Riley Children’s Foundation has led the way to secure the health and well-being of children everywhere and preserve James Whitcomb Riley’s legacy for more than 85 years by supporting three prominent Indiana organizations.

Riley Hospital for Children

Families from all 92 Indiana counties turn to Indiana’s only nationally ranked, comprehensive children’s hospital and its regional clinics more than 230,000 times each year. Riley Hospital’s partnership with IU Health and strong affiliation with the Indiana University School of Medicine make it the leader in pediatric care and research in the state and region.

Camp Riley

Youth with physical disabilities shatter perceived limitations and meet new friends through Camp Riley, empowering them to return home with increased independence and confidence.

James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home

We proudly honor James Whitcomb Riley’s legacy by preserving the nation’s only publicly accessible late-Victorian home.

Riley Children’s Foundation is committed to improving the health and well-being of children everywhere through philanthropic leadership in support of Riley Hospital for Children and its research programs. We fulfill our mission by funding the highest level of clinical care, breakthrough pediatric research and cutting-edge facilities at Riley Hospital. Our efforts are only possible through contributions.
HOPE PARKER
Greenwood, Ind.

In the most basic terms, Hope Parker of Greenwood was born with half a heart. She was diagnosed before birth with hypoplastic left heart syndrome—a condition where one ventricle fails to develop properly. Her parents, Andy and Jennifer Parker, investigated heart teams throughout the country. They concluded that the best possible place for Hope was Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health—the same place where three of their other children had previously received treatment.

Hope was only one week old when Riley heart surgeon Mark Turrentine, M.D., performed the first of four open-heart surgeries to save her life. Hope was placed on Riley’s ECMO infant life support system for three days. When she finally released from Riley, her parents created a makeshift intensive care unit in their home with an oxygen tank and 24-hour nursing care.

During the next five years Hope had a total of 17 surgeries, and faced countless unusual twists and turns. A stroke after an operation left Hope unable to speak, so she communicates through hand signs and sounds. She is still fed through a g-tube. But her family is grateful for every day they get to enjoy Hope’s radiant smile and joyful laugh. “We are confident that if it weren’t for the exemplary care that she has received at Riley, she wouldn’t be with us today,” says Jennifer. “Hope does happen at Riley. Our daughter is living proof.”