

Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation Iroquois Steeplechase Fund

The Volunteer Horsemen's Foundation Iroquois Steeplechase Fund was established in 2013 by the Volunteer State's Horsemen's Foundation to support critical research addressing pressing childhood diseases and/or priority needs as determined by the chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. The donor recognizes that innovative research allows physicians to not only to respond to critical illnesses but also detect them at the earliest possible stages. The fund honors the long-standing partnership between the foundation and the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and its continuing commitment to improve the health of children.

- During the 2022–2023 academic year, the Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation Iroquois Steeplechase Fund supported the Department of Pediatrics' Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR), which provides expert support to faculty principal investigators during all phases of research.
- The CCTR team offers support across many sub-specialties and currently provides ongoing assistance on numerous clinical trials through support services such as study start-up and close-out, IRB and other regulatory compliance aspects, budgeting and contracting, scheduling and conduct of research patient encounters, research data entry, and biospecimen handling. The mission statement of the CCTR is:

"The mission of the Center for Clinical and Translational Research is to support all aspects of the child health research endeavors of the faculty and fellows of the Department of Pediatrics with an emphasis on the principles of Good Clinical Practice and at all times prioritizing the well-being of our young research participants and their families."



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- The Department of Pediatrics thanks you for continuing to generously support the Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation Iroquois Steeplechase Fund, which allows us to provide the CCTR team with the resources necessary to provide exemplary assistance to faculty research. The CCTR team are essential partners in the latest breakthroughs in innovation and discovery as we strive to provide the best care and most cutting-edge research for our patients and their families.

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