



***Signs of the Times
and
Marshals***

2019 Guidebook

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Welcome

On behalf of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta, we welcome your participation in the 2019 Eve of Janus Ball. Thank you for supporting the Tri Delta Pediatric Cancer Endowed Research Fund at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. There are many exciting events in conjunction with the Eve, and this booklet should assist you in your preparations.

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2019 Important Dates to Remember

- March 15: Deadline to register and submit payment. Form is on website (www.eveofjanus.com).
- April 25: **Parent Information Session**, 9:00 a.m. at Belle Meade Country Club
- May 1: Deadline to submit photo for program
- May 1: Deadline to request additional Ball invitations for friends and relatives. Participating families automatically receive invitations. Form is on website.
- May 1: Deadline to request specific pairings for Signs and Marshals. *The Sign and Marshal must BOTH submit the request.* Form is on website.
- June 21: Deadline to submit Patrons donation for listing in program. Donations may be made to honor an individual, including a Sign or Marshal. Additional information and forms are on website.
- June 21: Deadline for parent and participant to sign and return the Country Music Hall of Fame Waiver and Assumption of Risk form to Carroll Kimball, 110 31st Avenue North, Unit 602, Nashville, TN 37203 or scan to carroll.kimball@gmail.com. Form is on website.
- June 21: Deadline to RSVP to Eve of Janus Ball dinner and for presentation tickets for parents and guests
- July 1: Deadline for Marshals to turn in measurements to Street Tuxedo
- July 12: **Patrons Party**, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury
- July 19: **Mother-Daughter Luncheon**, 11:00 a.m. at Belle Meade Country Club (Mothers and Signs)
- July 19: **Mother-Son Lunch**, 12:30 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Wallace at 110 Westhampton Place (Mothers and Marshals)
- July 19: **Rehearsal**, 6:00 p.m., Langford Auditorium at Vanderbilt.
Signs and Marshals Kick-off Dinner Party, immediately following rehearsal, Langford Auditorium (Signs and Marshals)
- July 20: **The Eve of Janus Ball**, 6:30 p.m., Country Music Hall of Fame. Dance the night away with the Atlanta Allstars Band!

Events, Parties, and the Ball

Patrons Party (Thursday, July 12th)

It is our sincere hope that you will consider joining a great tradition by becoming a 2019 Eve of Janus Patron. Your Patron's gift directly benefits the Tri Delta Pediatric Cancer Endowed Research Fund. Many parents like to recognize their child in the Eve of Janus Program with their Patron's gift, and that deadline is June 21st. You will receive a Patron's letter and donor card in the mail or you can give online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/patrons>.

With a tax deductible gift of \$300 or more, you will receive a separate invitation to this year's Patrons Party will be held on **Thursday, July 12th at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury**. Gifts of \$500 or more will also receive preferential seating at the Eve of Janus Ball. More details about becoming a patron can be found on pages 7 and 8. Attire is cocktail.

Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Mother-Son Lunch (Friday, July 19th)

Two very special and memorable events are being held to honor Mothers and Daughters and Mothers and Sons on the day before the Eve. These festive events provide Mothers and their Eve of Janus participants the opportunity to reconnect with friends and to join in the spirit of the occasion. The Eve of Janus Chairmen, Signs Chairmen and Marshals Chairmen will be present to review last minute details and to answer questions. Invitations will be sent in advance.

The Mother-Daughter luncheon will be held on **Friday, July 19th at 11:00 a.m. at Belle Meade Country Club**. Attire is sundress/festive casual.

The Mother-Son lunch will be held on **Friday, July 19th at 12:30p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Wallace, 110 Westhampton Place**. Attire for the lunch is khakis/pants and collared shirt for the boys and festive casual for the mothers.

Rehearsal (Friday, July 19th)

Mandatory Rehearsal for the Ball presentation will take place on Friday, July 29th in Langford Auditorium at Vanderbilt. Attendance is **mandatory** for all Signs and Marshals. Please inform one of the Signs or Marshals chairmen if your child is unable to attend the rehearsal for any reason. The rehearsal is quite important as it gives your son or daughter the opportunity to meet who he/she is paired with, to become comfortable with the presentation process, and to approve or correct issues in the presentation script describing him or her.

