



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

Thank you  
for helping us get  
kids back to being kids.



**Driscoll**

# Driscoll's record-breaking fundraising year helps us get kids back to being kids

A record number of donors helped us raise close to \$14 million in fiscal year 2022, breaking all previous fundraising records. We are grateful to the more than 4,000 donors who inspired our community and the families we care for. You are supporting Driscoll's future and our ability to deliver exceptional pediatric healthcare for more kids in South Texas!

Several major Driscoll healthcare projects are the recipients of your incredible generosity.

Driscoll Children's Hospital's new Neonatal Care Center received \$1 million. The state-of-the-art Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) will be located at one of the busiest birthing hospitals in Corpus Christi. The 24-bed NICU is expected to open in the Spring of 2023 and is designed to give special care to the tiniest patients.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Fiesta de los Niños held in March 2022, set a record, securing more than \$1.4 million for cutting-edge equipment. Funds raised went to the purchase of a mobile CT scanner, enabling doctors to bring the technology directly to patients without having to transfer them.

The Driscoll Heart Center has established itself as a national leader in both survival rates and shortened length of stay. During FY 2022, nearly \$1.5 million, in part made from grants by Megan's Lighthouse and the Prichard Foundation, was given to build a new Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory (Cath Lab) to perform minimally invasive tests for advanced cardiac procedures.

**Driscoll couldn't do so much for others without the generous donations of so many who want to make a difference. A record 4,111 people donated to Driscoll Children's Hospital in 2022.**

No matter the size of each investment, each one is greatly appreciated and used to care for our children.

"It is humbling to know that our greater South Texas community recognizes the importance of providing the best healthcare possible for our youngest generation, and the significant role that Driscoll plays in achieving that goal. Thank you to all who make Driscoll's mission their mission. Collectively, we are a powerful force for good."

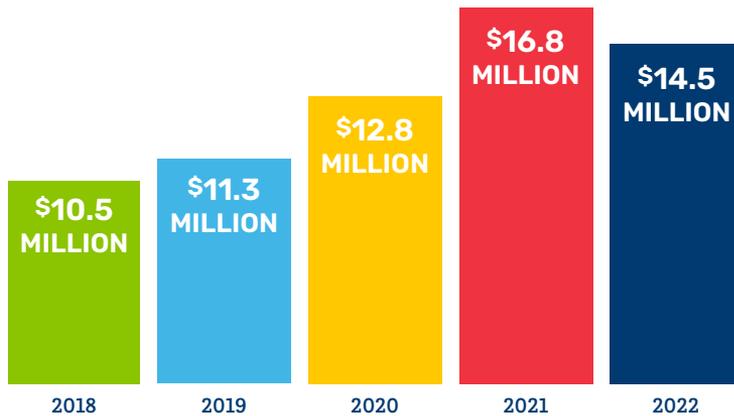


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# THANK YOU!

## Endowments at a Glance



## Endowment Designation



# OUR NUMBERS



## Fundraising Program, Cash & Pledges 2022



## Endowment Funds

*Individual donor/board established endowments held by Driscoll Children's Development Foundation, Inc.*

Established in FY 2022

**8**

Established as of 8/31/21

**9**

Established as of 8/31/22

**17**



*Panda Cares Center of Hope at Driscoll Children's Hospital giving hope where hope is needed, one child at a time.*

## Driscoll and Panda Express team up to establish Panda Cares Center of Hope

In August 2022, Panda Express committed to donating \$1 million in support of Patient and Family Services at Driscoll Children's Hospital and another \$25,000 to create the Panda Cares Center of Hope Endowment.

Patient and Family Services at Driscoll provide much-needed support for families that address a child's entire well-being. Services include the Hospital-Based School, the Social Work Department, the new Behavioral Health Team, the CARE Team, Child Life, the Duff Guest Rooms, and the Family Resource Center.

To show thanks for the generous gift, Driscoll named its classroom the Panda Cares Center of Hope at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Panda Cares Center of Hope programs include therapeutic play, art therapy, meditation and counseling services, designed to give children the courage and strength to thrive.

For children who spend extended time in a hospital, that stay is just as big a disruption to their education as it is to their health. A hospital school, like the Panda Cares Center of Hope at Driscoll Children's Hospital, is crucial to offering kids with chronic disease and acute illness an opportunity to learn, socialize and feel a sense of normalcy – in spite of everything they experience.

For Driscoll Lead Teacher Marie Soza, educating her students is her life's mission. She's driven by her passion to offer students respite from medical tests, needle pricks and exams. The classroom, says Soza, is the one place where kids can forget for a moment that they're sick.

"If we can make them smile and laugh, and maybe learn the multiplication tables, and forget the struggles that they're in right at that moment, that's the most important thing." Marie Soza, Driscoll Lead Teacher

The children and families who benefit from the Driscoll classroom see the space and the love from their teachers as a bright spot in their medical journey – something good out of something bad that has happened in their lives.



Watch Marie Soza's Story of Hope

# Former Driscoll cardiology patient gives back with an endowment

Doctors and medical staff can affect lives well beyond health and wellness. For Maria Garza Dill, MD, a Family Practice Physician in the Rio Grande Valley, her childhood experience at Driscoll Children's Hospital inspired her to help others.

In 1971, Dr. Dill met the late James W. Simpson, MD, at Driscoll Children's Specialty Center in McAllen. At age 12, based on guidance from Dr. Simpson, she began a three-year journey to convince her parents, Irene and Pablo Garza-Aguirre, that she needed lifesaving heart surgery. Her parents had already lost two other children and were not prepared to lose another.

