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Why do you bring your child to Phoenix Children's - for a certain doctor? A certain program? [Tell us](#) why Phoenix Children's is your choice - and we'll make sure to tell lawmakers why it is so important to protect Phoenix Children's. E-mail us today at pchpac@phoenixchildrens.com.

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Making a Difference for Arizona's Children

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"What makes you different from everyone else?"

We hear this a lot from lawmakers, insurance companies, and even parents who want to know what sets Phoenix Children's apart.

From specialized physicians trained to care for the sickest children to playrooms on every floor ... and from kid-sized radiology machines that "[Image Gently](#)" to in-house teachers who help patients stay on track with their school work ... **everything we do is focused on giving kids the best chance to get better.** We even help babies like Nathan and Patrick (above) who were born as conjoined twins. They recently celebrated their first birthday - thanks to the advanced care available at Phoenix Children's Hospital.



This month, we report on a couple more ways we're helping kids. And we ask for your stories on why Phoenix Children's is better for you.

Please know your efforts are helping - one of our very own Parent Action Committee members was featured on [Channel 12 News](#) recently. **Keep speaking up for kids - they need your voices now more than ever!**

Phoenix Children's Trauma Center Earns title of Arizona's only ACS-verified Level I Pediatric Trauma Center

Phoenix Children's Hospital's Trauma Center has been verified as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons' (ACS) Verification Review Committee.

The achievement makes **Phoenix Children's the state's only ACS-verified Level I Pediatric Trauma Center -- and one of only 18 centers nationally to earn this distinction.**

Phoenix Children's launched its Trauma Center in July 2008 and in the first six months of operation cared for 5,986 seriously injured youngsters like [Mia](#) (at right), who almost lost her foot in a boating accident. The Trauma Team at Phoenix Children's was able to reattach her foot, and [Mia is on the move again today](#).



The ACS verification recognizes the Hospital's dedication to providing

optimal care for injured children. According to a 2005 study published in *Surgery News*, "optimal care" is exactly what seriously injured youngsters treated in pediatric trauma centers receive. Of the 80,000 pediatric trauma cases documented in the study, the 10.7 percent of children treated in pediatric hospitals had a lower mortality rate and shorter length of stay than those treated at adult hospitals.

For more information on Phoenix Children's Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, please call (602) 546-1375 or visit us on the Web at <http://www.phoenixchildrens.com/medical-specialties/trauma-center/>.

Phoenix Children's earns top rankings in Leapfrog quality and safety survey



The 2009 Leapfrog Survey is in, and **Phoenix Children's Hospital received excellent scores for quality and safety.**

Phoenix Children's Hospital received perfect scores in the prevention of medical errors, ICU staffing, and reducing ICU infections and near-top scores for taking steps to avoid harm. [See all results for Arizona hospitals.](#)

The Hospital's house-wide implementation of Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) helped Phoenix Children's earn its top score in prevention of medical errors.

According to The Leapfrog Group 2009 survey, Phoenix Children's Hospital is excelling in quality and safety efforts, **tied with Mayo Clinic Arizona among Valley hospitals and among the best children's hospitals nationally.** Quality matters, and there is a difference.

Thank you for all of your help as we work together to speak up every day for Arizona's children!

Sincerely,

Parent Action Committee
Phoenix Children's Hospital



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