



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

January 9, 2018

Dear Friends:

Children's Hospital is proud to announce that the 12th Annual Italian American Fishing Rodeo will be held on May 18th & 19th at Hopedale Marina. The Rodeo is an important fundraiser for our hospital and I hope we can count on your support this year. Last year, the event raised \$25,400 to help our efforts to provide the best possible care for children.

As the only not-for-profit pediatric medical center in Southeast Louisiana that offers a comprehensive range of healthcare services for children from birth to 21 years of age, Children's Hospital is dedicated to caring for Louisiana's youngest and most vulnerable; however, we cannot do it without the support of fundraisers like the Italian American Fishing Rodeo which has raised nearly \$140,000 for Children's Hospital since 2007. These funds help our hospital carry out our mission which is to care for every child in need of the services we provide no matter the family's ability to pay, to stay on the forefront of pediatric medical advancements and to carry out life-saving research projects.

Last year, Children's Hospital served nearly 160,000 patients from 62 of the 64 parishes in Louisiana, 39 states and two foreign countries. This year, we are on track to serve an even greater number of children and their families. Your support is critical in helping us continue to provide every child treated at Children's Hospital with the same level of expert medical care that they deserve.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter and hope you know how important your support will be to this most crucial fundraiser.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynnsey T. Belsome".

Lynnsey T. Belsome
Director of Donor Relations & Stewardship

