



Akron
Children's
Women's
Board



Friday, December 5, 2025 | 5 p.m.

Presented by the
Women's Board of
Akron Children's





Letter from the President and CEO

On behalf of our entire team at Akron Children's, I want to welcome you to the 32nd annual lighting of the Children's Tree of Lights. Thank you for joining us this evening and helping celebrate this longtime tradition.

Spending the holiday season in the hospital is not on any child's wish list, but if they need to be here we want to try and bring a little joy and normalcy to the lives of our patients and their families. Thanks to everyone who donated lights for our tree so we can spread some holiday cheer throughout the hospital. The Children's Tree stands as a symbol of our belief in hope, faith and renewed life. Year after year, its lights shine brightly and remind us of those we love and cherish. We are very grateful for this wonderful gift of support for our patients, families, visitors and staff.

A special thanks to all of our Women's Board members who organize this event and work tirelessly throughout the year to support our mission. Your service each day has a huge positive impact on the lives of many.

I wish each of you and your loved ones and friends, a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy new year!

Christopher Gessner
President and Chief Executive Officer

Welcome

The Women's Board of Akron Children's welcomes you to the 32nd lighting of the Children's Tree of Lights. The blue and white lights on the tree are donated as a celebration, an honor, or a remembrance of loved ones. The tree lights continue to sparkle and shine throughout all the holidays of this season, reminding us that in the dark winter there is always hope and light.

This year Mary's daughter, Jennifer Briggs Jenkins, and her husband, Jared Jenkins, as well as Rob and Alyssa Briggs, honor the memory of Mary Briggs, by being our Bambino Sponsor for the Children's Tree of Lights. Additional fundraising efforts were organized to add to this sponsorship. Mary Briggs was an active member of the Women's Board for 41 years and chair of the 2003 Children's Tree of Lights committee. The Children's Tree of Lights was a very special event for Mary.

To our guests, thank you for coming to tonight's special event and helping us remember our loved ones, while also bringing joy to our patients and the Akron Children's family. On behalf of the Women's Board of Akron Children's, we wish you and your family the very best this holiday season and always.

Lisa Jeffries
Women's Board President

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, Dec. 5, 2025

5 p.m.

Prelude

Music by Akron Children's Volunteers

Keith Barnett, Guitarist

Matthew Nelson, Singer

Akron Children's Doggie Brigade visits

5:25 p.m.

Opening Music

Oak Hill Ringers of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

5:30 p.m.

Program

Welcome

Susan Strandberg

Chair, Children's Tree of Lights Committee

Invocation

Rev. Tene Rowland, Manager of Chaplaincy Services

Remarks

Lisa Aurilio, COO with a holiday message

Recognition

Susan Flowers, Bambino Dedication Representative

Reading

Lisa Aurilio, The Night Before Christmas

Musical Performance

Firestone High School Madrigal Singers

The Children's Tree Lighting

Rula Robinson

Donald "Dewey" White III

Closing Performance

Oak Hill Ringers of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

Caroling through the Hospital

Firestone High School Madrigal Singers

joined by the Doggie Brigade

Bambino Dedication



In Loving Memory
of Mary Briggs,
Akron Children's
Women's Board
Member
1944 – 2024

Dedication by Jennifer Briggs Jenkins, daughter of Mary, and her husband Jared Jenkins, and the Rob and Alyssa Briggs Fund with added sponsorship coordinated by Mary's good friend, Susan Flowers.

Mary was gracious, kind and loving but also fierce. She was a true leader and a champion for children. Mary was a member of the Women's Board of Akron Children's from 1983-2024, where she especially loved working on the Charity Ball and the annual spring plant sale. For 32 years, Mary served on and chaired numerous Charity Ball committees and sat on both the Women's Board Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. Mary was so proud of the impact the Women's Board had on the hospital and the many contributions made by the board.

Mary also served as an active member of The Junior League of Akron, where she previously served as president of the league. She was instrumental in the creation of the Akron training program to create effective team members and leaders. She was active in the League's involvement with Morley Health Center and helped develop Junior Leadership Akron for area high schoolers. Mary was also an active member of Leadership Akron, receiving the Distinguished Leader Award. As a strong advocate for the most vulnerable children in



our community, Mary transferred that advocacy into service to Child Guidance and Family Solutions. Upon learning that the organization needed help with wrap-around and preventative services, she gathered a group of more than 100 powerful women and began a women's board for Child Guidance. With the support of the women judges in Akron, this group wrote a program for divorcing parents called, "Remember the Children," which is still required today for

every divorcing parent in Summit County. Mary believed in our connection with nature and each other and in love. Mary passed away on March 24, 2024. She loved her family, friends and community, and she was a true asset to Akron Children's. We honor Mary's memory. Her love, especially for the children of this community, carries on.



