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*Research Institute Ranks 6th for Prestigious Funding to
Children's Hospitals from the National Institutes of Health*

August 11, 2009 – Oakland, Calif. – Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI) is ranked 6th in the nation for research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to children's hospitals. In 2008, Children's Hospital Oakland's research arm received more than \$20 million in awards from the NIH. This feat was accomplished with only 37 grants.

Children's internationally renowned research institute is considered one of the leading research enterprises in the San Francisco Bay Area, and is the only children's hospital in Northern California ranked as a top recipient of NIH awards. Funding from the NIH is being used to continue groundbreaking research, including research on new ways to treat cystic fibrosis lung infections, prevent cardiovascular disease and diabetes, and cure sickle cell and other chronic blood-related diseases. With 30 principal investigators supported by NIH grants, Children's Hospital Oakland hopes to attract biotech companies to Oakland.

“Because we're not a university, we can make decisions in a very short time,” states Bertram Lubin, MD, Children's president and CEO, and former senior vice president of research. “That's attractive to companies, and it's attractive to the kinds of entrepreneurial scientists we bring to the research institute. There are no administrative constraints for a good idea and good opportunity, if funds are available.”

Children's Hospital's research institute receives about \$50 million each year from grants and is among the leading pediatric research institutions in the world. It has worldwide interests with a goal of treating locally and healing globally.

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