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Friends of Children’s Hospital Makes $500k Donation to Capital Campaign

**Jackson, Miss. – June 7, 2022:**  As part of a 10-year, $20-million pledge, Friends of Children’s Hospital will be presenting a $500,000 check to the Children’s of Mississippi’s “Growing” campaign.

The check presentation will be held Tuesday, June 7, at 10 a.m. at Children’s of Mississippi.

In 2016, the Friends of Children’s Hospital Board made a significant $20-million pledge to launch the Children’s of Mississippi Growing Campaign. With this pledge in place, Children’s of Mississippi pursued what would turn into an incredibly successful campaign to eventually open (in November of 2020) the Kathy and Joe Sanderson Tower dramatically expanding pediatric care facilities for the state’s children.

“With this donation, Friends of Children’s Hospital has donated $13,455,000 of our $20-million pledge. We are indebted to all of our generous donors, sponsors and volunteers,” said Friends Chairman John Scarbrough. “Each donation–big and small alike–has played an enormous role in transforming pediatric medical care in Mississippi and, more importantly, in making a difference in the lives of our state’s youngest and most vulnerable patients, ultimately, giving kids a chance to be kids.”

Funds from the “Growing” campaign have supported the construction of the Kathy and Joe Sanderson Tower and, more specifically, the creation of 88 private NICU rooms where parents can stay with their newborns; a CT, MRI, ultrasound and X-ray imaging area designed specifically with kids in mind; state-of-the-art operating rooms and outpatient specialty clinics; and 32 private PICU rooms for families of Mississippi’s pediatric cardiac and critically ill patients.

“Children’s of Mississippi provides life-saving pediatric care to more than 180,000 children each year” said Scarbrough. “Through our own fundraising efforts and notably those of Century Club Charities, together we have accomplished so much, but we still have a long way to go. Building on that momentum is crucial to ensuring that Mississippi children continue having access to the most cutting-edge technology and up-to-date medical advances.”

Friends of Children’s Hospital, founded in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers from across the state, supports Mississippi’s only children’s hospital by driving fundraising, growing voluntarism and building awareness. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the nonprofit organization has raised nearly $30 million to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, construct new facilities and provide vitally important services for all pediatric patients. For more information about Friends of Children’s Hospital, please visit [www.friendsofch.org](http://www.friendsofch.org) or email [friends@friendsofch.org](mailto:friends@friendsofch.org).

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