



HELPING MEDICALLY COMPLEX BABIES

THRIVE!



Little
Heroes
League

2022 Annual Report

Mission

Little Heroes League helps medically complex babies and their families thrive by providing life-changing care coordination.



We Have A New Look!



(Old Logo)



(New Logo)



We are proud to share we launched LHL's new logo and redesign of our website as part of the continued evolution of our work. Thanks to your support, we have experienced tremendous growth over our first five years.

With this success and growth, it was time to update our visual identity and our website to best serve LHL's future. Our objective was to simplify our vision and mission, articulate the value we provide, and highlight the Little Heroes we serve.

Our new logo is both an illustration of the way we serve families AND a celebration of our Little Heroes - **who you can see raising their arms in victory!** Please take time to look through our new website. We hope you enjoy viewing it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

The bolded intersection of the two hearts represents the role our care coordinators provide - joining the families and medical communities to deliver the best outcomes for the Little Heroes!

The first heart represents the Little Hero and his/her family.



The second heart represents the overall medical community.



Little Heroes League

WE PARTNERED WITH ANOTHER TOP-RANKED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!

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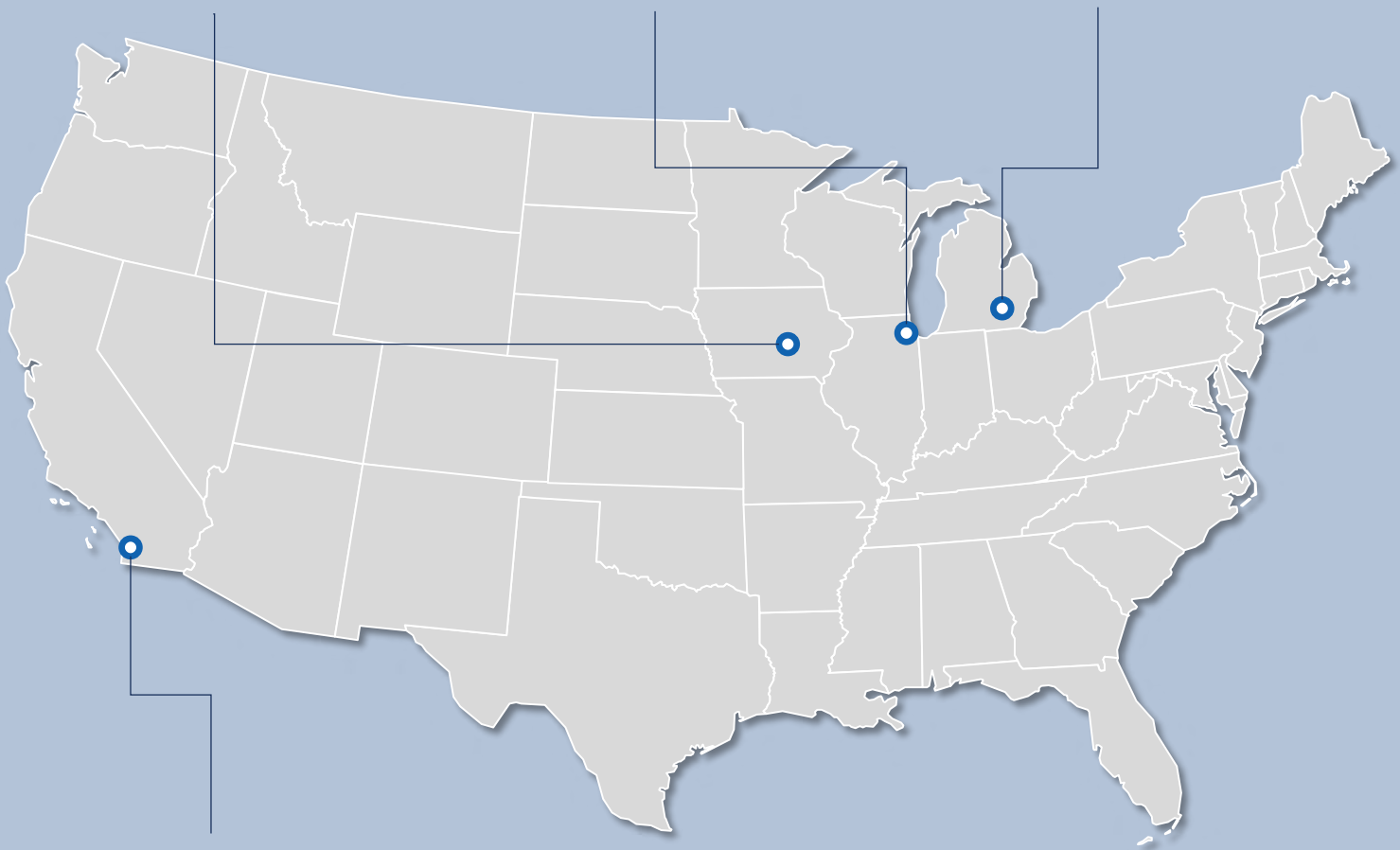
- University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital
- Nationally ranked in 5 pediatric specialties
- 3 care coordinators as of 12/22
- Start of Service: May, '22

