

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

*Friends of Akron Children's Hospital*



A model of constant, tireless service, the Friends of Akron Children's Hospital is an auxiliary organization that encourages women to become involved in the community and volunteer their time to Akron Children's Hospital.

Established in 1955, the purpose of the Friends is to advance the welfare of Akron Children's Hospital through service to the hospital. The Friends initiated the Harness Race Rally in 1962, and it remains their largest annual fundraising event. 2011 marks the Harness Race Rally's 50th anniversary, which has raised more than \$3 million for patient care programs at Akron Children's.

Additionally, the Friends of Akron Children's Hospital created "Pinkie the Puppet" in 1956. This program ensures that patients 12 years and younger receive a hand puppet upon their admission to the hospital. The puppets are meant to ease their fears and provide entertainment during their stay.

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