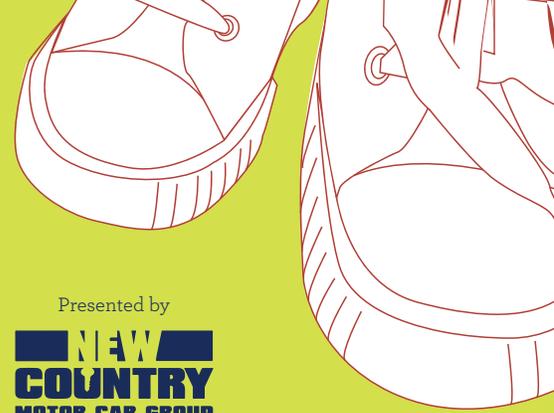


THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CANTINA Kids Fun Run!



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Supporting Children's Healthcare at Saratoga Hospital

The Cantina Kids Fun Run is an athletic event for kids age 12 and under held in beautiful Congress Park, in downtown Saratoga Springs. Since 2008, the Fun Run has brought families together to support pediatric emergency medical services at Saratoga Hospital.

Over the years, the event has raised more than \$560,000 and made a difference for every pediatric patient treated throughout the Saratoga Hospital network. In 2019, the event raised over \$70,000 and attracted over 1,000 race participants.

Each year, nearly 4,000 children received emergency care from Saratoga Hospital. Pediatric patients require special equipment, expertise, and responsiveness. The Cantina Kids Fun Run has supported each of these key areas to ensure we are ready for whatever comes through our doors.

A Dedicated Emergency Department Patient & Family Advocate

At Saratoga Hospital, we recognize a visit to the emergency room can be an overwhelming experience for families. In 2019, proceeds from the Fun Run funded the hire of a full time Emergency Department (ED) Patient & Family Advocate. With a focus on children during peak ED hours, this specialized role acts as a liaison between clinical staff and families to strengthen the lines of communication. From providing a blanket or book to a sibling, to advocating for expedited treatment, when possible, the ED Patient and Family Advocate's overall goal is to improve the patient experience, especially that of our youngest visitors and their families.



Funds raised from the Fun Run have supported past capital needs, as well as ongoing, critical training and specialized equipment for Hospital staff involved in pediatric care, including:

- On-site trauma course training and an online Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) training system with modules in emergency pediatric assessment, triage trauma, and more
- Potentially life-saving neonatal resuscitation training
- A video laryngoscope designed specifically to help open pediatric airways
- On-site education in pediatric and adolescent psychiatry
- On-site training on emerging trends in children's healthcare such as diabetes, anaphylaxis, and Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases
- Simulation training for nurses using the SimJunior™, an interactive programmable pediatric mannequin
- Enhanced training on best practices and tools to improve the experience of pediatric blood draws
- Emergency Medicine Boot Camp for ED physicians and mid-level providers
- A new infant warmer in the ED, standardizing equipment between departments
- Custom murals painted in pediatric focused emergency rooms to help reduce stress during visits