Your Sign or Marshal must arrive promptly, as rehearsal cannot begin until everyone is present. Parking is available in the East Garage, located at 1210 Medical Center Drive. We suggest Signs and Marshals carpool or "uber" to the rehearsal and kick-off party. If "uber-ing", the Langford Auditorium address is 2209 Garland Avenue

Attire for this event is festive casual – sundress, skirt or nice slacks for the Signs and nice pants and collared shirt for the Marshals. No shorts, please. Signs are encouraged to bring their Eve shoes and wear them during rehearsal.

Signs and Marshals Kick-Off Dinner Party (Friday, July 19th following the Rehearsal)

Following rehearsal, Signs and Marshals will have a Mexican fiesta and learn about the Eve of Janus philanthropy. Attire for this event is festive casual – skirts, sundresses, or pants for the Signs and long pants and shirt for the Marshals. **No shorts, please.** An invitation to these events will be sent in advance.

- *We ask each Sign and Marshal to bring a DVD to donate to the Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic.*
- Labels will be provided to affix to each DVD reflecting the particular Sign or Marshal as “Donor.” Please be sure the DVD is rated “G,” “PG,” or “PG -13.” New releases and DVDs for adolescents and teens are especially welcome.

The Night of the Eve (Saturday, July 20th)

Signs and Marshals should arrive in their formal attire no later than 6:30 p.m. at the Country Music Hall of Fame. Signs and Marshals will eat dinner and prepare for the presentation. **Please ensure your Sign/Marshal arrives promptly. If your Sign/Marshal is not on time, we will call you to discern his/her whereabouts.** You will need to make arrangements for transportation home for your Sign or Marshal. Please plan ahead; we don’t want Signs and Marshals stranded at the Country Music Hall of Fame after the Eve.

We **require** one parent to be present during the presentation for liability reasons. If an extraordinary circumstance arises, the parent may request an exception by contacting Advisory Board Chairmen Carolyn Hannon (615-293-5607) or Carroll Kimball (615-480-9898). If granted, they will work with the parent and the Signs or Marshals chairmen to arrange a non-parent contact among those attending.

After dropping off your Sign or Marshal, parents attending the Ball may then proceed to the **HCA Lobby** for cocktails followed by a gourmet dinner at 7:00 p.m. Parents and guests purchasing a “Presentation Only” ticket should arrive at 8:00 p.m.

The presentation will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Theater. Dancing to the Atlanta Allstars will begin at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Dress Attire

Signs and Marshals are to remain in formal attire while in attendance at the Eve Ball.

Signs of the Times

- White or ivory floor length dress (no prints)
- Must be short sleeve or sleeveless; strapless gowns are acceptable but should be modest and tasteful
- No midriffs, dresses “cut out” in the middle, pant dresses, or trains
- Accessories should be simple jewelry. No gloves or tiaras
- Medium or low-heeled, ivory or white shoes to match dress
- Flowers will be provided the night of the Eve
- Note: girls who graduated high school wearing a long white dress often choose to wear that dress for the Eve of Janus presentation

Marshals

- Tuxedo must be rented from Street Tuxedo to include:
 - White dinner jacket
 - Black tuxedo pants
 - White tuxedo shirt
 - Black tie and black cummerbund
 - Black dress shoes
 - Cuff links and studs
- A boutonniere will be provided the night of the Eve

We have negotiated a favorable rate on tuxedo rentals at Street Tuxedo at the following three locations:

Green Hills 2209 Bandywood Dr. Nashville, TN 37215 615-386-0500	Cool Springs 216 Seaboard Lane Franklin, TN 37067 615-771- 0948	One Hundred Oaks 2532 Bransford Ave. Nashville, TN 37204 615-750-5324
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If you prefer, measurements may be called into Street Tuxedo. They will need height, weight, neck, sleeve, chest, O/A, waist, out-seam, coat size, shoe size. If your son is out of town, he should go to a tuxedo store (not a tailor or suit store) and have his measurements taken and called in to Street Tuxedo. There should be no charge from the outside tuxedo store.

