



Dear Friends of Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland,

We are enthusiastically looking forward to the Fourth Annual "Chase the Blues" music and dance party, planned for April 29, 2006. After a hugely successful event this past April, at which you raised more than \$140,000 (with expenses of only \$5000) the hospital eagerly anticipates your next event in support of our Emergency and Trauma Services!

We at Children's Hospital Foundation heartily endorse your efforts and we encourage individuals and businesses in the Bay Area community to contribute sponsorship funds, services, and auction/raffle prizes. We will acknowledge all gifts in a format acceptable for tax purposes. Our tax ID # is 94-1657474.

Dr. Mary Rutherford, Director of Children's Emergency Department explains, "the *Chase the Blues* donation helps us go beyond necessities and stay on the cutting edge."

Dr. James Crawford, Director of Children's Center for Child Protection, says:

"I've had the privilege of working with many excellent ED physicians and nurses at a number of wonderful pediatric hospitals. None are better, or provide a higher level of care, than the ED and Trauma physicians and nurses I work with daily at Children's Hospital Oakland. I am very grateful that the *Chase the Blues* donation helps to ensure that the kids in our community continue to have access to this superb level of care."

We are proud of being home to Northern California's only pediatric emergency department and designated pediatric trauma center: In fact, Children's features the largest and most modern pediatric emergency department west of Denver.

As the medical safety net for East Bay children, Children's provides millions of dollars each year in uncompensated care. At the same time, the hospital provides incomparable excellence and expertise in pediatrics to all children, from kids with no insurance to those who could afford to send their children anywhere for the best healthcare.

Again, thank you to all committee members and best of luck on your efforts!

Sincerely,

Cathy Meyer
Children's Hospital & Research Center Foundation