

# REIMAGINE WHAT IS POSSIBLE

IMPACT REPORT

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**RankenJordan.**

PEDIATRIC BRIDGE HOSPITAL

*Caring for children with medical complexities since 1941*

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

Since joining Ranken Jordan last year, it has been an exciting and inspiring experience. We've focused on driving impactful operational changes, while at the same time designing a strategic plan that reimagines how Ranken Jordan and the wider health care industry can better serve children with complex medical needs.

Over the past year, we have gathered feedback from our organizational stakeholders to update our mission, vision, and values. This ensures they represent our current identity and guide us as we strive for future goals.

Our updated **vision** states our aspiration for the future: ***A world where every child with complex medical needs lives their best life.***

Our **mission** now states: ***As a leader in transitional health care, we provide exceptional services for children with complex medical needs by reimagining what is possible and inspiring life-changing solutions for patients and families.***

It's a powerful, meaningful mission that we're proud to embrace.

Our core values, **Compassion, Play, Respect, Collaborative Teamwork**, and **Excellence**, represent the foundation of our daily interactions with patients, families, and one another. These values drive our commitment to providing exceptional care and services.

We approved a new strategic plan and we've initiated a number of strategic and operational efforts to achieve our objectives.

We will **serve more children and families** by expanding our services to meet the unmet needs that continue to challenge children with complex medical needs and their families. Read how we are improving the transition home for families and reducing the developmental impacts that can accompany long-term hospitalization.

We will **deliver unequaled outcomes** by advancing patient safety through new technology that enables remote patient monitoring and by improving the patient and family experience through our uniquely collaborative approach to therapy utilizing technology and teamwork.

We are **inspiring our workforce** by celebrating our employees who excel by going above and beyond each day. Our culture is mission and values driven, enabling us to recruit and retain the best talent at all levels.

We are continuing to **enhance our financial stability** by identifying strategies and partnerships that continue to strengthen our long-term financial position. Donor contributions are crucial for us to fulfill our mission by offering life-changing services and advanced technology to our patients and their families.

Accordingly, as we move forward, your continued support is vital. Together, we're not just providing needed care and support services; we're helping children with complex medical needs live their best lives.

Thank you for being a member of the Ranken Jordan family. The road ahead holds much promise and potential. I am honored and enthusiastic about guiding us into this new era of expanding services, fostering innovation and delivering unequaled outcomes for the children and families we serve.

### **Shawn Dryden**

*President and Chief Executive Officer*



**SERVE MORE  
CHILDREN  
AND  
FAMILIES**

**CARE BEYOND DISCHARGE:  
Ranken Jordan's Commitment to Successful  
Hospital-to-Home Transitions**



At Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, we are dedicated to serving more children and families and setting them up for success at home. One of the most impactful recent initiatives is the introduction of “go-bags” for families transitioning home. These bags, filled with essential medical supplies and instructions from caregiver training, have been a game-changer for our families.

### **Inspired Staff Becomes an Advocate**

Jill Phoenix, our respiratory therapy manager and a foster mother, experienced firsthand the challenges of caring for a child with complex medical needs. When Jill and her husband took home their foster daughter, they were overwhelmed by the amount of medical supplies that also needed to come home. These supplies often completely fill a car. The first night home is a stressful experience, made more difficult when you cannot find the specific tube or connection your daughter needs for her g-tube feeding. This first-hand experience inspired Jill to co-lead a new program at Ranken Jordan to better prepare families for the transition home.

Jill shared her story with hospital leadership, leading to the creation of the Post-Discharge Support Group. This group, co-led by Jill and Dr. Lynda Brady, looks at ways to improve the process of transitioning to home and better meet the needs of families so that patients can thrive in their home environment.

### **The Go-bag Initiative: A Lifeline for Families**

The first initiative the group pioneered was the go-bag initiative. Go-bags are packed with all the supplies a family will need in the first 48 hours of caring for their child at home. Each go-bag is tailored to the child’s specific needs and includes written instructions from their caregiver training. This initiative has been crucial in helping families like Jill’s successfully care for their children at home.