Donations in Memory of Mary Briggs

Janice Alpeter

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Susan and Gary Weiss

Generous Donations in Honor of Mary

from

Susan Flowers
Karen Daverio

Our 2025 Tree Lighters

Rula Robinson, 22 months old

Rula is a joyful and resilient 22-month-old girl, who loves to play her piano, share giggles during tickle time and visit her favorite nurses on 7 Surgical. She adores her sisters — Arabella, Theia and Layla — and lights up every room she enters. Though she faces challenges with epilepsy and more, Rula's bright spirit and beautiful smile remind everyone what true joy looks like.

Donald "Dewey" White III, 18 years old

Dewey is an 18-year-old young man, who was admitted and has been a patient in the hospital for 5 months following an ATV accident. Dewey has worked tirelessly to gain his strength back. Although he has faced many obstacles, he has shown resilience through all his hardships. He enjoys spending time with his family, playing UNO, listening to music and watching the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is looking forward to the day that he can return home, but until then, he'll continue to enjoy making the world more beautiful with the help from Expressive Therapy, as they encourage his creativity through art and music.

The Children's Tree of Lights Committee is thrilled to have Rula and Dewey flip the magic switch to light up our Children's tree this year.

We wish them the very best of health and happiness!



Women's Board Tree of Lights Committee

Committee Board

Susan Strandberg
Chair,
Children's Tree of Lights Committee

Lisa Jeffries
President, Women's Board

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The Women's Board Mission Statement

As the founding entity of Akron Children's, the Women's Board is dedicated to the support, protection, and welfare of children by working to enhance community involvement, increase advocacy, and raise funds for the hospital.



The Children's Tree of Lights

The first Children's Tree of Lights lit 32 years ago in Perkins Square Park.

Celebrating 32 Years of the Children's Tree of Lights and Remembering Nancy Heslop



As we celebrate this 32-year anniversary, we want to give special acknowledgement to Associate Women's Board Member Nancy Heslop, who was the first Chair of the Children's Tree of Lights in 1994.

From Nancy's own words, "In 1993, Margie Brideweser, Judy Holder, and I had a vision that a Children's Tree of Lights may make a wonderful project for the Women's Board. A year and a half later, after many consultations with tree and lighting experts, the Women's Board witnessed the planting of a 30-foot spruce, weighing 20,000 pounds, in Perkins Square Park. This tree, adorned with lights and our hospital Bambino on top, became our Children's Tree of Lights for patients, families and the city of Akron to enjoy. In the many years I served on the Akron Children's Women's Board, this was one of the sweetest and dearest projects I have ever worked on. I am honored to have been such an integral part of the living treasure of the Children's Tree of Lights.

The Spirit of the Children's Tree of Lights belongs to everyone who has a connection to our dear Akron Children's. In celebration of our beloved Children's Tree, we can put down our burdens and lift up our hearts."
(Nancy and John Heslop)

Sadly, Nancy and John passed away in November and will be dearly missed for all that they have given to the Akron Children's community through the vision to make the first Children's Tree of Lights a reality. Thanks to Nancy's leadership, we have been able to lift up our hearts in honor and remembrance of loved ones, and in hope and joy during the holiday season for the past 32 years.