"I recall my first visit with Dr. Simpson sitting next to me and drawing a detailed heart with the blood circulating for me to keep. Every visit he would get a piece of blank paper and redraw a heart for me with added details as I grew older and learned more with every visit. By age 15, I convinced my parents I fully understood the necessary procedure and agreed to our first trip to Corpus Christi for my heart catheterization and subsequent corresponding surgery," said Dr. Dill.

"My recovery after the surgery and follow-up visits continued with Dr. Simpson and the team of resident doctors until I was 18. The 6 years of clinical care and interaction with Dr. Simpson, the pediatric residency doctors, the outreach clinic team, and hospital nurses showed me that I, too, was destined to help people. After graduating from the DCH Cardiology program I continued to graduate and medical school and then returned to the Rio Grande Valley to continue my medical career and serving others," she said.

In January 2022, after touring Driscoll Children's Hospital, Dr. Dill and her husband established the Dr. Maria Garza Dill Cardiology Endowment for the benefit of children with congenital heart disease and other rare cardiac conditions. The Cardiology Conference Room at Driscoll Children's Hospital will be named in honor of Dr. Dill.



*Dr. Maria Garza Dill and Mr. Dan Dill*



*James W. Simpson, MD*

*Driscoll Physician*



*Maria Garza Dill, MD*

*age 12*



Driscoll children and their families were very special guests at the Driscoll Children's Hospital Rio Grande Valley (DCHRGV) Topping Off Ceremony. Pictured here is Audrey and her family with DCHRGV President, Matt Wolthoff.



*Expanding pediatric services in the Rio Grande Valley to include inpatient acute care with the opening of Driscoll Children's Hospital Rio Grande Valley is made possible by countless donors. **Because of your support, lives are being transformed and miracles are happening!***

## More Care for More Kids in the Rio Grande Valley

What started as a fever and suspected ear infection led to a life-changing diagnosis for 9-month-old Audrey Garza. After months of searching for answers, Audrey came to Driscoll Children's Hospital where physicians diagnosed her with acute transverse myelitis, a rare condition that causes swelling of the spinal cord, leaving her unable to walk.

Now six, Audrey has been a Driscoll patient and Health Plan member for most of her life. Audrey requires specialized care and rehabilitation unique to children with her condition. She visits Driscoll Children's Hospital on a regular basis for these treatments.

For many years, the Garzas have traveled over 280 miles per visit from their home in Edinburg to bring Audrey to her appointments in Corpus Christi. They are grateful to know that their trips for Audrey's care will soon be much shorter with the opening of Driscoll Children's Hospital Rio Grande Valley coming soon in 2023.

**"We are so happy to have Driscoll in our lives, and we're happy that my family and many other families in the Rio Grande Valley will have a Driscoll hospital available to us whenever we need it,"** said Audrey's father, Leonel Garza III.

CREATING A LASTING LEGACY THROUGH ENDOWMENT:

# Lee Budin, MD, Family Endowment for Quality

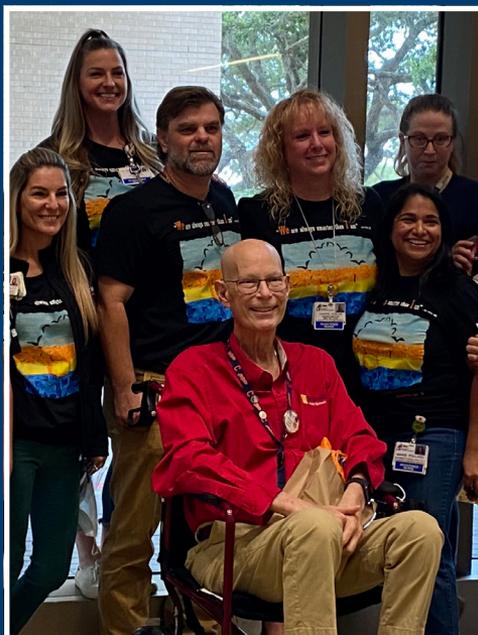
"While every pediatric hospital is sure that they are the pediatric hospital whose mission is to care for kids, Driscoll takes it further. Driscoll is so committed to caring for kids and has a special emphasis on focusing on the most vulnerable children, those who are indigent. The passion around this is palpable and feels like it is part of the system's DNA!" – Lee Budin, MD

Lee Budin, MD, said those words when he joined Driscoll Children's Hospital as the first Chief Medical Officer in 2019. It is that same passion that led him to creating the Lee Budin, MD, Family Endowment for Quality through his bequest to the hospital.

"The intent of the Budin Family Endowment is to continue to raise the bar around the care of all the children in South Texas," said Dr. Budin. "This will happen by Driscoll continuing to strive to grow."

Dr. Budin passed away Oct. 27, 2022, following a courageous battle with cancer over the past two years. He had an untiring passion for quality patient care and service and pushed his colleagues to always strive to

be better. He also taught those around him how to face mortality with humility and courage.



He left his colleagues with this parting message: "Once you believe that the quality of care is the best possible, please continue to strive for more improvement since even that care still isn't as good as our patients deserve. I hope for a day when healthcare is safer and more customer friendly. I imagine a healthcare system that prioritizes what the patients and families want and need rather than focusing on what is easiest for the healthcare providers and institutions. The Budin Family Endowment will provide some funds to help jump-start this transition, but we will only get there if we all truly commit to better care for everyone."

To date, the Budin Family Endowment has commitments of more than \$329,000. The Budin family's name and Dr. Budin's contribution to the hospital will be recognized on our Donor Wall of Honor at the main entrance for all who walk through our doors to see.

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