The go-bags had an immediate positive impact. In one experience, a family was preparing to take their child home with everything packed and two home health nurses secured to assist them. However, as they were leaving Ranken Jordan, both nurses unexpectedly quit, leaving the family without the anticipated support. Despite this sudden setback, the parents were able to confidently care for their child at home for a few days until they could secure new home nursing staff. The go-bag ensured they had everything they needed and the caregiver training they received during their child’s stay proved invaluable during this challenging time.

### **Support from Donors Makes a Difference**

Preparing caregivers for successful home transitions is not a reimbursed cost. Because of the generous support of many donors, we can provide caregiver training, meals, and transportation, as well as the new go-bags. This ensures that caregivers can continue to provide crucial medical care and a lot of love — AT HOME.



# OPTIMIZATION

## OZ: Transforming Young Lives Through Play-Based Learning at Ranken Jordan

The Optimization Zone (OZ) is a play-based learning program for Ranken Jordan patients under five years old. This in-house preschool aims to reduce the adverse developmental impacts that accompany long-term hospitalization. It is the next evolution of *Care Beyond the Bedside*.<sup>®</sup> It provides Ranken Jordan's youngest patients the opportunity to have structured social play and development stimulation.

Thanks to the generosity of over 750 donors, we exceeded our \$2 million fundraising goal, ensuring OZ becomes a permanent fixture at Ranken Jordan. Significant contributions from David and Kate Hatfield; The Dana Brown Charitable Trust, U.S. Bank, Trustee; Anne K. Davidson; Ralph and Lee Ann Quatrano and so many more were pivotal in achieving this milestone.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled about the program's growth and its impact on patient care:

**New Classrooms:** Construction of permanent classrooms for OZ will replace the temporary setup in the south therapy gym. New classrooms will be fully operational before the start of 2025.

**The OZ Effect:** OZ has proved so popular with our young patients that the need for safe space for them to move around and interact with each other outside of "OZ time" became evident. New OZ-inspired play spaces have been constructed on the west unit and patients are busy moving and exploring in these spaces.

**Development Assessment Tools:** Thanks to a grant from The Saigh Foundation, we are adapting the Hawaii Early Learning Profile (HELP) tool to better assess developmental progress, overcoming the limitations of traditional age-based assessments.

**Improved Outcomes:** We anticipate that patients participating in OZ will achieve significant developmental milestones, enhancing their growth and development.



### IRIS

**OZ Class:** Ducklings

**Favorite Toy/Activity:** Reading books with her big brother

**Favorite Song/Hand Motion:** Wheels on the Bus

**Favorite Color:** PINK!

**Other Favorites:** Music and Movement Class (Or Dance Class)

**OZ Achievements:** Began moving independently after watching other children with tracheostomies moving around.



# ZONE UPDATE



## JAXON

**OZ Class:** Tigers

**Favorite Toy/Activity:** Balls!

**Favorite Song/Hand Motion:** Bubble, Bubble, Pop

**Favorite Color:** Red

**Other Favorites:** Music with Music Mary

**OZ Achievements:** Parallel play, taking turns with toys, taking steps using a walker

## COLSON AND CECILIA

**OZ Class:** Tigers

**Favorite Toy/Activity:** Colson—Balls, Little Tykes car; Cecilia—Cause and effect toys

**Favorite Song/Hand Motion:** Colson—Wheels on the Bus; Cecilia—Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

**Favorite Color:** Colson—Green; Cecilia—Yellow

**Other Favorites:** Colson—Smiling at people; Cecilia—Watching other children play

**OZ Achievements:** Colson—Using gestures to communicate like putting hands out to say, “Where did it go?”; Cecilia—Sitting up to play, vocalizing