Palliative Care

In memory of all who have touched our lives this past year

By The Haslinger Family Pediatric Palliative Care Center

D'Angelo Alcorn

Mhylai Anderson

Alina Andres

Zanyelise Andujar

Emerson Appleby

Cassandra "Cassie" Arney

Evan Bahena

Xavier Bailey

Jade Bailey

Izabelle Beck

Hope Bell

William "Trip" Bell III

Kimberly Berg

Ladainian JohnathanLee

"LJ" Blake

Blakely Blosser

Elijah Boyd

Jakob Braun

Jaxon Britton

Everleigh Brumfield

Christopher Bucey

Kaleb Buehler

Emmerich Burdeshaw

Henry Byham

Angely Dayana CalelPerez

Baby Boy Camp

Kashton Carmichael

Alexis "Lexi" Cerio

Mason Chandler

Richmond Jr Charles

Kyle Clauss

Justin Cox

Kathryn Crabtree

K'Layah Cross

Cole Crothers

Alexis "Sessa" Crouse

Aubrey Curry

Madison Danley

Antonio Dardie

Evan Davis

Loyalty Davis

Jeremiah Daye

Lucille Dean

Elias Dietrich

Zoya Dunlap

Blaine Durk

Caden Earich

Brittney Eberly

Teresa Ewart

Arlo Fagnano

Everett Faulkner

Greenly Fierman-Ickes

Daphne Filkins

Oliver Fitzgerald

Xavier Flowers

Javion Fort

Matilda Garland

Berko Givens

Chad Glavey

Krystal Gomez

Haroon Gondal

Lamar Good

Kai Grant

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Paisley Kinney	Tara Pace	Charles "Charlie" Walker
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Aurora Massey	Colton Reynolds	Alexas Wilson
Lejon McCorkle	Misty Riley	TaMiah Yates
Diante McCowin	Elouise Ritchey	Brinsley Yost
George McWilliams	Azeil Rivera	Eriynn Young
Precious Meade	Nyheem Rockamore	Jeffrey Zimmerman
Phoenix Milan	Cameron Rodriguez	
Janaya Miller	Mary Rodriguez	

String of White Lights

Denise Merryweather
Dale and Carol Becker
Linda Gentile

In Memory of Nancy Heslop
In Memory of John and Nancy Heslop
In Memory of John and Nancy Heslop

One string of white lights

by Dorothy Gaffney

In Celebration of:

All NICU babies in the hospital or
graduated to home in 2025
All of the Children
Caleb, Jude and Clara
Jack Clark Family
Robert Clark Family
Remy Michael McCarroll
Anne McFadden and Family
Ivy Rose

by Dr. Ashley Markowski
and Dr. Daniel Martin
by Mrs. Debbie Green
by Drs. Rob and Sharon McGregor
by Mark and Cathy Clark
by Mark and Cathy Clark
by Aunt Sarah and Uncle Greg
by Mark and Cathy Clark
by Mr. and Mrs. Mickey
and Angie Remen

In Honor of:

Connor and Grant Orendorf
Sam Pratt
Two Strings of Lights
Scotland Zinser

by Peggy Koblenzer
by Julie and Dave Pratt
by Ted and Marsha Lazar

In Memory of:

Michael Aldrich
All who have touched
our lives this past year
"Jedi" Gino Alteri
Retta and Chuck Billow
Bill and Barb Bowers
Elpidio and Natividad Damazo
Lisa Hunt Dietrich
Lisa Drumm
Jason Dunman
Nick George
Karen Green

by Nancy S. McGrath Family
by The Haslinger Family Pediatric
Palliative Care Center
by Amy and Brad Bowers
by Laura and Chip Preston
by Amy and Brad Bowers
by Darla and Mike Moore
by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Rossi
by Nancy S. McGrath Family
by Mom, Dad and Matt
by Linda and Bill Thomas
by Richard Green

Walt and Elly Griffith
John Heslop
Nancy Heslop
Nancy and John Heslop
Nancy Heslop and Lee Cole
Ruby Horning, Betsy Viering,
Marge Caudill, and Marilyn Rothkin
Jennifer Lynn Indorf
Frank and Zachary Kokomoor
Two Strings of Lights
Zachary and Dr. Frank Kokomoor
Two Strings of Lights
William T. McGrath
William Merchant
Richard Moore
Lorenzo and Livia Parisi
Hilary Parker
Dorothy Petzker
Jean and Ernie Preston
Terry L. Wilson, Nate and Dee Daum,
William and Sevilla Wright
Stephanie

by Amy and Brad Bowers
by Jeffrey C. Thomas and Sheri
by Jeffrey C. Thomas and Sheri
by Linda Aulino
by Carol and Dale Becker
by Lin and Jimmy Gentile
by Tammy Gersman
by Denise and Tim Merryweather
by Mary Cole (Mrs. Leland Dean)
by TWIGS#9
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by John and Shelly Benisch
by Pam Kokomoor
by Nancy S. McGrath Family
by Joe and Vicki Parisi
by Darla and Mike Moore
by Joe and Vicki Parisi
by Rob and Sue Service
by Nancy S. McGrath Family
by Laura and Chip Preston
by Linda Wilson
by Donna and Thomas Stanley



Donation from **Margie and Richard Hamlin**

In Celebration of
Iris Hamlin

String of Blue Lights

Two Strings of Lights

In Celebration of:

All of the Children

Two Strings of Lights

Nathan and Matthew Craig

Family and Friends

Bradon Miller, 10 Years Cancer Free

by Ryan and Whitney Bowers
by Bob and Colleen Reiner

by Darrin Green

by Lisa Chop
by The Axson Family
by Tony and Elaine Miller

In Honor of:

