

Mission

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of our founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.

Vision

Our vision is to be the world leader in advancing the treatment and prevention of catastrophic diseases in children. This vision will be pursued by providing outstanding patient care; by conducting basic, translational and clinical research designed to elucidate biological mechanisms, understand disease pathogenesis, improve diagnosis, enhance treatment outcome, prevent diseases and minimize adverse consequences of treatment; and by educating health care and scientific research professionals. Through these efforts we seek to cure and enhance the quality of life for an increasing proportion of children who come to us for treatment, and by expanding and sharing knowledge, to advance treatment of children with catastrophic diseases world-wide, while developing strategies to prevent catastrophic diseases in children.

ALSAC

The American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC) is the financial backbone of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Founded in 1957 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, ALSAC was originally composed of volunteers representing Danny's own Arabic heritage. The universal appeal of the hospital's lifesaving mission soon brought Americans from all faiths and ethnic backgrounds into ALSAC's fund-raising activities. ALSAC and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are separate corporations with separate governing bodies. The same volunteers, however, constitute both the Board of Directors of ALSAC and the St. Jude Board of Governors. This arrangement allows the professional staffs of both organizations to focus totally on their areas of expertise: the hospital's physicians, scientists, and staff on research and patient care, and ALSAC on obtaining financial support for the continued operation of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and for its efforts to cure catastrophic diseases of childhood. In this way, it continues to fulfill the vision that motivated Danny Thomas: that no child should die in the dawn of life.