

BBCH 20th Anniversary

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

BBCH celebrates 20 Years of Healthier Kids

Maine Medical Center of Maine. Creating a children's hospital was always taken pride in our ability to provide world-class care close to home. Two decades ago, we saw an opportunity to bring this

the right thing to do.

Twenty years have passed since the founding of The Barbara Bush Children's

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— MMC President and CEO Rich Petersen

standard to one of our most vulnerable populations — the children Hospital (BBCH) at Maine Medical Center, and we couldn't be more



Former First Lady Barbara Bush shares a photo with nurses at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in 2014. Mrs. Bush visits each year to read books to patients and meet with families. She also brings along her dog, pictured in the front row, for the kids to play with.

proud of what we've built. of President and Mrs. George H. W. Bush, the

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New PICU offers Best Environment for Kids

While every medical interaction brings unique considerations, situations that require critical care for children often carry more emotion and a greater need for specialized services.

Recognizing the needs of this group of patients, MMC is pleased to announce the opening of a brand new pediatric intensive care unit (PICU).



Each PICU patient room is private and spacious enough for families to stay with their child.

The new PICU, relocated from the ground floor to the BBCH inpatient unit, is one of the most sophisticated facilities for pediatric critical care in the northeast, featuring the latest in design and technology. Patients and families benefit from the eight single-bed private rooms, which allow family members to stay with children and provide constant family support.

As the only children's hospital in Maine, BBCH brings a high level of intensive care to more than 450 critically ill children each year. Our doctors and nurses, on-site or on-call 24 hours a day, are specially trained in pediatric critical care medicine so they can provide the advanced treatments and therapies our youngest, most vulnerable patients need.

Patient Stories



Former First Lady Barbara Bush, left, with Nick Burton, right. Nick's parents were very proud their son was chosen to be in the photo, which now hangs at the entrance of the BBCH inpatient unit.

Nick Burton, 22

Diagnosed with Hirschprung's (missing nerve cells in the muscles in the colon) at age 5.

Nick spent many days and nights at BBCH. His mom remembers his stay well and says the best part about the hospital is the staff. "We can still remember the times that the nurses took Nick to the game room and did crafts with him. They did this in coordination with the medical treatments to alleviate the pain and discomfort he was going through."

Nick was selected to be a Children's Miracle Network Champion in 1999.



Nick is now studying to become a meteorologist and has no complications with his disease.

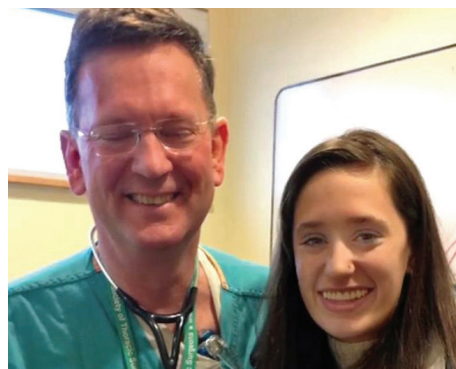


Meghan as a baby with Nurse Kathy Bennett (L), who still works in the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit, and Nurse Sue Charles (R).

Meghan Snow, 19

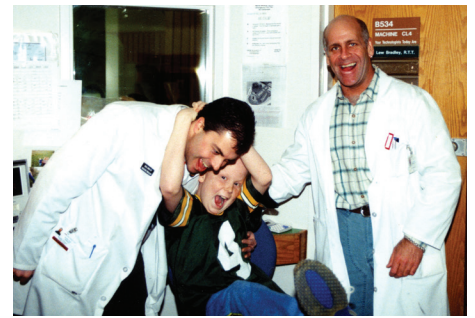
Diagnosed with Truncus Arteriosus (congenital heart disease) at a few days old.

Meghan had two open-heart surgeries performed by Dr. Reed Quinn before she was two weeks old. She was then diagnosed with lung disease, which required a third surgery. Her health care is ongoing, and she sees Dr. Mary Hourihan every six months. Meghan says Dr. Quinn is



Dr. Reed Quinn with Meghan.

her hero and savior; he and the staff have always been helpful, listened to her needs, and are so caring and compassionate. Meghan is now a sophomore at UMaine Farmington.



Radiation Therapist Bradley Owen (L), Nick Calvert (C), and Radiation Therapy Technologist Lew Bradley (R) at BBCH in 1998.

Nick Calvert, 29

Diagnosed with primitive neuroectodermal tumor (brain cancer) at age 10.

