Every child deserves the opportunity to feel healthy, happy and supported.

Through patient and family assistance, the love of furry friends, and the magic of donor human milk, Rocky Mountain Children’s Health Foundation supports families and children when they need it most. Because communities are stronger when their families are healthy.

Thanks to your support, we provided critical support to thousands of families in 2022. Here’s a look at our year of impact:

- **10,343 families** received critical financial support through our Patients & Family Assistance program, including housing, food, and transportation.
- **1,129 support interactions** between our facility dog at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, Posey, and the children in their care.
- **11 children** were matched with loving companion dogs through The Stink Bug Project.
- **686,282 ounces** of donor human milk were distributed to hospitals and newborns across the country.
- **1,142 milk donors** donated their milk to support babies who needed it most.
Supporting families how and when they need it most

PATIENT & FAMILY ASSISTANCE

When a child is ill or injured, financial costs can become overwhelming, especially when added to the emotional stress families experience. Through our Patient & Family Assistance program, we provide comprehensive, tailored financial support to help families cope with these challenges. In 2022, this program supported over 10,000 families with critical needs, from rent and mortgages to gas and grocery cards to travel to and from the hospital.

MOTHERS’ MILK BANK

In 2022, our Mothers’ Milk Bank program stepped up in a powerful way when families became overwhelmed by a nationwide formula shortage. Through a unique partnership with the State of Colorado, Mothers’ Milk Bank was able to provide donor human milk to Colorado families at a time when many had no other options for feeding their babies. Throughout the year, Mothers’ Milk Bank distributed over 686,000 ounces of donor human milk to hospitals, neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), and outpatient families.

THE STINK BUG PROJECT

The Stink Bug Project harnesses the incredible healing power animals provide by matching loving companion dogs with children facing difficult medical conditions. Our dogs are all trained through the Prison-Trained K9 Companion Program, making them particularly well suited for the families we serve. To date, the program has matched nearly 150 dogs with children and families in need of their loving support.

BABY CAFÉ

As part of our commitment to supporting successful lactation, we offer a welcoming and cozy space where parents can gather weekly to receive free support from a lactation specialist. Posey works with Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children’s Child Life team to offer comfort to children in the hospital, helping the team build fast rapport, increasing compliance, improving outcomes, and decreasing stress and anxiety.

In 2022, Posey had over 1,100 interactions with children, families, and hospital staff, ranging from emotional support to procedure demonstrations to mobility support and more.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As a response to the overwhelming challenges that families experienced during the past couple of years, we resolved to provide “Hope for the Holidays” to nine families. When a child is facing medical challenges, it often makes holidays particularly difficult. This special program offered meaningful support to make the holiday season feel special again, including gifts for the entire family, assistance with rent or mortgage payments or other bills, food, groceries, and an engaging family experience.

PAWS FOR RMHC

Being in the hospital can be really stressful, especially for a child. That’s where Posey and our PAWS for RMHC program come into play. Posey works with Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children’s Child Life team to offer comfort to children in the hospital, helping the team build fast rapport, increasing compliance, improving outcomes, and decreasing stress and anxiety.

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Revenue from our social enterprise, Mothers’ Milk Bank, funds operating costs for our organization as a whole. Because of this, donor contributions directly support the pediatric patients and families we serve.

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