## JACK

**OZ Class:** Tadpole

**Favorite Toy/Activity:** Music and gross motor play, rocking in the boat

**Favorite Song/Hand Motion:** Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

**Favorite Color:** Orange

**Other Favorites:** Water play!

**OZ Achievements:** Learning to walk with a walker, using a communication device, tolerating new sensory stimuli



## JACE

**OZ Class:** Ducklings

**Favorite Toy/Activity:** Participating in circle time with mom!

**Favorite Song/Hand Motion:** Clapping and waving

**Favorite Color:** Yellow

**Other Favorites:** Music

**OZ Achievements:** Becoming more social and interactive, sitting up on my own

## RABBI SHOOK RECOGNIZED FOR



In 1995, Rabbi Mark Shook was the senior rabbi at Temple Israel, a neighbor to Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital's original location on Ladue Road. The organizations had a warm, reciprocal relationship. The Temple allowed Ranken Jordan to use its parking lot, playground and pool, and Ranken Jordan provided hearing and speech screenings for the Temple Israel Nursery School.

As the neighborly relationship grew, Tom Minogue, Ranken Jordan's board president at the time, asked Rabbi Shook to join the board.

Little did anyone realize how one neighbor would make such a significant impact on Ranken Jordan. Rabbi Shook went on to become board president and led Ranken Jordan through tremendous transformation and the birth of a new facility.

Nearly 30 years later, Rabbi Shook remains on the Ranken Jordan board and continues to guide the organization as it evolves today.

This long-term commitment is why Rabbi Shook and his wife, Carol, are being honored with the Mary Ranken Jordan Service to Children Award.

This award honors those who selflessly serve Ranken Jordan and the St. Louis community, and by their example, encourages others to do the same. The award also recognizes individuals demonstrating commitment to the ideals and vision established in 1941 by our founder, Mary Ranken Jordan.

### **Opening the Door to the Future**

In the 1990s, Ranken Jordan patient numbers dramatically dwindled as patients' needs changed. The frontiers of medicine made it possible for more children to survive, but those children needed more complex rehabilitation and more specialized care.

In 2000, Rabbi Shook became the board chair as Ranken Jordan was on the cusp of monumental change. He led Ranken Jordan as it shifted its focus to care for patients with more complex needs, which set it on the path to where it is today.

Some of the critical decisions that were made with Rabbi Shook at the helm include; hiring Dr. Nick Holekamp as the full-time medical director in 2000; the shift from a nursing home to a hospital, which changed the reimbursement structure and improved the hospital's viability; and moving to a new facility in Maryland Heights.

Changing the designation to a specialty pediatric hospital was a turning point. "That expanded what we could do for kids, and we quickly realized we needed a bigger facility," Rabbi Shook says. The need for more technology to care for medically complex children further highlighted the limitations of Ranken Jordan's aging facility on Ladue Road.

# NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

In 2004, the new state-of-the-art facility opened its doors. “This is the place you could build if money was no object, although we were budget conscious,” he says. “But we didn’t build based on cost, we built based on what the kids needed.”

### Exceeding Expectations

Rabbi Shook brings a rich tapestry of experience to his role at Ranken Jordan. In addition to serving as Senior Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel, he trains chaplains for the St. Louis County Police and is a chaplain with the FBI. He also is a published author. Yet his heart will always be with Ranken Jordan, a place he helped save from the brink and is now thriving to care for children from around the country.

“It’s extraordinary what has happened in 30 years,” he says. “Every time we made a decision to take a chance, it worked out beyond anyone’s wildest expectations. We went from having almost no patients in 1995 to having a waiting list. Hospitals tell us we fulfill a need that they can’t fulfill. That’s pretty extraordinary.”

More importantly, Ranken Jordan is giving kids a life, he says.

“We’re making a difference—this hospital has purpose. For example, who thinks about putting a climbing wall in a hospital? Why not? And golf for kids? Let’s try it! ‘Why not’ is the whole attitude at Ranken Jordan. Ranken Jordan is about getting kids to reach their highest potential.”

### Imagination Sparks Solutions

“Move it along,” complete with hand motions, is Rabbi Shook’s signature catch phrase in meetings. He wants his legacy to be “move it along to keep Ranken Jordan moving forward,” and firmly believes the status quo isn’t good enough.

His wife, Carol, says that’s his motto in life, as well. “He never sits around and is always busy. He has enjoyed all his time given to Ranken Jordan and seeing all the ideas carried through.”

Now he is ready to help Ranken Jordan grow again. “We can’t sit still,” he says.

