

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT CHOC CHILDREN'S



## RECENTLY, AMAZING THINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN THE JULIA AND GEORGE ARGYROS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF SUPPORT LIKE YOURS.

### TOGETHER, WE...



#### TRAVELED OVER 100,000 MILES

In 2018, our emergency department traveled up and down Southern California to bring patients to CHOC safely and quickly. We also became the only new paramedic base station in Orange County in the last 20 years. Overall, the emergency department team brought nearly 4,200 patients to our hospital so they could receive immediate, life-saving care that only CHOC can provide.



#### IMPLEMENTED A SUICIDE WATCH PROGRAM

We have improved patient screening in the emergency department to better identify children who may be at risk for self-harm. So far, this program has screened over 8,000 patients, finding 300 children and teens who were actively contemplating suicide. These patients were evaluated by psychiatric social workers and given appropriate resources and follow-up support.



#### MADE OVER 200 FLIGHTS WITH CHOC1

The only helicopter in Southern California based out of a hospital, CHOC1 now flies all over the Southland, from South Orange County to the Inland Empire—even as far north as Bakersfield—transporting critically ill patients back to CHOC. Support for CHOC1 helps us reach patients at great distances and give them access to our care regardless of their location.



### YOU HELP CHANGE LIVES

A reflection from Joshua Castaneda, an emergency department child life specialist.

*“Being a child life specialist in the emergency department (ED) can be challenging and rewarding at the same time. I once helped a young boy who came to our ED experiencing headaches and balance issues. After a CT scan showed that he had a brain tumor and needed surgery, I worked hard to make him feel comfortable. We talked about how it wasn't his fault and how each step in his treatment was like completing part of a puzzle.*

*After a lot of coaching, the ED medical team and I convinced this once very fearful patient to go through all the necessary procedures to fight his brain cancer. Fortunately, this story has a positive ending: the patient went into remission and is now back at school. Stories like this keep me motivated and excited to go to work every day.”*