The Mark and Sandy Furst SCHOLARSHIP FUND







About Mark Furst and PACT's World of Care

For the past 25 years, Mark Furst has been a partner, advocate and friend of the children and families served by Kennedy Krieger Institute and its affiliate organization, PACT: Helping Children with Special Needs. Ever the champion for children with special needs, Mark was introduced to PACT through a young girl, Abby, who was a student at PACT from 2000 to 2003. As a member of the Kennedy Krieger Board of Directors at that time, Mark



attended an event at which Abby's mother, Victoria, spoke of how her family's life had been changed forever when Abby started attending PACT's medical child care.

From that day on, Mark began to see a greater mission for his professional life. When Mark left banking to join the United Way, he began advocating for the children and families at PACT. And when he returned to Kennedy Krieger in 2016 as a senior vice president, Mark immediately rejoined PACT's board, sharing stories like Abby's and asking how more could be done to ensure that all children in Central Maryland who need medical child care have access to it. These experiences prompted him to envision a fund to make care at PACT affordable and accessible for all families.

The Mark and Sandy Furst Scholarship Fund was established to realize Mark's vision for the children and families of PACT's medical child care. Scholarships provided through the fund will enable Mark's dream to become a reality for multiple families. Your tax-deductible* gift to the Mark and Sandy Furst Fund will help create positive futures for the children attending PACT's World of Care, and their families.

*Please consult your tax advisor to determine charitable deductibility of your gift under current IRS guidelines.

Your gift to honor Mark and Sandy, and their commitment to children and families, is greatly needed and appreciated.

Donations to the Mark and Sandy Furst Scholarship Fund can be made to:

PACT: Helping Children with Special Needs

Please reference the Mark and Sandy Furst Scholarship Fund on the memo line of the check.

Donations can be sent to:

PACT: Helping Children with Special Needs 7000 Tudsbury Road Baltimore, MD 21244 Attn.: Audrey Leviton, Executive Director of PACT

Please visit KennedyKrieger.org/Furst to donate online.

Please contact Audrey Leviton, executive director of PACT, with any questions:

Phone: **410-298-7000** Email: **Leviton@KennedyKrieger.org**

Be a Part of the Rosedale Federal \$100,000 Challenge

We are excited to announce that Rosedale Federal Savings & Loan Association

has generously offered to match all donations to the Mark and Sandy Furst Scholarship Fund, up to \$100,000. Your gift today can be DOUBLED!



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About PACT's World of Care

Each year, PACT's World of Care, the only medical child care program in Central Maryland, serves more than 80 young children with developmental disabilities and complex healthcare needs who require daily nursing interventions. At World of Care, a team of nurses, early intervention therapists, social workers, teachers and service coordinators provides comprehensive care to young children with a range of diagnoses, including chronic lung disease, asthma, brain injuries and cerebral palsy.

PACT's goal is to serve all children in need, regardless of family income. World of Care families of all income levels are often faced with enormous financial challenges as a result of having a baby born prematurely or a child with complex medical needs. The cost of caring for ONE child in PACT's medical child care is more than \$30,000 a year. While PACT receives government, foundation and corporate grants, as well as donations from private donors, funding does not cover the actual cost of providing the array of services required in a child care facility for medically fragile children. The funding gap between PACT's costs and funds received from grants, donors and parent fees is a minimum of \$7,000 per child per year.









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