Looking forward, he is excited about Ranken Jordan’s strategic plan focused on the urgent need of caring for kids with complex medical needs who have nowhere else to go after Ranken Jordan.

“It’s not an easy problem to solve,” he says. “But Ranken Jordan shows what a different model of medicine can accomplish if everyone pulls in the same direction with a common vision. Ranken Jordan is changing the face of health care for children. The common thread is ‘no boundaries.’ You have to solve problems without confining yourself with what others have done. Use your imagination. Without imagination, this place wouldn’t exist.”

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## REMARKABLE PROGRESS THROUGH INNOVATIVE THERAPY

“Hi! I’m Lorelei!” An enthusiastic ten-year-old greets you with an engaging smile. Her poise and conversation skills make her stand out from other kids her age. With giggles and undeniable charisma, she is eager to build a friendship, sharing more about herself, her accomplishments and everyone that has helped her along the way.

Lorelei has an extensive list of accomplishments. Born with spina bifida, a condition that occurs when the spine and spinal cord do not form properly, Lorelei faced a lot of limitations and hurdles. But leaning into her family’s motto, “I can, and I try,” she has crushed expectations. Doctors told her parents she would likely not walk until age 8. Lorelei brought tears to her doctor’s eyes when she walked into his office using her para-canes at the age of 4.

### Early Interventions and Cutting-Edge Technology at Ranken Jordan

An early recommendation from one of Lorelei’s doctors led them to Ranken Jordan for therapy. At just four months, Lorelei began aqua therapy in the only designated pediatric aquatic therapy pool in the region to help strengthen her bones and muscles. Lorelei loved the pool, and her parents loved seeing Lorelei’s progress.

Today, Lorelei spends her physical therapy sessions at Ranken Jordan using innovative technology including the Bioness Integrated Therapy System (BITS). BITS, made possible by a generous donation from the Guth Foundation, is an interactive therapy system that can be used by physical, occupational, and speech therapists and is unique to this region. With BITS, Lorelei can work with her therapists to select activities or games, while the therapist sets the difficulty parameters to align with her goals. In her physical therapy sessions, they use BITS to work on her balance and core strength. The screen can be easily adjusted for a sitting or a standing position. Body positioning like leaning and shifting your weight is part of the game as she taps the screen.

### Ed Costigan: A Lasting Legacy of Compassion

Edward J. Costigan Jr., trustee of the Guth Foundation and passionate advocate for Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, left a profound impact before his passing. Inspired by patients like Lorelei, who was fittingly the last patient he visited at Ranken Jordan, Ed championed the foundation’s support of cutting-edge technology at the hospital.

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## Collaborative Care Approach

Loralei’s dad, Mike, remarked, “It is amazing how they can turn anything into therapy around here. It’s a game, but it’s also therapy.” He is so appreciative of the collaborative nature of Lorelei’s therapists at Ranken Jordan. Therapists have demonstrated different activities her parents can do with Lorelei at home to help her build strength and balance; they have collaborated with Lorelei’s dance teacher to work on different movements and have spoken with school therapists to ensure they are working towards the same goals. They even offered input for the design of the family pool which the family decided to install after seeing how much Lorelei loved her aqua therapy at Ranken Jordan. The goal is always to ensure that Lorelei has the best possible outcomes.

