



Children's Health Council



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. 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 **more than \$18 million** for pediatric health research.

Membership Opportunities

- **Attend Discovery Speaker Panels:** Weill Cornell Medicine pediatric physicians and researchers discuss timely children's health issues.
- **Support pediatric researchers** through the Children's Health Investigators Fund, which provides early-career investigators with the resources to turn world-class research into world-class care for our youngest patients.
- Connect with a **designated Weill Cornell Medicine development officer** to help navigate the medical center.
- **Take behind-the-scenes tours** of Weill Cornell Medicine laboratories and discuss pediatric research and medicine with physicians and scientists.
- **Adopt a researcher:** Follow a physician-scientist through their career as they pioneer discoveries at Weill Cornell Medicine.
- **Connect with a warm community of families** who are passionate about supporting pediatric medical research.



"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 Executive Committee member

Children's Health Investigators Fund

Every year the Children's Health Council awards seed money to support three projects, providing early-career investigators with the resources needed to establish preliminary research results essential to qualify for substantial grants from the NIH. Examples of research projects that CHIF donors have made possible include:

- An app-based treatment for youth with depression and anxiety completed its first randomized study. This app, "Maya," makes high-quality cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) easily accessible to children in need.



- The development of early-intervention strategies to prevent asthma in high-risk children, based on a study illustrating how mouse exposure in city schools increases the prevalence of asthma symptoms.
- Research investigating the increased risk of developing autism spectrum disorder (ASD) after exposure to maternal antidepressants.

Join Us

A Children's Health Council membership nomination requires a minimum gift of \$10,000 toward children's health care, education and research. A minimum gift of \$25,000 toward the same initiatives is required for a nomination to the Council's Executive Committee and involvement in leadership opportunities.

For more information, please visit give.weill.cornell.edu/chc.
To make a gift, please contact chc@med.cornell.edu or 917.242.0865.

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