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Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation Helps Kick Off Wawa Week with The Goldbergs

Mountainside, NJ— On Friday, April 16th, representatives from Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) Foundation took a step back into the 80's with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) partner Wawa on their 57th anniversary to kick off Wawa Week with The Goldbergs.

In attendance was 2021 New Jersey CMNH Champion and CSH patient, Leah Hansen, who took part in pouring the ceremonial cup of coffee and was presented a check to CMNH for \$100,000.

A portion of proceeds from cups of coffee bought on April 16th and "The Goldbergs" Garlic Cheesy Chicken Parm Hoagie purchased during Wawa Week will benefit Children's Miracle Network hospitals up to \$100,000.

"Wawa has been a devoted partner of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals since 2014, when the Wawa Foundation was founded," said CMN Hospitals Program Officer at CSH, Kayla Pagnani. "Through an annual register campaign, Wawa has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local CMN Hospital, Children's Specialized Hospital, to support vital treatments for our patients. CSH was also a recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the Wawa Foundation to support emergency transport vehicles. We are blown away by the compassion and dedication of our friends at Wawa and are always so grateful for their support!"

Wawa is a regular presence in the ABC comedy series, "The Goldbergs," which is set in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Throughout the week Wawa stores will have '80s music, video clips from "The Goldbergs" and fuel pumps decorated with scenes from the show.

Every Wawa Day, Wawa and The Wawa Foundation demonstrate their commitment to building stronger communities by thanking customers, donating funds and celebrating another year of bringing local friends and neighbors together.

About Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation

When you give to Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) Foundation, 100% of your donation supports the programs and services of CSH that are transforming the lives of children with special healthcare needs. The CSH Foundation receives philanthropic support from those who share our mission and commitment to ensuring that all children with special healthcare needs receive the life-changing care they need to reach their full potential. To help or learn more, visit www.childrens-specialized.org/donate.

About Children's Specialized Hospital

Children's Specialized Hospital, an RWJBarnabas Health Facility, is the nation's leading provider of inpatient and outpatient care for children and young adults from birth to 21 years of age facing special healthcare challenges – from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to a full scope of developmental, behavioral, and mental health concerns.. At 14 different New Jersey locations, our pediatric specialists partner with families to make our many innovative therapies and medical treatments more personalized and effective so each child can reach their full potential. For more information, visit rwjbh.org/childrensspecialized or follow us on Facebook, Linked In, Instagram and Twitter.

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