



**CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL**

November 18, 2016

Dear Friends:

On Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, Robbie Rabb and Allen Catoire will host the 11th Annual Italian American Fishing Rodeo at Breton Sound Marina in Hopedale to benefit Children's Hospital.

2016 was a great year for the Italian American Fishing Rodeo, as the event raised \$23,000 to help us continue our efforts to provide the best possible care for the children of Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Since its inception, this extraordinary event has raised \$114,000 for our hospital and has played an important role in helping us maintain our pledge to never turn away a child who needs the care we provide. This year's tournament will help fund a very important project. Thousands of families from throughout Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast bring their children to our hospital for the highest quality healthcare we offer. If a child is in the hospital for a prolonged period of time, paying for a hotel room is out reach for many families and the Ronald McDonald House is nearly six miles away. Many families don't want to be that far from their gravely ill children. Our hospital will soon begin renovation of two buildings on our State Street Campus to provide 28 rooms, with each housing 2-4 people, for patient families. Each building will have a large common area and free laundry facilities. Most importantly, families will be housed in comfortable and very modestly priced surroundings just a short walk from their child's room.

I hope that when Robbie or Allen or one of their committee members contacts you to ask for your support of the Italian American Fishing Rodeo, you will give that request careful consideration. Thanks so much for any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Gorman".

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