



How One Estate Gift Touches Little Hearts Everywhere



I am pleased to share the enclosed impact report featuring the story of an estate gift made by Ann Newman more than 40 years ago. This endowed gift has, over time, impacted thousands of lives and serves as one of the many estate gifts that fuel breakthroughs in research and quality of care. I hope you find it inspiring.



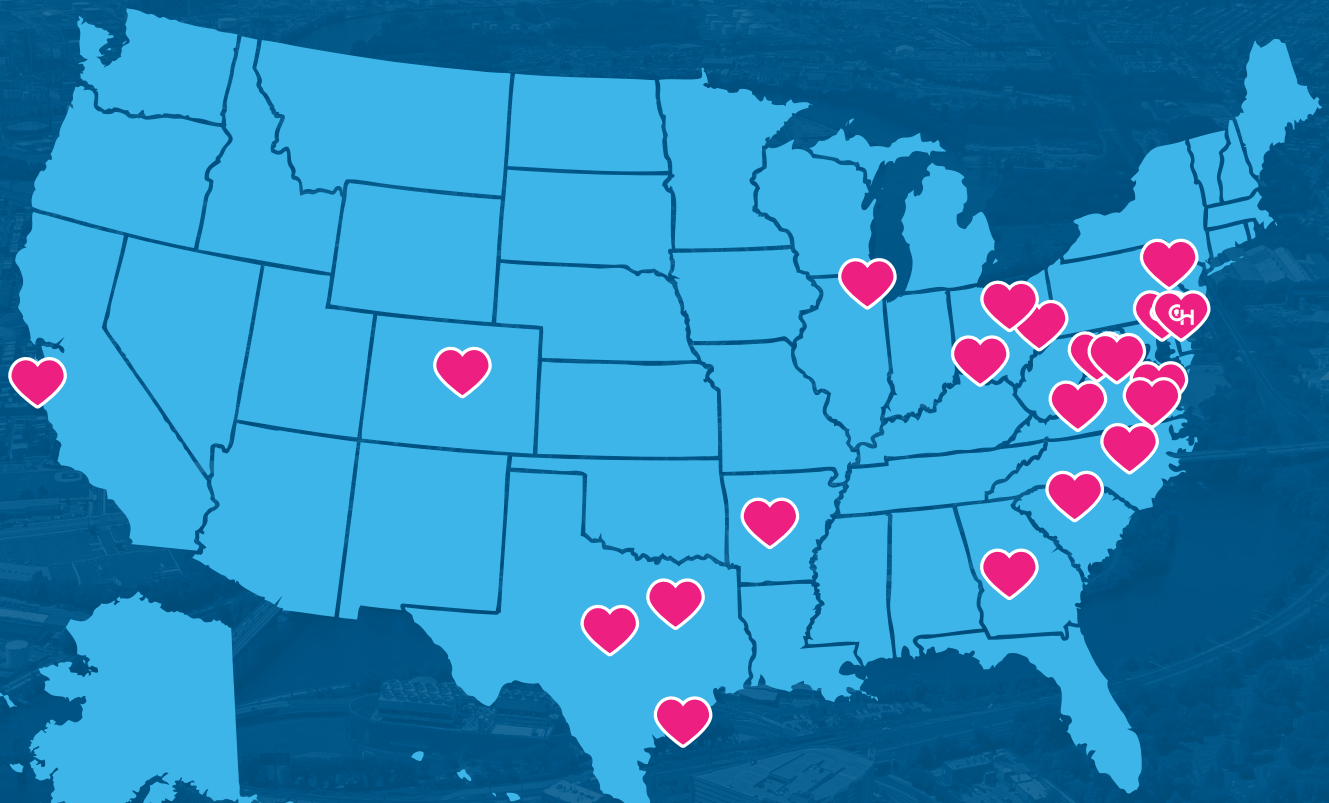
The Power of Estate Gifts: Ann Newman Fund

Ann Newman was born in 1947 with cyanotic congenital heart disease, a group of birth defects that cause blood to have less oxygen than normal. Ann underwent successful cardiac surgery at CHOP, which allowed her to attend college, earn her master's degree, and flourish in her career at NBC News. When Ann passed away in 1986, CHOP received a generous gift from her estate to create an endowment to fund an annual fellowship program and lectureships in pediatric cardiology. The Ann Newman Fellowship supports training of pediatricians in cardiology, and as a result, helps improve clinical care of children with cardiac issues, invests in the future of our young physicians and advances pediatric healthcare. Additionally, the Ann Newman Lectureship provides a learning platform in pediatric cardiology, promoting the deep ties of connection and intellectual camaraderie that help distinguish the training experience at CHOP.

The Ann Newman Fund illustrates the impact of endowment over time. Ann's gift through her estate now touches little hearts at CHOP and beyond.



