



RANDALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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Randall Children's Hospital celebrates arrival of child-sized NASCAR race cars

*Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel is the FIRST children's hospital
on the West Coast to receive a Children's Dream Racer™ car*

PORTLAND, ORE. – Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel will unveil its [Children's Dream Racer™](#) car on Friday, January 18, 2019, during a celebration on the third floor of the hospital. The child-sized version of a real NASCAR race car has been affectionately dubbed "Rebel Racer" after champion donor Rick Rebel, who recently lost his fight with cancer. As a passionate supporter of the children's hospital, Rebel made it possible for two dream racers to be built. One for the children's hospital and one for CARES Northwest – a collaborative program among four of the region's leading health systems, including Randall Children's Hospital, for the assessment, treatment and prevention of child abuse. Each dream racer costs \$9,500 plus shipping costs.

[Randall Children's Hospital](#) is the first children's hospital on the West Coast to receive a Children's Dream Racer™ car. The dream racer is equipped with an entertainment platform that provides young patients a diversion from the stress and/or discomfort of a difficult medical treatment. Built by retired NASCAR car builder and founder of Children's Dream Racer™, Mark "Smitty" Smith, these cars are made with the same authentic materials used to make NASCAR race cars.

Rebel Racer event details:

WHAT: The official unveiling of the Children's Dream Racer™ car, which will include a variety of speakers sharing stories of about champion donor Rick Rebel's influence, as well as details on the impact the child-sized, replica race car will have on young patients undergoing treatment at Randall Children's Hospital.

WHEN: Friday, January 18, 2019

10 –11 a.m.

WHERE: Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel

Third floor lobby

2801 N. Gantenbein Ave.

Portland, OR 97227

WHO: The following individuals will be available to be interviewed at the celebration. **Arrangements may also be arranged beforehand by contacting Ashley Stanford Cone at 503-708-6799 or astanfor@lhs.org.**

- Randall Children's Hospital: Bronwyn Houston, president
- Rick Rebel's colleagues: Jason Beyrouy, president, Aldrich Advisors and Jill Pedersen, president, Oregon Association of Heath Underwriters

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About Rick Rebel

Longtime Albany, Oregon resident, Rick Rebel was well-loved by all who knew him. He was also a national leader in the insurance industry, known for his advocacy, as well as a spokesperson to the legislature and civic/business groups. Dealing with a diagnosis of terminal cancer, Rebel understood the challenges hospitalized children face. He was passionate about raising money to bring Children’s Dream Racer™ cars to Randall Children’s Hospital and CARES Northwest. **This Friday would have been Rebel’s 67th birthday**, one he hoped he would celebrate, however he passed away suddenly on December 30, 2018. **Please note: this is not a memorial service for Rick Rebel.*

Oregon Association of Health Underwriters (OAHU) is sponsoring this event in recognition of their longtime colleague, Rick Rebel. OAHU is a non-profit organization of insurance professionals dedicated to serving the public through strengthening the insurance marketplace, advocating for effective legislation, ethical leadership and professional standards, and by educating our members and the consumers they serve. Rick served the association in many capacities including OAHU President in 1996.

About Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel

Randall Children’s Hospital is a regional leader in the care of babies, children and teens — blending the finest in medical services with family-friendly spaces and patient care procedures to reduce stress on patients and their families. *To learn more about supporting any of Legacy Health’s hospitals or programs, call the Legacy Health Office of Philanthropy at 503-415-4700 or visit www.legacyhealth.org/giving.*

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