Street Tuxedo must have all measurements by July 1st. We recommend Marshals pick up rentals on Thursday, July 18^h or Friday, July 19th for any last-minute fittings.

Parents and Other Ball Guests

Although the Eve of Janus is a “black tie” event, appropriate attire includes long or short dresses for women and tuxedos or suits for men.

Potential Costs in Addition to the Presentation Fee

Your Sign or Marshal presentation fee includes his or her presentation, dinner, dancing, and bouquet or boutonniere the night of the Eve of Janus Ball. The fee also includes the Sign and Marshal Kickoff Dinner Party on July 19th. Signs and their mothers are treated to a Mother-Daughter Luncheon at Belle Meade Country Club on July 19th. Marshals and their Mothers are treated to a Mother-Son lunch at the home of Elizabeth Wallace on July 19th. The presentation fee is not tax deductible.

Additional costs may include:

- Dinner tickets to attend the Eve of Janus Ball are \$350 per person (\$250 is tax deductible). Each ticket will include the cocktail reception, formal dinner, Ball presentation, dessert reception, and dancing the night of the Ball.
- Alternatively, presentation-only tickets will include the Ball presentation, dessert reception, and dancing the night of the Ball and will be \$225 per person (\$150 is tax deductible).
- You are invited to become a Patron by making a donation benefitting the Tri Delta Pediatric Cancer Endowed Research Fund at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. You have the option

to honor your child or make a donation in honor of, or in memory of, another person. In past years, parents have frequently chosen to honor their participating Signs and Marshals.

All patrons are listed prominently in the Ball program. *Patrons donating \$300 or more will receive an invitation to the Eve of Janus Patrons' Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th. Patrons donating \$500 or more will receive priority seating for the Presentation.*

- You have the option to become a Corporate Sponsor, as well. If you would like additional information about advertising opportunities, please contact Diana Day-Cartee at dianaday@comcast.net or 615-430-2730.
- Sign and Marshal attire as outlined above.
- You will have the option of purchasing professional photographs taken the night of the Ball.

Corporate Sponsorship and Patron Benefits

Platinum Level \$10,000

- Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner for Four (4) at the Eve of Janus Ball
- VIP Priority Seating for Ten (10) for Presentation viewing of 2019 Signs and Marshals
- Ten (10) invitations to the Patrons Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th, 2019
- Formal announcement during the Eve of Janus Ball, Patrons Party, Mother-Daughter Luncheon, Mother-Son Lunch and Parent Information Coffee highlighting you and your organization as a Platinum Level sponsor
- A full page in The Eve program, received by over 600 attendees, to highlight your company, foundation, Sign or Marshal, or another honoree
- Your business logo displayed at all Eve of Janus events

Gold Level \$5,000

- Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner for Two (2) at the Eve of Janus Ball
- Priority Seating for Four (6) for Presentation viewing of the 2019 Signs and Marshals
- Six (6) invitations to the Patrons Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th, 2019
- Formal announcement during the Eve of Janus Ball, Patrons Party, Mother-Daughter Luncheon, Mother-Son Lunch and Parent Information Coffee highlighting you and your organization as a Gold Level Sponsor
- One-half page in The Eve of program, received by over 600 attendees, to highlight your company, foundation, Sign or Marshal, or another honoree
- Your business logo displayed at all Eve of Janus events

Silver Level \$2,500

- Priority Seating for Six (6) for Presentation viewing of the 2019 Signs and Marshals
- Six (6) invitations to the Patrons Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th, 2019
- Listing in The Eve program as a Silver Level Sponsor, received by over 600 attendees, to highlight your company, foundation, Sign or Marshal, or another honoree

Benefactor \$1,000

- Priority Seating for Four (4) for Presentation viewing of the 2019 Signs and Marshals
- Four (4) invitations to the Patrons Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th, 2019
- Listing in The Eve program as a Benefactor to highlight your company, foundation, Sign or Marshal, or another honoree

Star \$500

- Priority Seating for Two (2) for Presentation viewing of the 2019 Signs and Marshals
- Two (2) invitations to the Patrons Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th, 2019

