

Promoting Smart Legislation

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED THIS SESSION

With the start of a new year comes the opportunity to continue working together to provide Minnesota's medically complex kiddos with high-quality home health care.

During the 2015 legislative session our government relations advocate, Bill Amberg, will be ensuring patients with medical needs have a voice at the capitol – but there are opportunities for families and caregivers to reach out to their legislators as well.

So what can you do?

EMAIL: Send emails to your Minnesota State Senator and Representative.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Share legislative updates from us with your friends on Facebook or your followers on Twitter or share the message on your representative's page.

MAIL: Send a letter to your Minnesota State Senator and Representative.

TESTIMONIAL: Share your story with PHS to be featured in support of these priorities. Call, email, or reach out on Twitter or Facebook to PHS and we will help tell your story.

Find your legislators and text for communications at:
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Thriving at Home

ONE VENTRICLE, PLENTY OF HEART



Cover Story

When Elsa was born with several heart defects including tricuspid atresia (meaning she has a single ventricle rather

than two), she spent months in the hospital before coming home with PHS, initially needing oxygen, vest treatments, nebulizers, and regular assessments.

But after an extended stay in the hospital at the beginning of last year, Elsa was ready to come home again – this time with a trach and ventilator.

“Transitioning home this time was a whole new ball game,” remembers Sara, Elsa’s mom. “We had machines, equipment I hadn’t used before, an entire house of supplies. But knowing someone was going to help us through that transition was huge.”

Today, Elsa fills her days scooting around her home, playing peek-a-boo, and working on getting strong enough for a future heart surgery.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/plenty-of-heart

25 Years of Thriving

A LOOK AT HOW OUR COMPANY HAS (AND HASN'T) CHANGED SINCE OPENING ITS DOORS IN 1990

1990

PHS opens its doors with 6 employees



1996

Services expand to begin offering infusion therapy



1997

Offices move to 2800 Cleveland Avenue in Roseville, MN



2008

Sharing Care is created to support the community



2007

The STAR® campaign begins, improving patient safety



2004

New education dept. formalizes training & instruction offered



2011

Home care nursing offered for round-the-clock care



2012

Susan Wingert retires, Mark Hamman takes the lead as President



2015



Message from Our Medical Director

25 YEARS OF VENT TECHNOLOGY

When PHS opened to care for pediatric respiratory patients in 1990, hospital ventilators had to be adapted to function for infants and lacked the ability to be set up based on the individual child rather than a standard setting.

Additionally, equipment was cumbersome and designed to work within hospital intensive care units, making transitions home more difficult.

Over the last 25 years, major improvements have been made to ventilators, allowing them to recognize a patient’s individual respiratory effort and increasing battery life. PHS has been at the forefront of indoctrination, and will continue this effort.

Read more:

PediatricHomeService.com/blog/25-years-equipment

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