

then and now



A timeline of
landmark successes
from beginning
to present...

Protecting the most precious gift of all..

1921

Kosair Charities Committee of Kosair Shrine Temple was created to help crippled children

1926



Kosair Charities Committee raised funds to buy Old English Manor in Louisville, Kentucky to be used as Kosair Crippled Children Hospital, the first hospital dedicated solely to children's health care. It has a 50-bed capacity.

1929



First Kentucky classrooms accessible to disabled children opened at hospital

1934

Kosair Crippled Children Hospital built \$150,000 wing, adding 50-bed capacity

1939

Kosair Crippled Children Hospital received accreditation from American Medical Association

1944



Hospital introduces innovative polio treatments as disease reaches peak

1950



Iron Lung was invented

1951

Cornerstone laid for the \$100,000 Dr. Barnett Owen Memorial Annex at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital

1953

Remolding expands hospital's therapy, x-ray, and dental services

1960



Operating Fund Campaign started

1967

A \$25,000 contribution established a Kosair Charities chair of orthopedic surgery at the University of Louisville's School of Medicine.

1973

Kosair Crippled Children Hospital joins with the Kentucky Commission for Handicapped Children

1977



Bob Hope plays in Foster Brooks Golf Tournament benefiting Kosair Crippled Children Hospital

1979

Board explores merger with Norton Infirmary's Children's Hospital

1981

A merger agreement with Norton made \$74 million expansion of Kosair Children's Hospital possible

1986



Kosair Children's Hospital opened

1988

A Celebration of Youth: First formal program started to award grants from Kosair Charities

1996



Kosair Charities Pediatric Center dedicated at University of Louisville

1998



Kosair Charities commits \$6.25 million to create Kosair Charities Pediatric Center at Home of the Innocents

2001

Jewish Hospital receives \$2.5 million to build the Kosair Charities Pediatric Pavilion

2004

Kosair Charities Pediatric Heart Research Center developed with \$5 million grant

2005

Kosair Charities moves into remodeled Kosair Crippled Children Hospital

2006




Kosair Charities gives \$2 million gift to Brooklawn Child and Family Services

2007

Kosair Charities announces new 20-year \$130 million agreement with Kosair Children's Hospital



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