Benjamin, Ella, Madison and Makenzie

Four Strings of Lights

Tyler Cassel

Dr. Francesca Cumo

Hematology/Oncology Clinic

Hematology/Oncology Unit

Dr. Jeff Hord and Staff

by Cheryl Hershberger

by Sharron and Robert Gyure
by Mrs. Gerianne Cumo
by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey McCort Sr.
by Rich and Sara O'Donnell and Family
by Nathan

In Memory of:

Christian Anderson

Rebecca Noelle Damron

Joanne Dannemiller

CPL Brad Davis

Susann Drbal

Melina Michelle Edenfield

Abbey Foltz

Nancy Genchur

Raymond Genchur

Rose Danielle Gooden

Pat Grant

Nancy Heslop

Nancy Heslop

Nancy Heslop

by Susanne Anderson
by Mrs. Lori Feist
by Kathy and Orville Reed
by Dr. Jennifer Davis
by Susan and Gary Weiss
by Always our Joy, love Daddy,
Mommy, Klara and Emilea
by Sue and Jim Stevenson
by Valerie Becker
by Valerie Becker
by Ms. Amanda Wheeler
by Terry and Debbie Steel
by Craig and Barbara Babbitt
by Lisa and Gibby Dannemiller
by Zippy and Stan Silverman

Nancy and John Heslop
Nancy and John Heslop

Harland (Hal) Horton
Gary Jeffries, Sr.
Fritz Kohmann
Zachary and Dr. Frank Kokomoor

Two Strings of Lights

Kurtis Dean Krebs
Stephan Kremer
Jody Lowry
Mike Manacci
Kristen Pierce
Landon Joseph Miller
Lawrence and Patricia Nass
Theresa Parson
Camille Strandberg
Andrea Rose Teodosio

Two Strings of Lights

Robert Thomas
John Tucker
Caroline Ziegler

by Kathy and Orville Reed
by Mrs. Betsy (Thorpe) Tavolier
and Family

by Brent and Susan Strandberg
by Gary and Lisa Jeffries
by Brent and Susan Strandberg
by Pam Kokomoor

by Linda F. Krebs
by Craig and Barbara Babbitt
by Marisa and Cain Fatica
by Kate Baker
by Evie Susanek, Admin Secretary
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by Dale and Pauline Parson
by Brent and Susan Strandberg
by Judges Tom and Linda Teodosio

by Matt and Irene Boehlefeld
by Gary and Lisa Jeffries
by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Osyk



White Lights from Dr. & Mrs. Robert Klein

In Memory of:

Parents of Jeff and Melanie Andrew

Rebecca Andrew

Whit Andrew

Cartie Antonelli

Kathy Backer

Grandma and Grandpa Baker

John and Hazel Bartley

Dick Best

Patricia Bigelow

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Sherry Compher

Parents of Bill and Becky Considine

Eileen and Ed Cockerham

Don Corbett

Parents of Don and Becky Corbett

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In Celebration

of Women for Greater Akron Charities'
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Carol Ann Wilkinson
Gloria Williams
Ralph and Ruth Winer
Doug Woods
Grandma and Grandpa Woods
Molly Woods
Tom and Polly Woods
Marita Zupke

Blue Lights

Two Lights

In Celebration of:

Abby and Ben's New Baby!
Dr. and Mrs. Kyle Reilly's New Baby!
Volunteers of Akron Children's

In Honor of:

Harry Brockmeyer
Harry Brockmeyer
Gabriel Lee Dick
Ella Marquette
NICU Staff

Two Lights

Nico Ruby
Elio Woods
Eve Woods
Forest Woods
Lucie Woods
Marin Woods
Molly Harper Woods
Rafael Woods

In Memory of:

Michael Beltz
Cortine Bennett
Carole Booth and Jeanne Flors

Two Lights

Grandson Steven Skipper and
Son Garfield Brooks

Two Lights

Pat and Kathy Doherty

Tricia Duke
Mary Garcia
Nick Fernandez

by Adrienne Riggenschach

by Lori and Brian Reilly
by Lori and Brian Reilly
by Joe and Vicki Parisi

by Bridget Cunningham LaGuardia
by Vince LaGuardia
by Linda Smith
by Traci Fraelich
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by Michael and Patricia Woods
by Michael and Patricia Woods

by Denise and Paul Thyr
by Linda Smith
by Sarah Tojil

by Chuck and Bonnie Brooks

by Mr. Cody DeVault and
Ms. Katelyn Gorius
by Leslie and Rodger Redd
by Ann Floyd
by Emily, Ellison, Sam and
Max Fernandez

