

A.R. “TONY” AND MARIA J. SANCHEZ FAMILY FOUNDATION



A Mother's Determination

Her baby was born with epidermolysis bullosa, a rare and devastating disease that causes skin to be so fragile that it can blister and break very easily. She was told by doctors that her son's disease was incurable and would only get worse as time went on.

Patients with this disease require multiple changes of bandages and dressing—supplies that were not covered by the child's health insurance. In order to properly care for her son, the mother, who lives in Houston, would often travel to Central America to get supplies at a lower cost, but when the cost of travel became too expensive, she was left with little hope for her son's quality of life.

Then a friend learned of her son's condition and recommended one of our Texas Children's Pediatrics practices, the A.R. “Tony” and Maria J. Sanchez Family Foundation Center in the Gulfton area. The mother then made the life-changing decision to bring her son to us for the help he desperately needed.

Dr. Christine A. Matthew and social worker, Ana Thornton, supported and worked closely with the mother and her young child. They assisted her with obtaining Medicaid for her son, connected her to community resources and offered emotional support.

Thanks to the Sanchez Family, we were able not only to provide the best quality of care, but also to offer the mother the tools she needed to care for her child.

Today, the four-year-old boy continues to see his primary care physician and is making remarkable progress. Research on his condition is currently being conducted, and we hope to see him in remission soon.