



## Race for Every Child Raises More Than \$1.2M to Help Kids Grow Up Stronger

*Fourth annual race rallies nearly 5,000 participants to support Children's National Health System, the Washington region's leading children's hospital*

The fourth annual [Race for Every Child](#) on Saturday attracted nearly 5,000 participants to raise awareness and support for children's health. Hosted by Children's National Health System, the event at Freedom Plaza in downtown Washington, DC included a 5K run/walk and Kids' Dash. To date, the event has raised more than \$1.2 million to help fund specialized medical care, expand access to care, and find cures for childhood diseases.

This year's race was co-chaired by Campbell and Grace Smith, whose son received treatment at Children's National. "Children's National Health System has had an enormous impact on our family's life, and we credit the doctors there for giving our son the hope of a healthy future," the Smiths said. "But we're not alone. Children's National touches the lives of nearly every child in our community. The Race for Every Child is one of our favorite events because it's a joyful celebration of children's health."

Since 2013, the Race for Every Child has collectively raised more than \$4 million to support children's health, including wellness programs, research, and community health initiatives. Kurt Newman, MD, President and CEO of Children's National, said, "It is tremendously inspiring to see current and past patients of Children's National, their families, friends and neighbors come together to build healthier, stronger futures for all kids."

The top male finisher of the 5K Race was Sean Laffey of Arlington, Virginia, who completed the race in 17:11.7. The top female finisher was Natacha Esber of West Nyack, New York, with a time of 18:22.9.

The top individual fundraisers were:

1. Heather Goldman of Bethesda, Maryland, who raised \$16,770
2. Jeffrey Goldman of Bethesda, Maryland, who raised \$12,306
3. Jordan Muller of Chevy Chase, Maryland, who raised \$8,697

The top fundraising teams were:

1. Grateful Family Team (\$65,693)
2. Pippa's Princesses (\$46,962)
3. Team Lionheart (\$32,367)

Donations to Race for Every Child will be accepted through December 31. To make a donation, visit [donate.raceforeverychild.org](http://donate.raceforeverychild.org).

Photos from the Race for Every Child [are available for download here](#). All photos should be credited to Emily Weiss Photography.

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### About Children's National Health System

Children's National Health System, based in Washington, D.C., has been serving the nation's children since 1870. Children's National is Magnet® designated, and was ranked among the top 10 pediatric hospitals by U.S. News & World Report 2015-16. Home to the Children's Research Institute and the Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation, Children's National is one of the nation's top NIH-funded pediatric institutions. With a community-based pediatric network, seven regional outpatient centers, an ambulatory surgery center, two emergency rooms, an acute care hospital, and collaborations throughout the region, Children's National is recognized for its expertise and innovation in pediatric care and as an advocate for all children. For more information, visit [ChildrensNational.org](http://ChildrensNational.org).