



The Will King Foundation was established in 2018 in honor of our son, Will King Hughes. Will and his twin sister, Caroline, contracted a virus as newborns, causing them to spend time in the Pediatric ICU at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. Will received excellent care during his time in the hospital, particularly from his pediatric cardiology team. It was this experience that inspired us to focus on supporting international children who don't have the same access to specialized medical care that our babies did when they needed it most. Our mission is to support international children receiving heart treatment in Jacksonville, Florida.

In the time since we began, the Will King Foundation has been fortunate to support the care of seven children through Patrons of the Hearts, an organization started by Dr. Jose Ettedgui, Will's cardiologist, and his wife, Hilda. As we look to continue this annual support, we are also working with Wolfson Children's to ensure the critical work of Dr. Ettedgui and Patrons of the Hearts continues long after his eventual retirement. To build on this incredible legacy, we invite you to join us in our goal of creating an endowed fund to provide substantial long-term funding to the international pediatric cardiology program in Jacksonville. This fund will help ensure a designated pediatric cardiologist has guaranteed time to commit to the care of international patients locally through Wolfson's Cardiac ICU and through maintaining partnerships abroad.

*Avery was the first child sponsored by The Will King Foundation for life-saving heart treatment through Patrons of the Hearts in April 2018.*



*Since their founding in 2005, Dr. Ettedgui and Patrons of the Hearts have provided specialized cardiac care for hundreds of children from all over the world.*

## THE ETTEDGUI-KING FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

Our ultimate goal is to establish a \$1,000,000 endowment through The Baptist Health Foundation to help permanently cover an array of needs including, but not limited to:



Screening trips to international partner sites and the installation, training and maintenance of telemedicine technology installed onsite.



Salary support for the designated pediatric cardiologist employed by Wolfson Children's Hospital and UF Health.



Specific needs of Patrons of the Hearts related to medical care of patients while they are in Jacksonville (evaluations, supplies, treatments, etc.).

# WHY FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL PATIENTS?



97%

Of children in the United States born with heart defects receive timely treatment before their first birthday.

85%

Of children in the developing world do not have timely access to the heart care that would save their lives. When left uncorrected, these defects can cause considerable suffering and premature death.

Worldwide, a heart defect, also known as Congenital Heart Disease (CHD), is the most common of all human birth defects. 1 child out of every 100 is born with CHD.



CHD can be life-threatening, but it is highly treatable with the right resources and care and can often be corrected by operations which are performed as a matter of routine in the developed world.

## HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS GOAL?

Your partnership and financial support will be critical to our success as we work toward setting up a fully funded endowment at \$1,000,000. Your contribution will impact every international child who receives heart treatment at Wolfson Children's Hospital and ensure that this program continues to be there to help save lives. There are many ways you can support the Ettetdgui-King fund for international pediatric cardiology:

- INDIVIDUAL/ FAMILY CONTRIBUTION
- CORPORATE GIFT
- YEARLY/ MONTHLY GIVING
- GATHER + GIVE SPONSORSHIP

*All gifts to the Ettetdgui-King fund for international pediatric cardiology are tax deductible. Contributions can be made online or via check made out to Cedar Street Charitable Foundation with Will King Foundation in the subject line mailed to 2219 Belote Place, Jacksonville, FL 32207.*

*Will is our why and you are our how. Thank you for considering being a part of this tremendous goal! For more information, please contact Courtney Hughes at (828) 803-9231/ [chughes9988@gmail.com](mailto:chughes9988@gmail.com) or visit [www.willkingfoundation.com](http://www.willkingfoundation.com).*