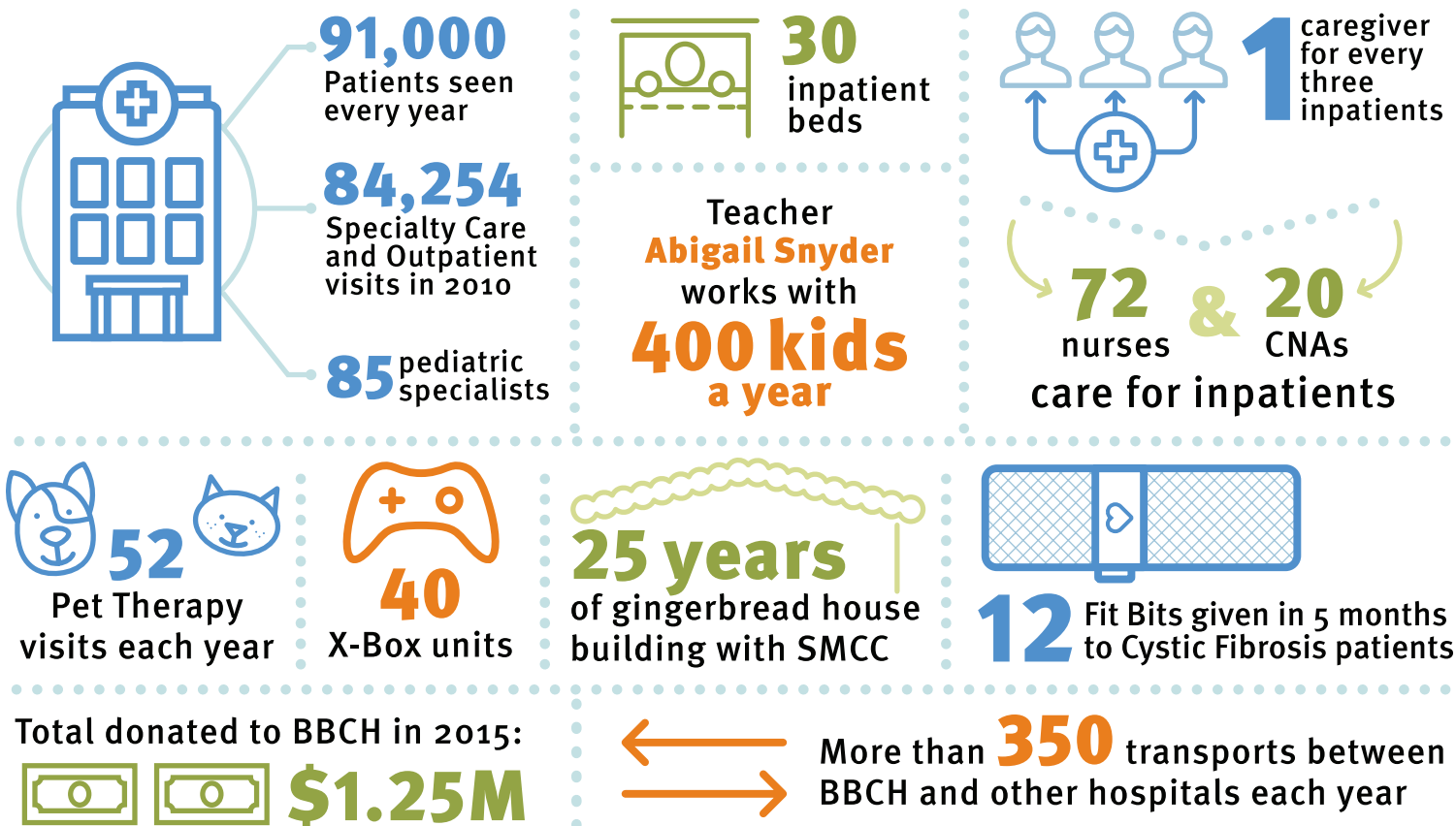
Nick spent two years in and out of the BBCH inpatient unit. He remembers when staff threw a New Year's Eve party for him, and a nurse did cartwheels down the hall when he was discharged. "The nurses and doctors were phenomenal," Nick says. "They made you laugh and were there for you. They made you feel like you weren't a sick person."



Nick's wife, Ashley, and Nick, with their twin boys Blake and Tucker.

Nick returned to BBCH in 2015, when he and his wife welcomed their twin boys. The family spent time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Continuing Care Nursery (CCN). The twins are now five months old and doing well.

BBCH By the Numbers



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expertise and dedication of countless caregivers, and the support of the communities we serve, BBCH is providing the best pediatric care anywhere in northern New England.

and CEO Rich Petersen. “Caring for children is an enormous responsibility — one that every employee takes incredibly seriously. Their commitment is evident in

When MMC began this journey, it was clear that Mrs. Bush, a well-known advocate for literacy and the well-being of young people and part-time Maine resident, was someone who could help lead the way.

Mrs. Bush echoed these sentiments during an interview at MMC in 2013.

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every interaction they have with our youngest patients and their families.”

It takes a great deal of support to start a children’s hospital.

“I’ve always been inspired by Mrs. Bush and the deep pride she has in the hospital that bears her name,” says Susan Doliner, MMC’s Vice President of Philanthropy. “She counts the children’s hospital among her deepest passions and has said time and again that Maine children need and deserve the best care possible, and they will find it here.”

“For me, the very best thing to happen was the great honor you gave me when you put my name on your children’s hospital,” she says. “Now, I know it’s not my hospital. It’s ours. You make each patient and member of the family feel comforted that they are in such loving, caring hands.”

Please enjoy this special issue of *What’s Happening* to learn more about what makes BBCH so special for the children, families, and communities we serve.

Staff Memories



“The first year I worked on the unit Mrs. Bush visited for the first time. She was introducing the Raising Readers Program. Employees on the unit with young children were invited to bring their kids. I was the lucky one and was able to bring my 5-year-old Son Trevor to accept a book from Mrs. Bush. Trevor is now 20 and in college at UMO!”

— **Alice Burrows**

Child Life Specialist for 27 years

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“We moved up here (the BBCH Inpatient Unit) and it was great to have room for families to stay with the children. This showed pediatrics was all about family centered care and the importance of families being together.”

— **Therese Qualey, R.N.**

Pediatrics for 37 years

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“What a difference the move to BBCH made for our patients who often have to spend several weeks in the hospital at a time; to have all private rooms with space for parents to spend the night and a classroom on the unit for them to keep up with school work.”

— **Mary Ellen Corrigan, R.N.**

PNP-C for 31 years

A Look Back



Maine General Hospital Verrill Ward for Children, 1927



Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization, 1951



Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, 1977