



CANTINA Kids Fun Run!

Since 2008, the Cantina Kids Fun Run has brought families together to support pediatric emergency medical services at Saratoga Hospital. Over the years, the event has raised more than \$490,000 and made a difference for every pediatric patient treated throughout the Saratoga Hospital network.

Ready to Help

Nearly **4,000** children received emergency care from Saratoga Hospital in 2018. Pediatric patients require **special equipment and expertise**, and the Cantina Kids Fun Run has assisted with both to ensure we are ready for whatever comes through our doors.

Lessening the Pain of Pediatric Blood Draws

At Saratoga Hospital, we recognize that pediatric blood draws are far from easy, for children and parents alike. In 2018, we designed **three brighter, more child-friendly patient rooms** - in the Emergency Center, at Wilton Medical Arts, and at Malta Med Emergent Care - to distract and put patients at ease. Staff involved in pediatric blood draws across the organization will receive **enhanced training** on best practices and **tools** such as quick-numbing spray, colorful tourniquets, and distraction toys to promote a better patient experience.

About the Cantina Kids Fun Run

The Cantina Kids Fun Run is an athletic event for kids up to age 12 held in beautiful Congress Park, in downtown Saratoga Springs. In 2018, the event raised a record-breaking \$80,000 and attracted over 1,000 participants, spectators, and volunteers.

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.