safe environment where children with special health care needs are "encouraged to be kids."

The program blends skilled nursing care with an adaptive education curriculum in a way that meets today's growing needs of families who have infants, children and young adults with special health care needs. Children benefit from increased socialization and developmental stimulation that the integrated center offers, while having their medical needs met by trained pediatric professionals.

Children eligible for treatment and / or care at Max's House are infants and children (ages 6 weeks thru teenage years) who have complex health needs. Some of the skilled nursing services available are medication administration, apnea monitoring, tube feeding administration and care, infusion therapy, IV / Central line, Peritoneal dialysis therapy, ventilator, tracheostomy care, colostomy / catheter care, dependent / CPAP/ Oxygen care.

Max's house is located at:
2479 Crowne Point Drive
Sharonville, Ohio 45241
Ph: 513-600-6435
Fax: 513-793-6164

Special Needs Resource Directory

www.cincinnatichildrens.org/special-needs

Remember to check the Special Needs Resource Directory for updated information. This is our working "resource handbook". Many of your resource questions can be answered by using the directory.

Recently new information on Advocacy and MRDD was added, including how to most effectively utilize your care coordinator. In January there will be updated information on education ~ including how to obtain extended school year services and make sure your child is getting the most from their IEP or 504 plan.

When you use the directory for your own needs, please give us feedback. We want to hear about how the directory can be more helpful. Feedback can be given to Elizabeth.Mathison@cchmc.org or Ava.Fried@cchmc.org.

