



The gift of pediatric emergency care

How your support at this critical time will make all the difference

When you invest in the priority needs of the Pediatric Emergency Department at Newton-Wellesley, you enable us to be there for children and their families when they need us most.

A vital community resource

More than 21,000 families turn to our Pediatric Emergency Department every year. At Newton-Wellesley, they trust they'll find an exceptional staff that will deliver safe, high quality, compassionate care for their children and adolescents. For many of our neighbors, the department serves as the "front door" to our hospital, allowing them to first experience our mission of caring for everyone as we would a beloved family member. As community needs

continue to grow, our Pediatric ED team—and our generous supporters—have an opportunity together to rise to the challenge.

The escalating demand for services

In the last few years, demand for emergency medical services at NWH has climbed significantly, mirroring national trends. The closures of other local community hospitals have added to the influx. Today, our staff often treats 100 patients per day. Along with surges in COVID, we have also

faced spikes in pediatric volume due to RSV and other illnesses.

An ongoing crisis in youth mental health has also stretched staffs and facilities to their limits. Whereas pre-pandemic our Pediatric ED might have seen five patients with mental and behavioral health needs in a week, they now treat seven to 10 per day. Some families bypass other hospitals to come to Newton-Wellesley, knowing we are one of the few community hospitals to offer pediatric psychiatry services seven days a week.

At a forefront of pediatric emergency medicine

As the only pediatric emergency department in MetroWest, we are a critical resource for our extended community. Our specialized staff offers extensive expertise and training in the acute care of infants, children, and teens, and includes a core group of board-certified pediatric emergency physicians. With a clear focus on the unique needs of young patients, the Pediatric ED aspires to remain at the forefront of programs of its kind locally and nationally.

The power of philanthropy

Since the department's launch in 2007, many loyal and generous donors have gratefully stepped up to support increased access to pediatric emergency care. With the significant fiscal pressure facing hospitals today, philanthropy has never been more vital. In order to sustain and build on these services, your generosity will be critical. With the help of our generous supporters, we can continue to provide world-class care to pediatric patients and their families, close to home, in a warm and welcoming environment.

Opportunities for impact

Child Life Specialists

The physicians, nurses, and support staff that make up our Pediatric Emergency Department are dedicated caregivers who share an unwavering commitment to their patients. Child Life Specialists add another layer of care, helping children understand and cope with their medical experiences. Philanthropic support will provide flexible resources for department leadership to deploy additional Child Life staff, ensuring we care



Select Gift Opportunities

Endowed Chief of Pediatric Emergency	\$1.5M
Named Pediatric ED Endowment Fund	\$100K and above
Named Pediatric ED Current-Use Fund	\$50K and above
Pediatric ED General Support	Any Amount
Child Life General Support	Any Amount

not only for the physical needs of children and teens but also for their mental, emotional, and social needs.

Patient experience

Remaining a primary source of emergency medicine for the communities we serve requires continued investment in equipment and infrastructure. For our pediatric patients, this includes warm inviting colors throughout the space, characters and animals in murals along the walls, and providing books, toys, and games for patients as they wait. The Pediatric ED was established in 2007 and options for children's entertainment have changed dramatically since then. Providing iPads for kids to play games or watch movies while they wait can be a welcome distraction for families and enhance the experience of our patients.