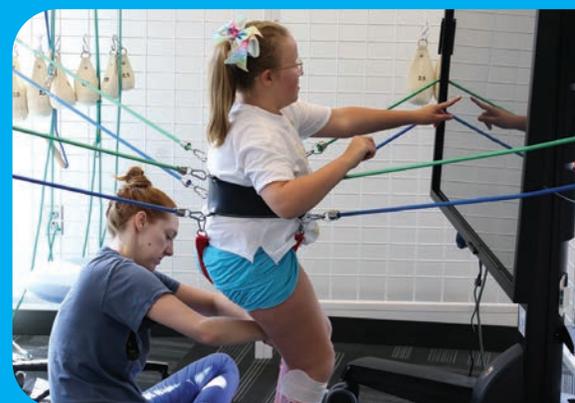
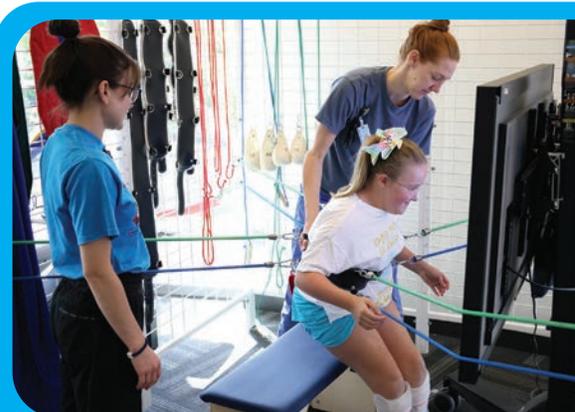
## Lorelei’s Superpower: Positivity

“My superpower is being super positive!” Lorelei says with a smile. This superpower is more than evident as she shares stories of making the school track team by powering her wheelchair for a mile on her own or performing a solo at her dance recital without the aid of her wheelchair. She is quick to credit all those who have inspired her and the many friends who have helped her reach her goals, but there is little doubt that they are her accomplishments, and she is justifiably proud.

## The Impact of Ranken Jordan

Ranken Jordan has made a difference in Lorelei’s life. “I can’t really imagine her life without this place,” Mike says, “Without Ranken Jordan, we would not know what we know. It has given her, and us, the tools to thrive.” Mike expressed his gratitude for all the support he has seen over the years, not just the therapy Lorelei has received, but support for all families including gifts and celebrations during the holidays, as well as state-of-the-art equipment made possible by donors like the Guth Foundation.

Ranken Jordan’s comprehensive approach to care, combining expertise, innovative practices and family support, has been instrumental in Lorelei’s success. She has the tools to adapt to a world that is not always built to fit her needs and uses her positivity and determination to thrive.



# REVOLUTIONIZING PATIENT CARE AT RANKEN JORDAN THROUGH ADVANCED MONITORING

Patient SafetyNet



In a hospital filled with children with complex medical needs, the sounds of beeping monitors provide a constant backdrop. These machines vigilantly track vital signs like pulse and oxygen levels for patients reliant on their monitoring. Many pediatric hospitals keep patients confined to their rooms for safety and ease of care.

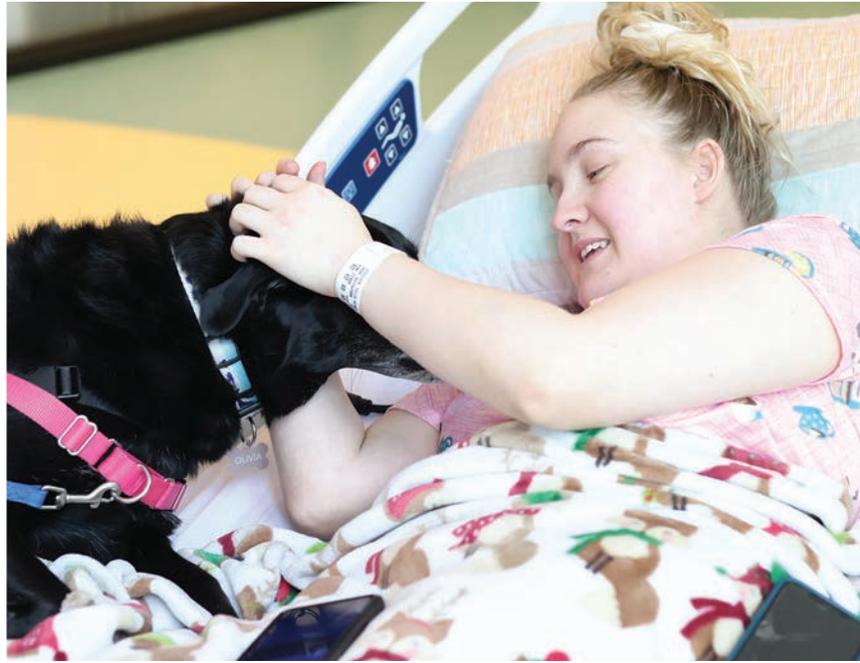
At Ranken Jordan, a leader in transitional care, our goal is to promote an active environment where children gain strength and skills in preparation for going home. Patients are encouraged to be out of their rooms, interacting with peers, visiting the art room, attending therapy sessions, and enjoying the playground. Balancing this childhood activity with necessary monitoring is crucial when oxygen levels or pulse rates fluctuate.