- Listing in The Eve program as a Star Patron

Patron \$300

- Two (2) invitations to the Patrons Party at the home of Laurie and Jim Seabury on July 12th, 2019
- Listing in The Eve program as a Patron

Contact Diana Day-Cartee at dianaday@comcast.net or 615-430-2730

Ball Invitations For Dinner and Presentation Only Tickets

Parents and Patrons will automatically receive formal invitations to the Ball. Reservations for the evening are \$350 per person. Included is a cocktail party, dinner, presentation, dessert buffet, and dancing. Each table seats 10 people. You will have the option to specify dinner companions when you make reservations using the enclosed reply card or by replying and paying online at weblink.donorperfect.com/reservations. A community table is also available for those who would like the Eve Committee to pair them with other attendees.

While we encourage all Sign and Marshal parents to attend the entire evening of the Eve of Janus Ball, parents who do not wish to purchase Ball tickets may attend the Ball presentation, dessert reception, and dancing at a cost of \$225 per "Presentation Only" ticket.

The Sign and Marshal Presentation fee covers the cost of your Sign or Marshal's dinner prior to the presentation.

You will receive your presentation tickets along with your table number at check-in the night of the Ball.

Adding Names to the Invitation List

You are welcome to invite people to attend the Eve of Janus. If you would like for them to receive a formal invitation, please find the link on www.eveofjanus.com **no later than May 1st**. Please ensure that all names and addresses are complete and accurate. Seating is strictly limited. Encourage those you invite to reply promptly.

Submitting Your Child's Photograph for the Program

Please submit a recent photograph, preferably a *headshot* of your Sign of the Times / Marshal for the Eve of Janus program **no later than May 1st**. Your child's photo should be a clear, digital, color or black/white, of professional quality or maximum resolution on a phone camera. **Please include your child's full formal name** in an email along with the picture (in .jpeg format) to eveofjanus@gmail.com. If you prefer to send a hard copy, photos can be sent to Anna Norton at 905 Wilson Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215.

Pairing of Signs and Marshals

If a Sign and a Marshal wish to be paired together, **both the Sign and the Marshal must make the request no later than May 1st**. Please find the link at www.eveofjanus.com. All other Signs and Marshals will be paired by height. If there is an uneven number of Signs and Marshals, some Marshals may present more than one Sign.

Dates for Signs and Marshals

Signs and Marshals are welcome to invite a date for the evening. The cost and seating follows the same guidelines as for the Ball (\$350) or Presentation Only (\$225) guests. We do not reserve "date tables," therefore dates typically

sit with the parents of the Sign or Marshal. At the conclusion of the presentation, Signs and Marshals are free to enjoy the remainder of the evening with family and guests.

Photography

A professional photographer will take photos of all Signs and Marshals during the presentation. You will also have an opportunity to take formal family photos after the presentation on a first-come, first-served basis. (We've seen many show up on holiday cards!) Candid event photos will be snapped during dinner and the first hour of the dance. Visit the Eve of Janus website www.eveofjanus.com after the Ball for detailed instructions on how to view proofs and purchase photos directly from the photographer.

A Note about Alcohol / Drugs

We are excited to share in this meaningful celebration with you and your family. It is an honor to be selected a Sign or Marshal and is a reflection of your child's character. We look forward to seeing each of you at the Eve of Janus on Saturday, July 20th, 2019.

The Country Music Hall of Fame ("CMHF") requires all Signs and Marshals, as well as a parent, to sign a waiver and release form included in this Guidebook and also located at www.eveofjanus.com. The Eve of Janus is required by the CMHF to maintain these forms on file. **If no form is on file, your child will not be allowed to participate the night of the Ball.** Please **print, sign and return the form to Carroll Kimball by June 21st**. Please mail the form to: 110 31st Avenue North, Unit 602, Nashville, TN 37203, or, alternatively, scan the form as a PDF and e-mail to carroll.kimball@gmail.com.

Again, as a reminder, we **require** one parent to be present during the presentation for liability reasons. If an extraordinary circumstance arises, the parent may request an exception by contacting Advisory Board Chairmen Carolyn Hannon (615-293-5607) or Carroll Kimball (615-480-9898). If granted, they will work with the parent and the Signs or Marshals chairmen to arrange a non-parent contact among those attending.