Ann Newman Fellows Representing CHOP All Over



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The Ann Newman Fellowship plays a pivotal role in the Division of Cardiology, from supporting cutting-edge research to nurturing the next generation of cardiovascular leaders. Its impact on shaping the future of cardiology cannot be overstated.



— Joseph Rossano, MD, MS, FAAP, FACC, Co-Director of the Cardiac Center and Chief of the Division of Cardiology





A Day in the Life of a Pediatric Cardiologist

Laura M. Mercer-Rosa, MD, MSCE, is a board-certified attending cardiologist in the Cardiac Center at CHOP. Dr. Mercer-Rosa began her fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at CHOP in 2005 and received the Ann Newman Fellowship Award in the spring of 2006. Today, Dr. Mercer-Rosa's work as an echocardiographer produces images that allow her to discern the specific contours of each patient's heart. This is a day in her life.



6:00 a.m.	Work-out and coffee to prep for the morning drive to CHOP.
7:08 a.m.	Morning huddle and clinical schedule review.
7:20 a.m.	First patient, a 4-year-old scheduled for heart surgery. Performs echocardiograms to assess pre- and post-surgery results.
9:45 a.m.	With her trainee, examines the heart of a 4-week-old baby with a heart murmur and confirms it is innocent.
10:45 a.m.	Reviews upcoming surgery details with the family of a 5-year-old patient with narrow valves.
11:30 a.m.	Reads results of 12-year-old patient who underwent a cardiac catheterization recently and adjusts his medication.
12:30 p.m.	Eats lunch with her colleagues at the Cardiac Center.
1:00 p.m.	Conducts virtual consultation with a family from Brazil.
2:00 p.m.	Provides guidance to colleague on a sonography test of a 16-year-old patient.
2:30 p.m.	Examines her patient with Tetralogy of Fallow and confirms to his family that no intervention is needed yet.
3:30 p.m.	Reviews the echocardiogram results of a 2-year-old patient with a heart defect.
4:15 p.m.	Discovers fluids around the heart of a 9-year-old patient who recently had heart surgery; admits the patient to CHOP immediately.
5:00 p.m.	Performs an echocardiogram in real time on a newborn who weighs two pounds; communicates the results to the care team.
5:30 p.m.	Debriefs on her day with cardiology fellows.
6:00 p.m.	Catches up on emails.
7:00 p.m.	Eats dinner with her family then reads a book before going to sleep.

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Estate gifts empower us to make groundbreaking progress in research to personalize the care for children with congenital heart defects. There is really no one-type-fits-all surgical repair, and we are understanding more and more the differences that exist from patient to patient. The better we understand these differences, the more optimal care we will be able to provide.



— Laura M. Mercer-Rosa,
MD, MSCE



Lifesaving Care for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Thomas' Story

Born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, Thomas was first referred to the Fetal Heart Program at CHOP after an abnormal anatomy scan. He spent his days in and out of the hospital, being closely monitored by his parents and the clinical team at CHOP as he recovered from two major open-heart surgeries. An outgoing and curious little guy, Thomas is quickly becoming a familiar face at the many community events in his hometown of Conshohocken. His parents are grateful to the amazing care team spearheaded by Emmanuelle Favilla, MD, a CHOP pediatric cardiologist and an Ann Newman Fellow (2019). Now 15-months-old, Thomas is out of the continuous monitoring phase and living as close to a normal toddler life as possible. "He can do just about anything a typical baby can do," says his mother, Sarah.





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The Ann Newman Fellowship is a pivotal component of the Cardiac Center's initiative to attract, train and disseminate the best of the best in Pediatric Cardiology; I cannot underscore how grateful we are for the continued support of the generous donors whose estate gifts have sparked the careers of so many young investigators in Cardiology such as Dr. Mercer-Rosa.



— Jonathan Chen, MD, Co-Director of the Cardiac Center



Playing with Heart

Meghan's Journey

In 2020, 13-year-old Meghan tested positive for COVID-19. Due to the potential impact of the disease on the heart — and Meghan's commitment to year-round soccer — her pediatrician recommended a routine electrocardiogram (EKG) prior to her return to sports. The results of the EKG, however, were far from routine. Meghan was sent for further testing, which revealed she had a heart condition. She was referred to Jonathan B. Edelson, MD, Medical Director of CHOP's new Sports Cardiology Clinic and an Ann Newman fellow (2018), who conducted extensive imaging. After her case had been reviewed by CHOP's cardiologists, Meghan was finally cleared to return to the sport she loves in early 2021. While Meghan's thrilled to be back on the field, her CHOP team led by Dr. Edelson continues regular monitoring of her heart. Now seventeen, Meghan plans to pursue a future career as a sports analyst.

With Heartfelt Gratitude

The breakthroughs we make and the high level of care we provide at CHOP are possible because of you. Your partnership ensures that generations of children will have their journey of hope and healing start here, with individualized therapies tailored to their unique needs. We are excited to reach new milestones together as we continue to work toward advances in pediatric healthcare. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your generosity, leadership and dedication.

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