## Introducing SafetyNet®

Thanks to the generous contribution of donors Shannon and Bill Willhite, Ranken Jordan has implemented SafetyNet®, a cutting-edge monitoring system that has transformed patient care. In each medical unit, strategically placed monitors display the vital signs of all patients, providing nurses and respiratory therapists with real-time visibility.

When an alarm is triggered, the patient's square lights up, and an alert is sent to the nurse's smart badge. With a simple touch, the patient's immediate statistics are accessible and up to four days of data can be reviewed.





## Benefits to Patient Care

This rapid access to data has multiple benefits for patient care:

**Immediate Alerts and Data Access:** Nurses and respiratory therapists receive instant notifications and can quickly determine the cause of an alarm, enabling swift adjustments without having to be present at the patient's bedside.

**Prioritization of Alarms:** In cases of multiple simultaneous alarms, nurses can prioritize responses based on the severity of the situation. Jessica, a nurse at Ranken Jordan, recounts a night when all three of her patients had alarms going off. By quickly assessing the data on SafetyNet, she identified that one patient's oxygen level was critically low and dropping, allowing her to call for an emergency response while monitoring the less severe heart rate alarms. The rapid response ensured no lasting harm to the patient.

SafetyNet also provides an extra level of security for parents and caregivers as they train and prepare to take their children home. With continuous monitoring, caregivers can build confidence in providing care, whether in the patient's room or around the hospital, knowing that someone is monitoring their child's statistics and can quickly respond to any alarms.

Additionally, the system's data storage capabilities allow the medical team to customize care by analyzing a patient's trends and setting unique alarm ranges based on their individual "normal" patterns. This personalized approach reduces unnecessary alarms and ensures more accurate monitoring.

## A Vision for the Future

The Willhites are inspired by their additional investment in this technology. They recognize that SafetyNet is the next evolution of patient care at Ranken Jordan, enhancing safety, enabling rapid response, and empowering caregivers through its advanced monitoring capabilities.



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**VISION**

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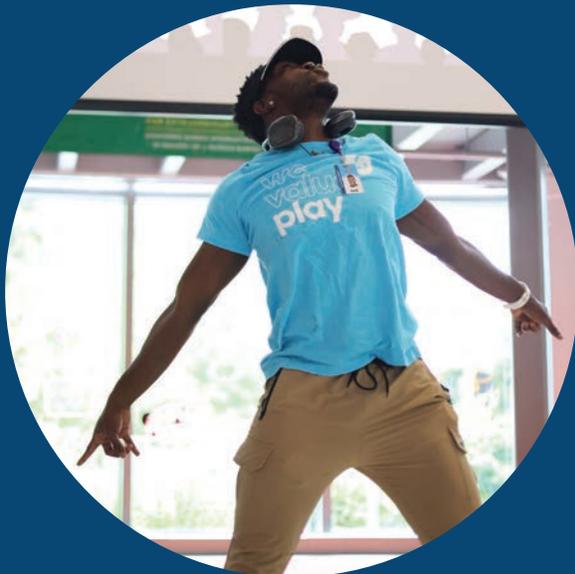
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**VALUES**

Compassion, Play, Respect,  
Collaborative Teamwork, and Excellence





## DAISY AWARD WINNERS

*The DAISY award is a national recognition program established by the DAISY Foundation to honor extraordinary nurses for the super-human work they do for patients and families every day. At Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital, patients, family members and co-workers can nominate a nurse they want to recognize. A multi-disciplinary committee meets and reviews the anonymous nominations and determines the winner. Ranken Jordan recognized two DAISY award winners this year.*



**Alyssa Koester** was recognized for the way she embodies the Ranken Jordan values and principles while providing care to her patients. She is a role model that many of her coworkers look to for guidance. She is known as a resource to new nurses at Ranken Jordan and leads by example with her kind, thoughtful nature and the professional competence she displays while caring for patients.