We understand how challenging it is to restrict alcohol to our underage children, particularly after they've experienced the independence that comes with college. However, for liability reasons we must be vigilant about restricting your son's or daughter's access to alcohol on CMHF property. We ask for your support.

We will be taking the following steps:

- Ushers and security will be on site during the event
- Bartenders will require IDs
- Following the presentation, bartenders will pour only one drink per order for persons over 21 years of age.
- No **out of state** ID's will be honored for anyone under the age of 30
- ***In order to ensure the safety of your child, as well as his or her escort the night of the presentation, we reserve the right to remove your child from the presentation if alcohol and/or drugs are detected. We will, however, make every attempt to contact you in advance. Please talk to your child in advance; we have had to remove signs/marshals in the past and don't want to do so this year!***

Please do **not** order drinks for your child – it is illegal in Tennessee. Help us maintain a safe environment and ensure the Eve of Janus remains welcome at the Country Music Hall of Fame. We trust you understand these measures are intended to ensure everyone has a fun and safe evening. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Caroline Cook and Beth Moore
2019 Eve of Janus Chairmen

Carolyn Hannon and Carroll Kimball
Eve of Janus Advisory Board Chairmen

**2019 Eve of Janus
Waiver and Assumption of Risk**

Waiver: On behalf of myself, the participant on whose behalf I sign below, my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and personal representatives, I do hereby covenant not to sue, and, to the fullest extent allowed by Tennessee law, hereby unconditionally release, waive and discharge The Country Music Hall of Fame (“CMHF”) and its officers, directors, employees and agents and personal representatives, from any and all liability related to any and all claims arising during or related to participation in the Eve of Janus event at the Country Music Hall of Fame (the “Activity”). The foregoing applies to any and all claims and liabilities arising from the Activity, including, without limitation, those related to personal injury (including death).

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I agree to hold harmless and indemnify CMHF from all claims (whether initiated by me or by a third party) and to reimburse CMHF for any expenses incurred by it as a result of my participation in the Activity. I further agree to pay all expenses, including court costs and attorneys’ fees, incurred by CMHF in investigating and defending a claim or suit resulting from my participation in the Activity.

Severability: I agree that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risk agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Tennessee and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, I agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I have read this Waiver and Assumption of Risk agreement and fully understand its terms. I acknowledge and agree that: (1) I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue; (2) the waivers and releases herein shall apply to the negligent actions of CMHF and other attendees of the activity; (3) CMHF would not agree to my participation in the Activity but for my agreement to the terms and conditions set forth in this Waiver and Assumption of Risk agreement; (4) participation in the Activity carries inherent risks, and I freely assume such risks; and (5) I am signing the agreement voluntarily and without compulsion.

- (1) I, _____ (parent) understand that it is illegal in Tennessee for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol, and I will in no way serve or aid my child, or any other person under the age of 21, in acquiring alcohol at the Eve of Janus Ball.
- (2) I, _____ (participant) will not acquire or consume alcohol or other illegal substances at any Eve of Janus-related event.
- (3) The CMHF and the Eve of Janus will employ security personnel and uniformed police officers to promote the security and safety of our underage participants. If minors are found to be drinking illegally, they will be escorted out of the Eve of Janus and they, and their parents, may be subjected to Metropolitan Nashville underage drinking laws. Parent initials _____ Participant initials _____

I hereby agree to all terms and conditions above:

Participant:

Parent:

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Please print, sign and return form by June 21st to:

Carroll Kimball: 110 31st Avenue North, unit 602, Nashville TN 37203 or carroll.kimball@gmail.com

The History of the Eve of Janus

In its 49th year, the Eve of Janus Ball is the oldest fundraising event for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Begun in 1970 by Tri Delta alumnae Patsy Bradshaw, Mary Ann Chaffin and Sandra Polk, the Eve has become an important Nashville tradition. Funds raised from the Eve have gone directly to the Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt to support the program's vital contributions in research, education and patient care.

