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## **Kugelman Family Foundation Donates Quarter-Million Dollars to Children's Hospital**

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** – Construction of the new Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart took a big leap forward today, thanks to a quarter-million dollar donation from the Kugelman Family Foundation.

The Kugelman Family Foundation has given \$250,000 towards the [new four-story children's hospital](#) on Sacred Heart's Pensacola campus. To recognize the support and ongoing relationship, Sacred Heart will recognize the Kugelman Family Foundation on the gift shop of the new Children's Hospital. Sacred Heart is part of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system.

Sacred Heart recognized the Kugelman family today in a ceremony at The Children's Hospital. Matriarch Jane Kugelman, age 91, and her late husband, Jack, have four daughters, eight grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. This most recent gift was given in honor of Jack, who according to Jane, believed strongly in "helping a vast array of people be better off."

"If you've led a fulfilled life and you're fortunate, you give to someone else," said Jane Kugelman. "I want our family to be a part of the future of Sacred Heart. This Children's Hospital will have a positive impact on the lives of many children and their families across our region for years to come."

A long-time supporter of Sacred Heart, the Kugelman Family Foundation gifted The Children's Hospital with its first [pediatric critical care transport unit](#). This specially equipped vehicle is used to bring critically ill and injured babies and children from across the Gulf Coast to The Children's Hospital for lifesaving care. Jane and Jack's granddaughter Jane Lauter also serves on the board of directors for the Sacred Heart Foundation.

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is the region's only children's hospital, serving families across Northwest Florida, South Alabama and South Georgia. [Construction](#) of the new four-story children's hospital is expected to be complete in spring 2019. The new children's hospital will increase access to specialized pediatric and maternity care and consolidate inpatient pediatric services in one convenient location. The new children's hospital will include a pediatric emergency department and trauma center, pediatric procedure rooms, 72-bed neonatal intensive care unit, medical/surgical beds, pediatric imaging department, pediatric satellite pharmacy, pediatric inpatient rehabilitation gym, child life playrooms, outdoor gardens and a new family-friendly dining venue.

"We are honored to have the support of the Kugelmans as we progress towards the final phase of construction of the new Children's Hospital," said Carol Carlan, president of the Sacred Heart Foundation. "The Kugelmans have been friends to Sacred Heart for many years. Their generosity has touched the lives of thousands across the Gulf Coast. Incorporating the Kugelmans into the new children's hospital will ensure their legacy lives on for many more generations to come."

Together, Sacred Heart and Ascension have committed \$55 million towards construction of the new children's hospital, and Sacred Heart has raised \$23 million of the \$30 million needed from community supporters in order to complete all phases of the expansion. To make a donation towards the new Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, call the Sacred Heart Foundation at (850) 416-4660 or visit [givesacredheart.com](http://givesacredheart.com).

[The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart](#) is a 117-bed facility that offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child's medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to pediatric intensive care, cancer care, rehabilitation and a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 30 pediatric specialties. The Children's Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents' ability to pay. For more information, visit [studerfamilychildrenshospital.com](http://studerfamilychildrenshospital.com).

### **About Sacred Heart Health System**

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health based in Pensacola and St. Vincent's HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Together, Ascension operates seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care, and they employ nearly 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent's have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension ([www.ascension.org](http://www.ascension.org)) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 165,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension's Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 153 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit [www.sacred-heart.org](http://www.sacred-heart.org).

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