



Greetings,

All of us at Children's Hospice International are so excited about recent developments. We're pleased to announce that CHI is now on social media, and we are so excited to announce our new Vice President of Development & Communications, Fernandco Ascencio. Please read more about these new developments below!

We are also incredibly proud to announce the release of a heart-warming and inspiring video that includes interviews with families, children, doctors and staff of the Georgetown Lombardi Children's Cancer Center. Thank you to all those who participated in the development of this video, and shared their stories in order to help others better understand the need for appropriate care.

Many thanks for your support!

Warmest regards,
Ann Armstrong-Dailey
Founding Director
Children's Hospice International

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New Era for CHI

The past three decades saw CHI make huge strides in improving the quality of care for children with life altering illnesses. Through books, white papers, legislation, and multiple other communication devices, CHI has spread the message of the absolute importance of integrating the hope for a cure with providing the professional support needed by these vulnerable families from the time of diagnosis. But as times have changed and new communication devices have come into vogue, CHI also has realized the importance of entering the scary world of social media and incorporating more video into its arsenal of strategies.

CHI is proud to announce the creation of its first YouTube Channel ([CHIonline.1983](#)), Facebook Organizational Profile ([CHI4Kids](#)), and Twitter Handle ([@CHI4Kids](#)). All information passed through these devices will be highly vetted and critical to delivering CHI's important message.

Our first big announcement that went through these channels on October 15th is CHI's new organizational video! If you haven't already, we highly recommend that you watch the highly touching seven minute video. [Click here to view](#) (or click the box below) and, if you are so inclined, please "like it" and share it on social media with others who may be interested. Also, please subscribe, like, and follow us respectively in any of those social media venues as you see fit. Thank you for your support!



CHI: Healthcare for Children with an Emphasis on Quality

A Thank You to David Frantz and a Wonderful St. Michael's Luncheon

CHI would like to take a moment to congratulate David Frantz, our Chairman, for a wonderful meeting on October 22nd at St Michael's, MD. This luncheon brought together some incredible, influential people who came together to support CHI and its mission.

New Vice President of Development & Communications

CHI is pleased to announce the addition of Fernando Ascencio as VP of Development and Communications. CHI is primed for growth, and this newly added position will be critical to maintaining consistent and polished branding and corporate communication strategies while simultaneously aiding in the recruitment and retention of new donors through the use of these effective marketing and communication tools.



Ascencio brings a wealth of experience in nonprofit fundraising and communication strategies that includes both traditional and new media communication techniques. Within his ten years of experience, Ascencio brings a well-rounded set of experiences that include traditional grant writing, major gifts procurement, and public relations. Most recently, he was the Executive Director of a regional organization that focused on clients with cancer and has worked at national level organizations that are focused on the health and development of children. Ascencio has a Masters in Business Administration focused on Nonprofit Management and BA in both Political Science and Psychology. We all look forward to having him be a part of the team!

New Founders Grant to Arc Children's Centre in Singapore

In 2015, CHI is delighted to award its Founder's Grant, aimed at providing the needed support that many small hospices need. Following the success of our first Founders Grant to Issarang Nuchprayoon, MD, Ph.D. at the Wishing Well Foundation in Bangkok, this year CHI is proud to announce that [Arc Children's Centre](#), Singapore, is our awardee!



Arc aims to provide a sanctuary for children with life threatening illnesses by providing education and a haven of respite and comfort to the families facing this trauma. They provide daily aspects of care for the child receiving treatment by experienced professionals who happen also to be the parents of a childhood cancer survivor. Additionally, they provide emotional and moral support to the parents and family members who surround the young child.

In the words of the organization's co-founders Ronita Paul and Geraldine Lee, "We are so delighted and excited to receive this funding as it reaffirms the mission of Arc. The funds will enable more children with life-threatening illnesses and the siblings to receive all the education, developmental programs and care that they so lovingly deserve. Thank you CHI for supporting the humbling work of Arc."

We wish Arc well and look forward to continuing our partnership towards the future!



CHI Video: A Thank You From Arc Children's Centre!