In 2011, The Eve of Janus started a new chapter in our relationship with the Children's Hospital -- we established the Tri Delta Pediatric Cancer Endowed Research Fund. Through the Eve of Janus, the Nashville Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter has contributed almost \$5 million to the Children's Hospital.

Our influence has been recognized at the national level, as well. Due in large part to local efforts to raise funds to support pediatric cancer research, the Delta Delta Delta National Fraternity adopted childhood cancer as its national philanthropic project. Locally, the Tri Delta collegiate chapter at Vanderbilt University raises funds each year for childhood cancer through its annual Delta Underground Event.

The Signs of the Times are outstanding young women selected and honored during the presentation at the Eve of Janus Ball. While this tradition has remained constant since the Eve's inception, beginning in 2003 young men were honored as well. The young men, Marshals, escort the Signs during the presentation. The Nashville Tri Delta Alumnae are delighted that these exceptional young women and men have accepted the invitation to be recognized and support the Tri Delta Pediatric Cancer Endowed Research Fund at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Originally taking the name "Eve of Janus" because the event occurred on December 31st each year, the Eve was rescheduled to the summer in 2003 to coordinate more successfully with the schedules of the college students honored at the Ball.

Nashville Tri Delta Alumnae A Long Relationship with Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Tri Delta has been associated with the Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt since the hospital's creation by the Vanderbilt Board of Trust in 1970. Tri Delta Alumnae contributed \$30,000 in 1972 to create a new Cancer and Blood Diagnostic and Research Laboratory at the now Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The Susan White Perry Memorial Fund, in honor of our past National President, initiated the development of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

In recognition for the alumnae's valiant fundraising efforts, the Children's Oncology Center was named the Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic in 1987. It is because of their efforts that the Nashville Alumnae became a member of the National Tri Delta Hall of Fame in 1992. Tri Delta was influential in helping to establish the Friends of Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt to aid the Children's Hospital in fundraising, public relations and services for the patients and their families. Tri Delta Alumnae members serve on the Board of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and on the Friends Board.

Our goal is to continue this philanthropic effort, which has, to date, raised almost \$5 million for the Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in order to make greater progress in the fight against childhood cancer.

Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic **at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt** **Serving Children with Cancer**

Tri Delta Alumnae are partial to the sixth floor of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. For more than 40 years they have been passionate about raising funds and awareness to help support education, research and patient care for children receiving treatment at the Tri Delta Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

Under the leadership of Debra Friedman, M.D., this highly specialized program served more than 1,300 inpatients and provided outpatient services for an additional 22,000 last year. The program is ranked as one of the top cancer programs in the country and is the only program in middle Tennessee that is a member of National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Children's Oncology Group, offering access to cutting edge clinical trials for childhood cancer. Our hematology and oncology physicians have specialized areas of expertise and many have leadership roles in national and international consortium. We have the only pediatric cancer program in Tennessee within a freestanding Children's Hospital that includes onsite subspecialists in all areas of pediatrics and surgery, needed to care for the complex needs of children, adolescent and young adults with cancer. It is also the only program in the state that is part of an NCI designated comprehensive cancer center, the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) that treats children and adults. As a result, we also have specialized program in Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology in partnership with the VICC. In addition to the expertise in cancer, the program offers comprehensive treatment to children with blood diseases, with comprehensive nationally recognized centers in sickle cell disease and hemophilia. The emphasis is on family centered, exceptional patient care and "translational research." This research enables cancer patients to benefit from innovative therapies that are brought rapidly from the laboratory to the bedside.

Recognizing that cure for cancer is not enough, the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and the VICC partner in the REACH for Survivorship Program. The REACH (Research, Education, Advocacy, Clinical Care and Health) for Survivorship Program is Middle Tennessee's first dedicated Cancer Survivorship Clinic and the only one in the nation providing services for all survivors, regardless of age at diagnosis, type of cancer or where they received their treatment.

Children's Hospital is a non-profit facility. No child needing services is denied care on the basis of limited ability to pay. The hospital serves children from Nashville, as well as regions beyond. Last year there were nearly 15,000 inpatient visits and nearly 250,000 clinic visits at Children's Hospital. Patients underwent more than 16,000 surgeries and recorded nearly 52,000 emergency department visits.