The Sunrise Association
Wheels Up! Program:
Bringing the Joys of
Childhood to Hospitalized
Cancer Patients

October 5, 2023



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#### The mission of the Sunrise Association

is to bring back the joys of childhood to children with cancer and their siblings worldwide. Sunrise accomplishes this through the creation and oversight of welcoming, inclusive summer day camps, year-round programs and inhospital recreational activities, all offered free of charge.









# IMAGING THE CHILD'S EXPERIENCE









## IMPACT OF CHILDHOOD CANCER

- Social challenges
- Educational and Cognitive Challenges
- Physical Challenges
- Family Dynamics
- Financial Impacts
- Household Disruption
- Role of Pandemic



GREETINGS FROM
WHEELS UP!





## SPECTACULAR SINGAPORE

SEASON 7: EPISODE 1



# **Sunrise Association Day Camps**

- Started in 2006 in Long Island.
- World's first full summer day camp for kids with cancer and their siblings, free of charge.
- 96 campers in 2006 to over 2,000 in 12 camps across the U.S. and Israel today (13<sup>th</sup> in December)





## Why Day Camps?

- Campers sleep in their own beds.
- Close proximity to doctors and hospitals.
- Full eight-week summer experience, compared to shorter stays at other camps.
- Respite for parents and caregivers without commitment to sleep away camps.





### **Sunrise on Wheels**

- Started in 2009 by Bonnie Flatow to bring the magic of Sunrise into pediatric oncology wings in hospitals and medical facilities.
- Colorful tie-dye footlocker trunks on wheels filled with toys, games, crafts, music rolled into pediatric oncology wings in hospitals.
- 25 hospitals worldwide, engaging with 6,000 kids annually.





## WHEELS UP!

30-minute adventure program transporting kids from the hospital to fascinating places worldwide.







**Adventure** 

**Crafts** 

Games

## WHEELS UP!

- Growth: 7 seasons, over 100 episodes, currently shown in 157
  hospitals and medical facilities around the world and growing every
  week.
- Partnership: Collaboration with American Airlines, featuring pilots or crew in episodes, branding and AA destinations. Partner with pCare, Give Kids the World Village, Ryan Seacrest Studios and more.
- Passport Kits: Given to children to follow along and engage.
- Wider Reach: Not limited to kids with cancer; offered to everyone in the facilities.
- Viewing Platforms: Available on hospital closed-circuit TVs, tablets, YouTube, and the Sunrise Studios app.











#### **BRING WHEELS UP! TO YOUR FACILITY**

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#### **Now Building World Class Care for Kids!**













## MARY BRIDGE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND HEALTH NETWORK TACOMA, WASHINGTON

#### Highlights:

- 1 Acute Care Hospital Tacoma (82 pediatric beds & 70 bed NICU)
- Trauma 2 Pediatric Emergency Room Tacoma
- · 4 Urgent Care Centers
- 13 Primary Care Clinics
- 6 Therapy Centers

#### **New Hospital Building:**

- 96 total beds (82 built out and 14 shelled for future growth)
- 8 operating rooms (including 2 shelled ORs); 1 pediatric cardiac catheterization/interventional radiology and 2 endoscopy suites
- Shared pre-post/PACU and sedation
- 26 emergency department exam rooms including 8 reduced risk rooms
- Diagnostic Imaging





## **Child Life**

"It takes more than medicine to heal a child"



## **Child Life Specialists**

**Growth and Development** 



**Education and Play** 



**Family-Centered Care and Collaboration** 



# **Child Life at Mary Bridge**





## Patient Emotional Safety Screener

Service Area	Percent Screened Positive
Critical Care	64%
Emergency Department	57%
Acute Inpatient	51%
Pre- Surgery	48%
Ambulatory Clinics	45%
Radiology	43%

Percentage of Patients Screened Positive on PESS at Children's Hospital of Colorado by Service Area



### Wheels Up!

At Mary Bridge Children's Hospital

## Why

- Gain access to fun, unique, and new activities
- Provide opportunities for patients on isolation to engage in
- Partnership with the Sunrise Association

#### How

- Information gathering
- How to get this program out to families at Mary Bridge Children's
- Connect with pCare
- Utilize volunteers for craft kits

#### Who/Where

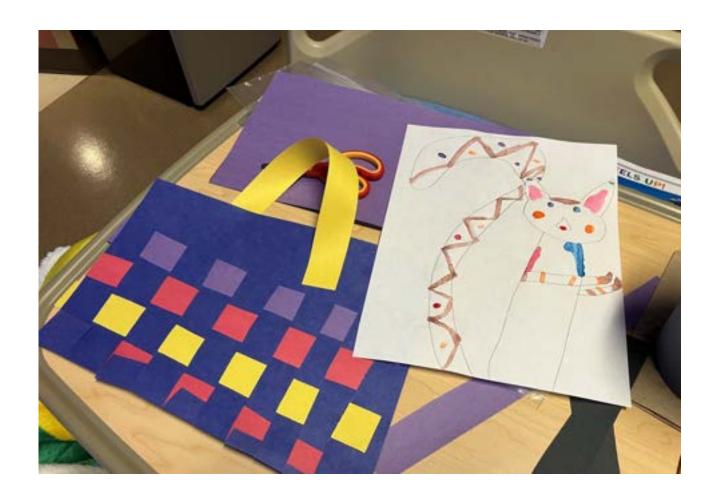
- Patients and siblings
- Emergency room
- Inpatient units



## Wheels Up! In Action

Case Study: 12-year-old new diabetic

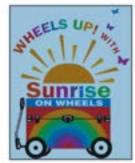
- First Hospitalization
- Only Child
- Bilingual family members
- Starting Middle School this Year
- Aspiring Marine Biologist
- 2/3 days ongoing diagnosis education





## Wheels Up! Getting Started









- Incorporating our own "Passport"
- Pre-Made Grab N Go Kits
- Partnered with pCare to provide kit instructions on TV's
- Volunteer engagement
- Chose to start slow (2 destinations at a time) and add over time
- Making the program available for all kids/families



## **Thank You**



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October 10 | Leader Rounding: A Proactive Approach to Improve Experience
October 17 | Virtual Care: How to Turn a Short-term Fix into a Long-term Strategy
October 26 | Headliner - The Treatment Impact: Cultural Inclusivity in a Modern World

#### CONNECTION CALLS/PX CHATS

October 11 | Volunteer Professionals Community Connection Call – Measuring Volunteer Impact

November 6 | Patient Advocacy Community Connection Call – Rounding November 15 | Lost Belongings Workgroup

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