The **Children’s Health Council (CHC)** is a group of passionate families and individuals who have dedicated philanthropic support to pediatric research, care and medical training at Weill Cornell Medicine. WCM CHC members make gifts to an area of interest, or they choose to support the Children’s Health Investigators Fund.

Through the Children’s Health Investigators Fund, the CHC “adopts” scientists at the beginning of their careers and provides funding so they can establish the preliminary research results required to qualify for substantial grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Since its inception in 2014, the Council has raised over $12 million for pediatric health research.

**Membership Opportunities**

- **Attend Virtual Panels**: WCM pediatric physicians and researchers discuss timely children’s health issues.
- **Experience Family Science Day**: WCM graduate students lead hands-on science experiments in a fun-filled virtual event for the whole family.
- **Enjoy virtual receptions and discovery talks** with fellow members.
- **Connect with a WCM development officer** to navigate the medical center.
- **Take virtual tours of Weill Cornell Medicine laboratories** and discuss pediatric research and medicine with physicians and scientists.
- **Adopt a researcher**: Follow a physician-scientist through his or her career as he or she pioneers discoveries at WCM.

“The Council is composed of incredible people. It’s truly a group for everyone who shares a common purpose: improving the lives of children.”

— Mara Feil, CHC Vice Chair
Join Us

Children’s Health Council membership requires a minimum gift of $10,000. Members may allocate their gifts to any fund that benefits pediatric research.

For more information, please visit give.weill.cornell.edu/chc. To make a gift, please contact chc@med.cornell.edu or 646.962.9566.

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2021-2022 Important Events

Fall/Winter
New Member Welcome Gatherings
Navigating COVID-19 Vaccines for Kids with Dr. Sallie Permar
All-Member Gathering

Spring/Summer
Discovery Talk for New Parents
Lab Tour with a Pediatric Physician-Scientist
All-Member Meeting

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