

# Pediatric Council: Champions for Children



**HSS**



**Lerner Children's  
Pavilion**

## A legacy of expert, compassionate care for children.

Hospital for Special Surgery, the world's leading academic specialty medical center devoted exclusively to orthopedics and rheumatology, has been committed to the treatment and rehabilitation of children since its founding as a children's hospital in 1863. In 2012, HSS opened the Lerner Children's Pavilion, a state-of-the-art "hospital within a hospital" that has become the go-to center for families from across the globe seeking the world's top pediatric specialists.

Today, our resolve to provide the best care for children is stronger than ever, thanks to our team of pediatric clinicians, who are devoted to performing, researching, and teaching the latest and safest techniques and treatments for pediatric musculoskeletal conditions, including:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Foot and Ankle Disorders
- Fracture and Trauma
- Hip Disorders
- Limb Deformity/Length Discrepancy
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta (brittle bone disease)
- Skeletal Dysplasia
- Spine Disorder/Scoliosis
- Sports Medicine

## The Pediatric Council was established to advance the mission of the Lerner Children's Pavilion at HSS.

Composed of a core group of volunteers willing to champion pediatrics at HSS, members join us from a cross-section of industries including finance, medicine, marketing, public relations, and child development.

### HSS Pediatric Council Co-Chairs



**Monica Keany**  
HSS Trustee

**Lara Lerner**  
HSS Trustee

**Roger F. Widmann, MD**  
Chief, Pediatric  
Orthopaedic Surgery

## Why join?

Members make a real impact on the mission of the Lerner Children's Pavilion at HSS through their involvement with the Pediatric Council.

At meetings – held twice per year – the Council receives behind-the-scenes updates on exciting initiatives underway in the Lerner Children's Pavilion. Members have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in lively discussions with doctors and other committed volunteers with a shared interest in pediatric musculoskeletal health. They are invited to insider HSS events and are recognized on the HSS website and in the Annual Report.

The Pediatric Council is the driving force for HSS's annual Benefit for Pediatrics, which provides critical funds for access to care for disadvantaged children, life-changing pediatric research, and a warm and supportive environment for children and families. Since 2007, the event has raised over \$5 million dollars to directly impact children facing devastating musculoskeletal injuries and diseases.



## What is expected of members?

- Serve as an ambassador of HSS and the Lerner Children's Pavilion
- Support the priorities of the Lerner Children's Pavilion and its philanthropic initiatives, including an annual gift of \$10,000 from all members
- Raise awareness of the Lerner Children's Pavilion and its philanthropic initiatives by hosting events, engaging new networks, and fostering appropriate partnerships
- Attend bi-annual Council meetings to remain informed
- Partner with HSS staff on key projects as needed
- Actively participate in one or more sub-committees (including Fundraising, Raising Awareness, and Patient Experience), working groups that convene as needs arise, offering strategic advice and taking on projects to support the Lerner Children's Pavilion

If you are interested in joining or for more information about the HSS Pediatric Council, please contact

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