**Rebecca Komensky** is always finding creative ways to care for all patients! She is an outstanding nurse who truly cares for all the kids at Ranken Jordan by showing them compassion and respect. She plays with all patients and finds ways to include them. She will offer to walk and play with the kids that need extra support. She is a great patient advocate and communicator with interdisciplinary teams to make a difference for her patients. A patient's mom said, "Rebecca is kind, cheerful, attentive, she has a soul! She is professional! She makes both my daughter and me feel comfortable, like she's our family!"

***Congratulations to Alyssa and Rebecca for their outstanding work!***



## CHAMPION OF FAMILY CENTERED CARE

Outpatient speech language pathologist **Lizzie White** was named this year's Champion of Family Centered Care. This award is given by The Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) which is an all-volunteer group of previous Ranken Jordan patients and caregivers who work together to improve the patient experience by sharing ideas and recommendations on new projects and policies so the hospital can continue to provide the highest standards of care.

Lizzie's nominators noted she understands that family is integral to the child's healing process. She welcomes parents as essential members of the healthcare team, provides timely information regarding the treatment plan, and supports parents/caregivers as they learn their child's care.

Lizzie is one of the few therapists in the St. Louis area who is trained in developing the facial muscles that affect speech. One nominator noted that their daughter's speech was delayed. She stated, "We didn't realize the same muscles affecting her smile also delayed her speech. Miss Lizzie gave our little girl her smile, and it continues to get better and better."

When Lizzie heard that she had won the award, she was grateful and surprised. She noted that the surprise came from her mindset that the patient/family-first treatment style she offers is the norm at Ranken Jordan, and therefore, non-exemplary. After the initial surprise, she expressed how validating it felt to be affirmed for her work, and how humbling it was to be selected among a list of such incredible nominees. Her dream is that Ranken Jordan no longer feels like "the coolest hospital that no one has ever heard of." She is excited about the prospect of the hospital growing to care for even more patients and families.



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## ENHANCE FINANCIAL STABILITY

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### MARCI JOY ZIMMERMAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Ken Koester** has been named the 2024 “Marci Joy Zimmerman Volunteer of the Year” at Ranken Jordan. This prestigious honor, determined by staff and volunteer votes, recognizes exceptional partners in care who dedicate their time and talents to the hospital.

For six years, Ken has been an invaluable volunteer at Ranken Jordan. His primary role involves caring for the youngest patients on the west unit, where he assists with playing, walking and rocking. However, Ken’s contributions extend beyond this including helping at our Santa for Siblings event, numerous fundraising events, and performing various handyman tasks throughout the hospital, including assembling shelves, carts and baby equipment.

Ken’s versatility and willingness to help wherever needed make him an indispensable part of the Ranken Jordan community. His dedication, kindness, and hard work have earned him the love and appreciation of staff and patients alike.

### VOLUNTEER HONORS: ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**Travis Lathan** is Ranken Jordan’s 2024 Rookie of the Year award. Travis, a former patient of Ranken Jordan, began volunteering in July of 2023 and put in an unbelievable 330 volunteer hours in his first year. Travis is always willing to help with anything that is needed and promotes the warm and compassionate environment of our hospital. Travis excels in supporting patients because he knows what it is like to face complex medical needs and hospitalizations. He knows what it is like to crush goals and overcome limitations!