CHICAGO, IL

- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital
- Nationally ranked in 10 pediatric specialties
- 5 care coordinators as of 12/22
- Start of Service: Aug, '18

ANN ARBOR, MI

- C.S. Mott Children's Hospital
- Nationally ranked in 10 pediatric specialties
- 3 care coordinators as of 12/22
- Start of Service: Sep '21



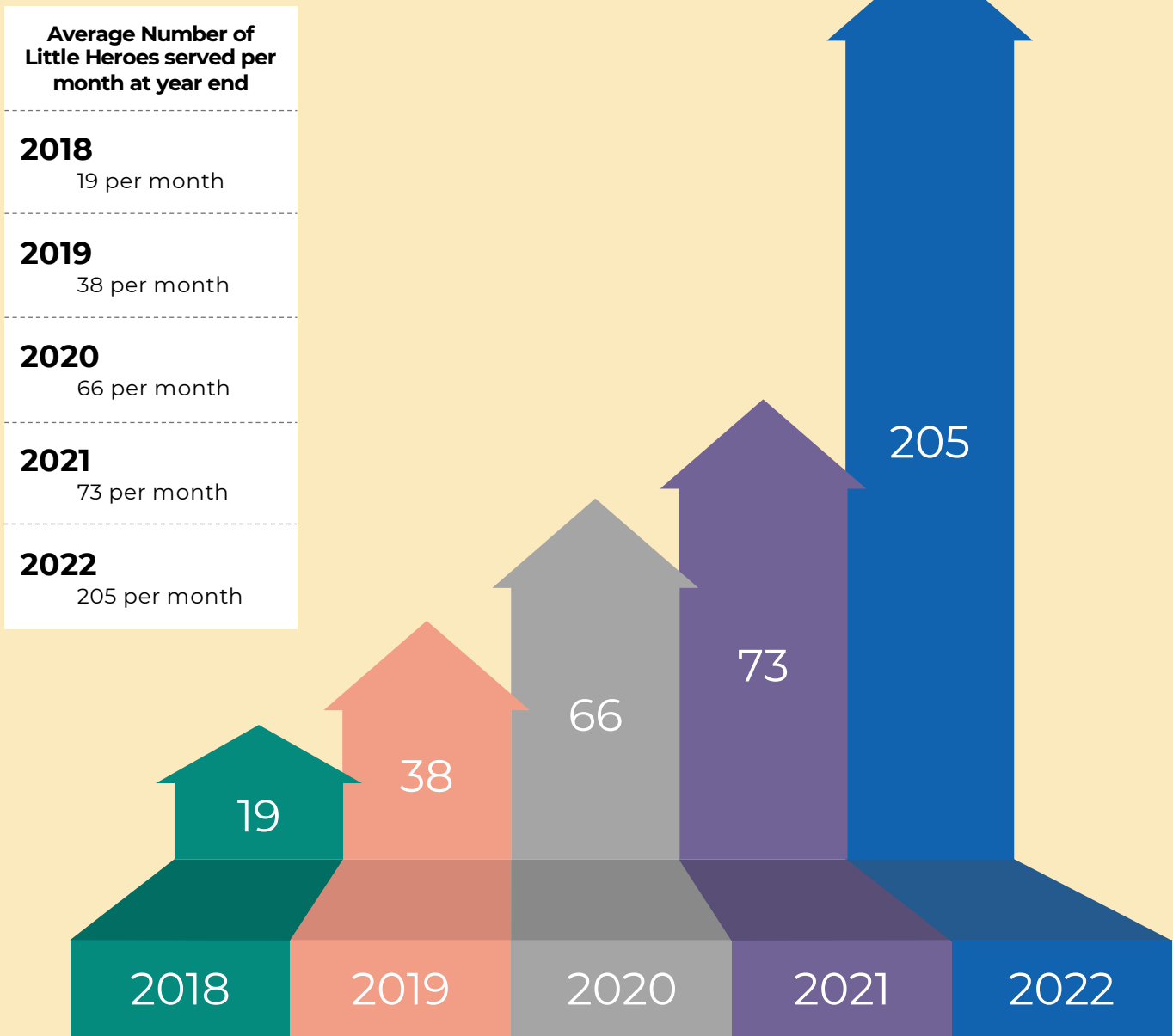
****NEW**** SAN DIEGO, CA

- Rady Children's Hospital
- Nationally ranked in 10 pediatric specialties
- Start of Service: April 2023 (est)



THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE SERVE IS GROWING

Little Hero Enrollment Growth



Number of Little Heroes served per month at year-end



LHL WAS SELECTED AS THE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY OF 2023 NUDM



Northwestern Dance Marathon (NUDM) is one of the largest independent student-run philanthropies in the country, that has raised more than \$23 million for more than 30 different charities.



2023 NUDM Executive Committee members pose with LHL Inspiration, Livi, and LHL Executive Director, Brenden Etue, at the LHL Family Halloween Party.

Northwestern University Dance Marathon:

Northwestern University Dance Marathon's (NUDM) mission is to unite the Northwestern, Evanston, and Greater Chicagoland communities through philanthropic fundraising, service, and education. A year-long effort culminating in a 30 hour dance marathon, NUDM strives to create an inclusive and enriching environment for the NUDM student body, our rotating primary beneficiary, and the Evanston Community Foundation.

THE PROCESS

LHL was selected from over 100 grant applicants. The five round application process was thorough, rigorous, impressive, and 100% student-run.



THE PARTNERSHIP

The 10-month partnership culminates in the March 2023 30-hour dance marathon. LHL and NUDM partner to create family and educational events to engage dancers with LHL on a personal and meaningful level.



THE FUTURE

NUDM typically grants the primary beneficiary between \$500 – \$900K. This amount will allow us to grow and maintain the program for years.





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Having a child with complex medical needs means there is a laundry list of specialists and a web of follow up appointments, labs, and therapies to manage. In the NICU especially, it was hard to navigate the hospital system, know how to best advocate for our sons' needs, and manage their high level care. And of course that challenge was multiplied by two in our case.

Enter Little Heroes League. This organization provides a nurse to be the care coordinator for a child and walk alongside a family during the time in the NICU and for two years afterwards. One day Hannah walked into our NICU room and offered this service to us in the midst of our NICU stay. After immediately saying yes, she began to help us work towards Judah's discharge. She coordinated with all our specialists, made sure we had all of our follow up appointments scheduled, and was an advocate in meetings with doctors when I didn't know how to do so for myself. We were recipients of God's grace through Hannah's care for us, which continued until Jesse got discharged.

But that's not all. Upon discharge, a new nurse took our case. Lisa started walking with us on the outpatient side, which was quite daunting as a parent to understand and navigate. She came with me to our first pediatrician appointment, had weekly check-ins, and was a phone call away whenever I had questions from an appointment or needed to vent about a frustration with the medical equipment company. We have less frequent check-ins now, but Lisa continues to help us navigate the complexity of the medical system, has helped schedule appointments for me and has advocated for me with providers when needed. Lisa has been a provision of God's grace to us.

I really don't know where we would be without either of these two women, who are employed through Little Heroes League which is a 501(c)(3) organization. The help they are giving to families is crucial and has greatly benefitted our family.

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- Karis, Mother to twin Little Heroes, Jesse and Judah



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

302nd

PROGRAM FAMILY ENROLLED



915

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS



1

NEW HOSPITAL.

Rady Children's Hospital
in San Diego, CA

37

Graduates



\$1,084,997

RAISED

4

 MAJOR EVENTS

Big Hero Golf Outing
Kildeer, IL



Big Victor Golf Outing
Ann Arbor, MI



Big Hero Golf Outing
Des Moines, IA



FUNraiser V
Chicago, IL

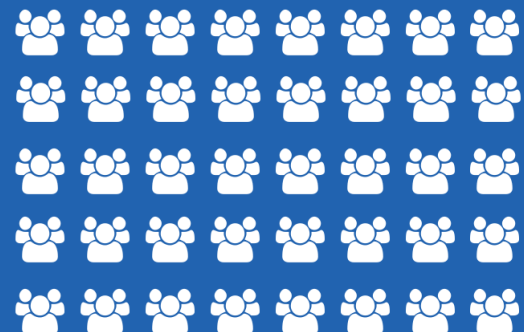


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of every dollar spent by
LHL supported our care
coordination program

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NEW
PROGRAM
FAMILIES
ENROLLED



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