CHI Honors Talbot Hospice

[Talbot Hospice](#) is a beautiful hospice on Maryland's Eastern Shore which opened in 1981. In May of this year, Talbot Hospice announced the development of their Pediatric Care Program. CHI Board Chair David Frantz presented Board Chairman Susan Pigott and Executive Director Mary Ellen Shea a copy of a limited edition lithograph of "Towards Light" in acknowledgment of their new important work. "Towards Light" was originally painted by Marilyn Sunderman in celebration of CHI's mission. Chair David Frantz and Founding Director Ann Armstrong recently viewed the framed copy with Director of Development Kate Cox and Clinical Director Molly Kirsch of Talbot Hospice.

About Talbot Hospice

Our Pediatric Care Program offers a comprehensive home based palliative program that focuses on the coordination of medical services, psychosocial and spiritual support to children facing life threatening illnesses, while supporting their family. Our trained staff will work in



coordination with your child's medical team to ensure consistent goals of care are met with compassion and a focus on quality of life for both the patient and family. Our goal is to enable children to remain

at home where they love to be, surrounded by family and their favorite things. Our program allows children to continue curative treatment, and our team assists with a smooth transition from treatment to home. [Click here to learn more.](#)

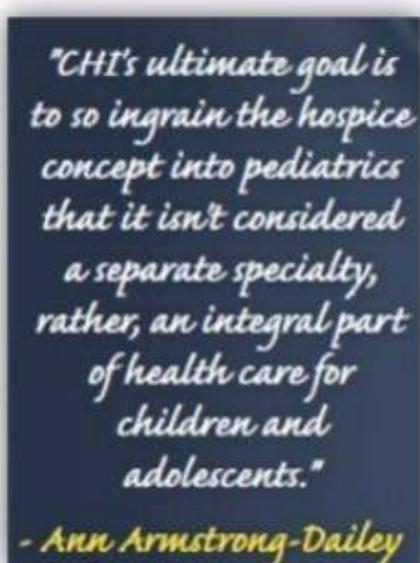
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Children's Hospice International 34 Years Improving the Lives of Children with Live-threatening Conditions & Their Families

Children's Hospice International (CHI) is an award winning non-profit established in 1983 that has pioneered and promoted the idea that critically ill children should have access to hospice/palliative care along with curative care from the time their life-threatening illness has been diagnosed.

Children and families may now pursue curative and traditional hospice/palliative care services concurrently with curative care. CHI's federal demonstrations – ChiPACC – allow for these expanded services to be covered under Medicaid; ultimately private insurance should follow suit.

CHI Accomplishments include... ([Click here to read more](#))



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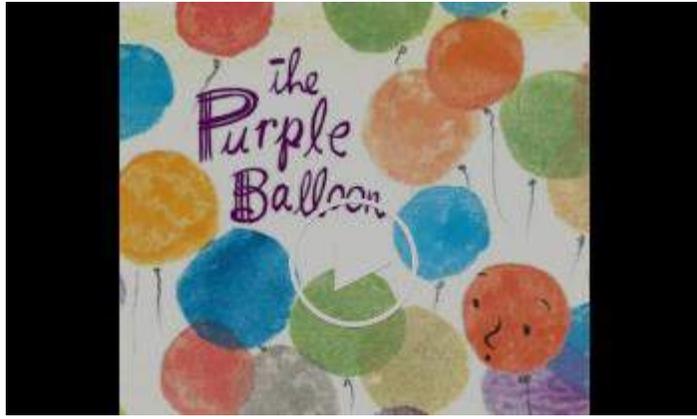


Heaven over hospital: Dying girl, age 5, makes a choice

By Elizabeth Cohen, CNN Senior Medical Correspondent

Uploaded Tue October 27, 2015

This is the first part of the series, Heaven over Hospital. [Click here to read more.](#)



CHI Video: The Purple Balloon



Children's Hospice International (CHI) is a non-profit established in 1983 that has pioneered and promoted the idea that critically ill children should have access to hospice/palliative care along with curative care from the time their life-threatening illness has been diagnosed. Such coordinated care enhances quality of life for the patient and their family and produces significant cost savings. For more on CHI and how you can help, visit www.chionline.org.

