WELCOME TO WINEFEST NO. 26 — A TOAST TO CHILDREN’S HEALTH!

We are thrilled to welcome you on behalf of M Health Fairview Masonic Children’s Hospital, the Department of Pediatrics, and the University of Minnesota Foundation.

Our first encounter with these organizations happened at WineFest more than a decade ago. Likely drawn by the wine and food, we were astonished to learn about the innovative research and world-class pediatric care happening right in our own backyard.

That’s all it took — soon Pete was serving on and then chairing the Masonic Children’s Hospital Philanthropic Board, and Mary Sue was volunteering for and then cochairing FashionFest, another fundraising event that supports programs and services for patients at Masonic Children’s Hospital.

Over the years, we’ve continued to volunteer, watching in awe as physician-scientists have transformed previously life-altering diagnoses for children into treatable illnesses. The Department of Pediatrics is making real progress, treating diseases like epidermolysis bullosa, Fanconi anemia, leukodystrophies and cystic fibrosis. Patients are growing up and going on to lead full, happy lives—absolutely incredible. Over and over, we see children and families find hope, driven by research, at Masonic Children’s Hospital.

Meanwhile, the need for more pediatric research remains great! Please know that any donation you make is thoroughly appreciated, and each dollar is leveraged for investments in ground breaking research. Who knows what treatments, technologies, and perhaps even cures our dollars will lead to in the future? We do know, however, that our gifts will change lives and outcomes for children here in Minnesota and around the world.

Finally, thank you to the countless individuals working day and night to create a spectacular WineFest No. 26. You know who you are, and we’re profoundly grateful.

Cheers!

Mary Sue & Pete Vorbrich
Chairs, WineFest No. 26 — A Toast to Children’s Health