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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Panda Express Brings Hope to Kids at Valley Children's Hospital by Raising More Than \$623,000 in 2018**

(Madera, California) – Panda Express, the largest family-owned American Chinese restaurant concept in the United States, raised \$623,334 in 2018 to help the Child Life program at Valley Children's Hospital.

“Every time a Panda Express associate rings the bell, we know more smiles and miracles are made here at Valley Children's,” said Rob Saroyan, president of Valley Children's Healthcare Foundation. “Funds raised through Panda Express' efforts support our Child Life Program, which helps children and their families reduce the effects of stress caused by illness, injury and hospitalization. We are so thankful for our growing partnership with Panda through the years.”

Panda Express has a year-round program that encourages guests to join in supporting the health and education needs of underserved youth.

Panda Express guests and associates at more than 2,100 locations raised \$21.5 million for CMN Hospitals in 2018, bringing the total contribution to 131 network hospitals to over \$59 million since 2007. Thirty-two Panda locations in the Central Valley have raised more than \$1.8 million for Valley Children's since 2009.

“We are so grateful for the amazing support Panda Express customers and associates extend to Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals each year,” said John Lauck, CMNH president and CEO. “We are in awe of Panda’s level of commitment to supporting children’s hospitals and the miracle children in their communities. It’s partners like them that allow us to provide more hope to kids and valuable resources to our hospitals.”

The 2018 donation from Panda Express makes the company the fastest growing Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals partner – both in percentage of increase and dollar increase in giving year over year.

Representatives from Valley Panda Express restaurants will visit Valley Children’s Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 13 for a check presentation. They will also meet with Child Life specialists.

To learn more about Panda Restaurant Group and Panda Cares, visit [www.pandarg.com/panda-cares](http://www.pandarg.com/panda-cares).

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#### **About Valley Children’s Healthcare**

*Valley Children’s Healthcare – one of the largest pediatric healthcare networks in the nation – provides Central California’s only high-quality, comprehensive care exclusively for children, from before birth to young adulthood. Our network offers highly specialized medical and surgical services to care for children with conditions ranging from common to the highly complex at its 330-bed stand-alone children’s hospital or in one of their three neonatal units (28 beds) located across the Valley. In addition, the Valley Children’s Healthcare network includes specialty care centers, pediatric primary care practices, urgent care center and women’s health services.*

*Our family-centered, pediatric services extend from a leading pediatric cancer and blood diseases center on the West Coast, and a pediatric heart center known for its expertise and pioneering treatments, to a Regional Level IV neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), the highest level referral center between Los Angeles and the Bay Area.*

*Valley Children’s was the first children’s hospital west of the Rockies to receive Magnet Nursing designation, the highest nursing benchmark in the world. It is also one of the fewer than 10 pediatric intensive care units in the nation to have received the Beacon Award of Critical Care Excellence. With more than 575 physicians and 3,400 staff, Valley Children’s delivers high-quality, comprehensive care to more than 1.3 million children in its 12-county service area. For more information, please visit [www.valleychildrens.org](http://www.valleychildrens.org)*

#### **About Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals**

*Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals® raises funds and awareness for 170 member hospitals that provide 32 million treatments each year to kids across the U.S. and Canada. Donations stay local to fund critical treatments and healthcare services, pediatric medical equipment and charitable care. Since 1983, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals has raised more than \$5 billion, most of it \$1 at a time through the charity’s Miracle Balloon icon. Its various fundraising partners and programs support the nonprofit’s mission to save and improve the lives of as many children as possible. Find out why children’s hospitals need community support, and learn about your member hospital, at [CMNHospitals.org](http://CMNHospitals.org) and [facebook.com/CMNHospitals](https://facebook.com/CMNHospitals).*

**About Panda Express**

*Panda Express, America's favorite Chinese kitchen, is best known for its wide variety of original recipes including its Original Orange Chicken™, SweetFire Chicken Breast®, award-winning Honey Walnut Shrimp™ and Shanghai Angus Steak™. Founded in 1983 and now with more than 2,000 locations throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Canada, Mexico, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Korea, and Japan, Panda Express is part of the family owned and operated Panda Restaurant Group, the world leader in Asian dining experiences that also includes Panda Inn and Hibachi-San. For more information, visit [pandaexpress.com](http://pandaexpress.com), or follow on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.*

**About Panda Cares**

*Panda Cares is committed to serving the communities in which Panda Express operates. As the philanthropic arm of Panda Restaurant Group, Panda Cares provides food, funding and volunteer services to underserved youth in areas of health and education, and supports relief efforts during times of disaster. Panda helps fund programs that focus on character building, academic success, college access and success for students across the nation. Through their grants, they have committed more than \$51.4 Million since 2008, impacting over 976,000 students. Panda is also passionate about supporting organizations that provide healthcare, life-saving equipment, education for healthy living, and research for advanced health treatments for children. Panda Cares is powered by 39,000 associates in 48 states.*