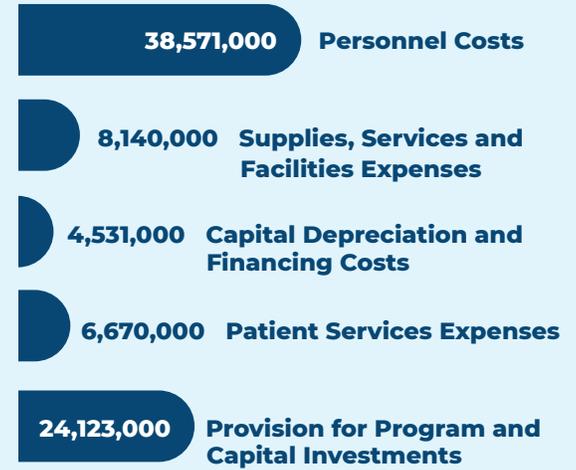
Travis shares, “The volunteers at Ranken Jordan are something special. We help kids not feel so scared while being at Ranken Jordan. We play games with them, we make them smile, we take them outside, we hang out with their siblings while their parents are talking to the doctors. We do art projects with the kids. We get to hold the babies. Ranken Jordan has volunteers that have been there for months and even years. But what makes the volunteers special is that we do this as a family. Thank you.”

## SOURCES OF FUNDS *IN DOLLARS*



**TOTAL 82,035,000**

## USE OF FUNDS *IN DOLLARS*



**TOTAL 82,035,000**

## PATIENT STATISTICS *FY24*

Average Census	47
# Unique Inpatients	229
# Unique Outpatients	515
Outpatient Therapy Visits	9,473
Clinic Visits	471

## VOLUNTEERS

Total Number of Volunteers	232
Total Number of Volunteer Hours	8,690



## DONOR HONOR ROLL



### Endowment Giving

Ranken Jordan's endowment plays a vital role in providing financial support to further the hospital's mission. The goal of an endowment is to ensure the hospital's ability to sustain itself, to evolve and grow, to hire and retain outstanding staff, and to meet unanticipated demands. It provides a perpetual stream of income to the hospital. Donors to the endowment are assured that only the investment income from their gifts will be distributed, allowing the principal to remain intact. Ranken Jordan gives special thanks to The Saigh Foundation for creating our endowment in 2018.

### Mary Ellen Brucker Transition Fund

Mary Ellen Brucker was a successful public relations professional, world traveler and accomplished photographer who served on the Ranken Jordan board from 1988-2005. Her estate gift established the Mary Ellen Brucker Transition Fund, which provides critical support when patients are medically ready to go home, but face barriers to getting there. The fund addresses needs like installing ramps, purchasing specialized wheelchairs, specialty car seats, home modifications, and more.

### Loretta B. and John A. Farrell Connect with Nature Fund

Inspired by the mission and unique model of care at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, the Farrell family wishes to help the children at Ranken Jordan gain access to nature through therapy and other programmatic opportunities. This endowed fund supports activities and programs that foster connections with nature for children who experience long-term hospitalization.

### Margaret and Richard Riney Family Foundation Play Dates Fund

This fund was established based on the firmly held belief that hospitalized children deserve to just be children. Monies allow Ranken Jordan to bring various activities into the Hospital for the children to enjoy. These include favorites like rock climbing, the bubble bus, animal demonstrations and magicians.

### Margaret and Richard Riney Family Foundation Playgarden Fund

This fund was established to maintain the function and beauty of our reimagined outdoor Playgarden. Monies keep the unique space in peak condition so the children can enjoy it uninterrupted.

### The Rich and June Vandegrift Fund

This endowment was established to honor longtime board member Rich Vandegrift and his wife June for their commitment to Ranken Jordan's one-of-a-kind building. The Vandegrift Fund will provide long-term support for the Ranken Jordan facilities to ensure they continue to play a critical role in the healing journey for Ranken Jordan patients.

### The Marci Joy Zimmerman Fund

This fund honors a beloved, long-time volunteer, Marci Zimmerman, who inspired the Ranken Jordan community with her welcoming presence, optimism and constant reminder to focus on what you CAN do rather than what you cannot. The endowed Marci Joy Zimmerman Fund provides ongoing support for Ranken Jordan's mission.



### **Yvonne and Joseph P. Logan Legacy Society Members**

The Logan Legacy Society honors those who have made the thoughtful decision to support the children we serve through a planned gift. Their foresight and generosity will continue to inspire hope and healing for generations to come.

Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bazan Jr.

Dr. William and Judith Becker

The Estate of John and

Loretta Billings

Mr. Derin E. Campbell\*

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