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## Children's hospital gets \$1 Million gift

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- **Ruiz Foods founder and family make gift to Children's Hospital Central California**
- **'We have always been committed to California's Central Valley'**

Children's Hospital Central California has received a \$1 million gift from Fred Ruiz, founder of Mexican foods giant Ruiz Foods Inc. of Dinuba and his family.

"This donation comes from a local family and company, right here in the Valley, who have used the hospital and know its value to all the children of Central California," says William Haug, president and CEO of Children's Hospital.

"We have always been committed to California's Central Valley because we believe in its future," says Kim Ruiz Beck, co-chairman of Ruiz Foods. "As corporate citizens, we accept a responsibility to contribute to this future.

The new eight-bed expansion of the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit will be named for the family, Mr. Haug says.

The unit has 34 beds, currently expanding to 42, and over 130 staff including 90 specialty-trained pediatric intensive care unit nurses, respiratory therapists, and other clinical specialists. Twelve of the ICU rooms are equipped to convert to surgical suites if needed.

Children's Hospital Central California says it treats more inpatient cases than any pediatric hospital north of San Diego, making it the second largest children's hospital in California and one of the 10 largest hospitals of its type in the nation.

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