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**RENOWN HEALTH CELEBRATES PANDA CARES DAY™  
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

*Panda Express® locations support the healthcare needs of pediatric patients throughout northern Nevada*

**RENO, Nev. (August 6, 2020)** – Renown Health Foundation is recognizing donations made by Panda Express® through its philanthropic arm, Panda Cares®, to young patients and their families receiving care at Renown Children’s Hospital. The generosity of Panda Express® guests and associates who foster the spirit of giving and inspire brighter futures will be celebrated on Saturday, August 8, the anniversary of Panda Cares.

Donations collected year-round at local Panda Express® locations have helped miracles happen for area children like [Naomi Bakker](#), one of the smallest babies ever cared for in Renown’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Born a micro-preemie in 2015, Naomi weighed about 12 ounces at birth and spent 142 days in the NICU. Today, she shows few signs of her premature birth and enjoys playing with her brother and swimming – a remarkable feat considering she relied on an oxygen tank the first year of her life. Naomi’s parents credit physicians, nurses and the team at Renown Children’s Hospital for saving their daughter’s life.

“We are privileged to witness miracles like Naomi every day,” said Max J. Coppes, M.D., Professor & Nell J. Redfield Chair of Pediatrics, Physician-in-Chief, Renown Children’s Hospital. “Not only does support from Panda Cares® help us improve the health and wellness of our local children, it equips our team with tools and resources to best serve our youngest community members and their families during a time of need.”

Panda Express® is hosting a one-day virtual fundraiser on Saturday, August 8. **When a guest places an order on the Panda Express® mobile app or website using the promo code “PandaCaresDay,” Panda will donate 28 percent of online sales to Renown Children’s Hospital.**

“Over the years, the amazing people from Panda Express® and funds from Panda Cares have supported Renown Children’s Hospital through specialty equipment, a meeting room, and our Child Life program. Child Life Specialists are educated and clinically trained in the developmental impact of illness and injury. They do so much to help improve the patient and family care experience here at Renown,” said Tony Slonim, MD, DrPH, Renown’s President and CEO. “We are grateful for our partnership with the team at Panda Express, who are passionate about children’s health, and help us provide the highest level of care for children. .”

Renown is proud to recognize Panda Express® for donating nearly half a million dollars in donations since 2008. Generous donations like this continue to help transform how Renown meets the most urgent needs of our community, inspires hope and saves lives, as northern Nevada’s only locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network.



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## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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“Renown Health Foundation appreciates Panda Cares<sup>®</sup>’ generosity year after year, and the unwavering support of our community to make Saturday’s fundraiser a success,” said Greg Walaitis, Renown’s chief development officer. “Our hope is that you and your family can enjoy a nice meal from Panda Express<sup>®</sup> together, knowing your contribution makes it possible for champions like Naomi to grow up to be healthy and strong.”

“Led by a team of 22 pediatric physician specialists, Renown Children’s clinicians provide over 50,000 patient visits annually, offering an exceptional level of care to help families. As a testimony to the community’s confidence in the care provided, and our generous donors, we now care for 9 out of 10 children right here at home, in northern Nevada. Formerly, families had to travel out of our area to receive pediatric specialty care,” said Larry Duncan, Vice President of Pediatrics and Surgery & Administrator, Renown Children’s Hospital.

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### **About Renown Children’s Hospital**

Renown Children’s Hospital is the only dedicated children’s hospital in northern Nevada, and offers a variety of programs and services designed specifically to care for the community’s families. It has the region’s only Children’s ER and Pediatric ICU. Renown Children’s Hospital is the only hospital affiliated with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH) in the region and local CMN Hospitals’ programs and events directly benefit children in the Truckee Meadows. It is also the only hospital in the region affiliated with CHA (Children’s Hospital Association). For more information, visit [renown.org/children](http://renown.org/children).

### **About Panda Express<sup>®</sup>**

On a mission to inspire better lives, Panda Express, an American Chinese Trailblazer, is the largest Asian dining concept in the U.S. Family-owned and operated since 1983 by co-founders and co-CEOs Andrew and Peggy Cherng, Panda Express is best known for creating a wide variety of industry-first recipes, including its best seller the Original Orange Chicken<sup>®</sup> and award-winning Honey Walnut Shrimp, which have defined the category of authentic American Chinese cuisine. Each dish at Panda Express, including the Wok Smart<sup>®</sup> selections, is thoughtfully crafted with quality ingredients and inspired by bold Chinese flavors and culinary principles. The restaurant brand has more than 2,000 locations throughout the U.S. and has introduced American Chinese cuisine to more than ten international countries. Powered by this global family of associates, Panda Cares, the organization’s philanthropic arm, has raised more than \$212 million and countless volunteer hours in bettering the health and education for over 12 million youths as well as supporting communities in need since 1999. For more information, visit [pandaexpress.com](http://pandaexpress.com), or find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

### **About Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals**

Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals<sup>®</sup> raises funds and awareness for 170 member hospitals that provide 32 million treatments each year to kids across the U.S. and Canada. Donations stay local to fund critical treatments and healthcare services, pediatric medical equipment and charitable care. Since 1983, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than \$7 billion, most of it \$1 at a time through



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the charity's Miracle Balloon icon. Its various fundraising partners and programs support the nonprofit's mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible. Find out why children's hospitals need community support, and learn about your member hospital, at [CMNHospitals.org](http://CMNHospitals.org) and [facebook.com/CMNHospitals](https://facebook.com/CMNHospitals).