

It's That Time Again: Time to Help Kids By Your Phone Call

This year, the Variety Club telethon set for Saturday March 4 and Sunday March 5 has a very special connection with Twin Cities Meals on Wheels.

Bill Simon, who delivers for TCMOW on Thursday Route 4 is this year's co-chairman of the event. The telethon raises funds for Oishei Children's Hospital along with 10 other children's charities.

Congratulations are in order for Bill for his hard work and dedication to such a worthy cause. Children in the area who are in need of medical attention would be lost without the outstanding Oishei Children's Hospital.

In case you aren't aware of all the hospital is known for, here's a few facts and reasons to help out.

John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, named after the John R. Oishei Foundation, which donated \$10 million for the development of the hospital, opened on Nov. 10, 2017, providing pediatric specialties and subspecialties to infants, children, teens, and young adults and maternity services for expectant mothers.

Located at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, the hospital has 185 inpatient beds, serving patients in Western New York and parts of Southern Ontario.

The hospital is one of the only freestanding children's hospitals in New York State. In addition, it is a teaching hospital affiliated with the State University at Buffalo and is affiliated with the Kaleida Health System.

The hospital contains an ACS verified level 1 pediatric



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trauma center, one of the few in the region, and boasts a rooftop helipad to transport critically ill patients to and from the hospital.

The hospital's history is a fascinating one: Started in the final decades of the 19th century when children's wards and children's hospitals were unheard of and sick children were forced to be exposed to the cries of pain and misery of suffering and dying adults.

If you like to read amazing history stories, go online to Oishei Children's Hospital and read how the hospital came to be.

This year's Telethon is a worthy cause and will air from 6 to 11 p.m. on WGRZ TV Channel 2 and on Sunday March 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on WBBZ .

Variety Club, the children's charity of Buffalo & WNY is entering its 61st year of the annual Variety Kids Telethon! That's more than 60 years of serving and helping the kids who need help the most, thanks to amazing donors.

With everyone's continued support the Variety Club is able to provide children in our hometown with the care they need.