Nora Renee Hauge
Tiffany Hauge
Tiffany and Nora Hauge

Two Lights

John & Nancy Heslop
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Richard Predl
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Caroline Ziegler

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by John and Tammy Papik
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by Lori and Brian Reilly
by Peggy Piercy
by Lori and Brian Reilly
by Lori and Brian Reilly
by Grampa and Gramma McKnight
by Jeff and Julie Schrecengost
by Lori and Brian Reilly
by Braelyn Turek
by Richard and Carolyn Walton
by Mr. and Mrs. Tim Osyk



White Lights

In Celebration of:

Georgia Rose Bakita and
Teddy Jack Bakita

Two Lights

For Our Friend, Father "C"
Audrey, Ella and Griffin

Three Lights

The Holiday Season
Connor and Grant Orendorf

by Karen and Steve Bakita

by Mark and Cathy Clark
by Terry and Debbie Steel

by Kimberly and Darnell Moses
by Harrison and Katie Orendorf

In Honor of:

Sam Pratt
Anthony Romano

by Julie and Dave Pratt
by Caroline and Darrell Evans

In Memory of:

Richard Barnett
Sheldon Bartlette
Barb Bowers
Tom Dolson
Philip F. George, Sr.
Patricia Grant
Charlie Harrison
Nancy and John Heslop
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Phyllis and Gordon Hurst
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by Laura and Chip Preston
by Jeffrey C. Thomas and Sheri (2)
by Theresa and Gordon Edwards
by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lahovich
by Ms. Lanny Kilpatrick
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by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lahovich
by Emily, Ellison, Sam and
Max Fernandez
by Leslie and Rodger Redd
by Mr. and Mrs. Chris and
Christine Young
by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lahovich

Sally Rich
Carmen Santorelli

Lars Thune

A String of White Lights from Hematology Oncology



In Memory of...

Everleigh Brumfield
Henry Byham
Evan Davis
Elias Dietrich
Trenton Haney
Eva Hayes
Lila Kinkade
Andrew Miller
Chase Nagel
Travis Ramsey
Julian Tanner
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Willis (Bill) & Patricia Zeigler
Ben Paul Christman

by Dr. Greg and Jodi Vrabec
by Barbara Ann Webb
by Caroline and Darrell Evans
by Michael and Patricia Woods
by Carole Zachardy
by Patricia A. Zeigler, Daughter (2)
by Caroline and Darrell Evans



White Lights from Christopher & Jane Gessner

In Celebration of
Clara Jane “CJ” Gessner
our first grandchild!

In Celebration of
All the Wonderful Volunteers
who help us make Akron Children's
such a special place for patient families.
We appreciate you more than words can say.



White Lights from The Women's Board

In Memory of...

Esther Bober

Donald and Cornelia "Beau" Botto

Barbara Bowers

Joanne Dannemiller

Dennis Grady

Patricia Grant

Patricia Greenzalis

Nancy and John Heslop

Henry Kelleher

Helen Hamlin Marshall

Herbert Mullen

Karen Nackes

Raymond Pasquali

Sylvia Poorman

Shirley Rhinehart



The symbol of Akron Children's Hospital — the Bambino — rests at the top of the Children's Tree. The infant wrapped in swaddling first appeared in 1911 on a bronze tablet that hung in the hospital as a memorial tribute to Colonel Perkins for his service and generosity to children in need. Over the Bambino's head was the inscription "fides, spes, charitis" — faith, hope, and charity.

*— Adapted from **Children's Century**
by Patricia M. Zonzius*

A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following people and organizations:

Nancy Heslop

Founder and Chairman of
Children's Tree of Lights in 1994
Associate Women's Board Member

Jennifer Briggs Jenkins and Jared Jenkins and Rob and Alyssa Briggs

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The Davey Tree Expert Company

For 32 years of generosity and
support

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Director, Megan Meyer

Oak Hill Ringers of Oak Hill

Presbyterian Church

Director, John Struhsaker

Matthew Nelson

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Staff, Environmental Services

Keith Barnett

Guitarist and Akron Children's
Volunteer

Dan Sutter

North Pole Advisor

Doggie Brigade Volunteers

Karen Kritzer and Kayden
Jan Neff and Hudson
Jon Torrens and Rafferty
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Michael Villers and Lyra
Amanda Zehner and Bailey

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Beth Amer
Amy and Brad Bowers
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Rob and Alyssa Briggs
Karen Daverio
Susan Flowers
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