

# Founders Society Reception

A record crowd of the Hospital's most dedicated supporters gathered recently at the 2008 Founders Society Reception. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Colket Lobby of the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Pediatric Research Center. Steven M. Altschuler, M.D., president and chief executive officer, thanked everyone for their commitment to children's health and their dedication to Children's Hospital.

In addition, guests were inspired by the story of the Martin family and their daughter's experience as a patient. Samantha was recently treated at the Cardiac Center for a congenital heart defect. Tracy Martin, Samantha's mother, gave the audience a real sense of what it is like to be at CHOP as a family — from sorrow to overwhelming joy and gratitude.

Attendees were then treated to an inside look at exciting new spaces throughout the Hospital with Mark Donaldson, director of Facilities Projects. Many of the guests enjoyed a close-up tour of the Cardiac Center, the Cancer Center and the new Garbose Family Special Delivery Unit.



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of Children's Hospital 



The Founders Society has nearly 1,500 members and continues to grow. The Society includes individuals, corporations and foundations whose yearly commitment to Children's Hospital totals \$1,000 or more. If you would like more information about the Society, please contact Mary Cooney, director of Annual Giving, at 267-426-6468 or [cooney@email.chop.edu](mailto:cooney@email.chop.edu).

*Top: Tracy and Greg Martin with their daughters Samantha, Alyssa and Rebecca. The Martin family shared their inspiring story with guests. Samantha was a patient at the Cardiac Center.*

*Left: Jim Digan, left, executive vice president and chief development officer, and Madeline Bell, right, executive vice president and chief operating officer, with Founders Society members Louis and Amelia Canuso.*

*Below: Founder's Society members Lemuel and Joanne Woodson at the reception with Bill Gross, planned giving officer for the Children's Hospital Foundation.*

