

THE BLUE BIRD CIRCLE FACT SHEET



Established in 1923
Over 300 Active Volunteers
Over \$1M raised each year

4 Specialty Clinics and Research Centers

- ◆ The Blue Bird Circle Clinic for Pediatric Neurology at Texas Children's Hospital
- ◆ The Blue Bird Circle Clinical Research Center at Texas Children's Hospital
- ◆ The Blue Bird Circle Developmental Neurogenetics Laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine
- ◆ The Blue Bird Circle Rett Center at Baylor College of Medicine

Vision & Mission

[The Blue Bird Circle](#), a 501(c)(3) charity, is a network of 15 women in the City of Houston, who help provide support for children with polio and their families. After polio vaccine was discovered, The Blue Bird Circle's vision is to support children with neurological disorders.

The Blue Bird Circle's mission is to provide "hope, love, and healing to children with neurological disorders."

The Blue Bird Circle Shop

[The Blue Bird Circle shop](#) is run mostly by volunteers with revenue is to fund the specialty clinics and research. The shop accepts both consignments and donations for sale and offers the variety of items from high-quality furniture, clothing, and jewelry to vintage pieces and inexpensive furniture.

Pediatric Neurology Clinic

[The Blue Bird Circle Clinic for Pediatric Neurology](#) is the largest pediatric neurology clinic in the United States specializes in more than 450 neurological disorders and part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undiagnosed Diseases Network as a clinical research site.

The clinic consists of 50 faculty members, 130 staff members, and more than 40,000 scheduled visits every year from across the United States and abroad.

Clinical Research Center

[The Blue Bird Circle Clinical Research Center](#)'s uses cutting-edge technology to bring advanced therapies to its patients that will make a difference in children's lives affected by neurological disorders.

The center has more than 100 active research protocols in pediatric neurology, including clinical therapeutic trials, patient registries, rare diseases research, Biomarker/Genetic studies, and National Institute of Health research grants.

Developmental Neurogenetics Laboratory

[The Blue Bird Circle Developmental Neurogenetics Laboratory](#) has made vital innovations in epilepsy and its relationship with the human genome sequencing.

Over the last 35 years, the Blue Bird Circle Developmental Neurogenetics Laboratory has trained over 60 young clinical and scientific investigators in the field of seizure disorders. More than 300 scientific journals and textbooks of epilepsy and genetics was published based on their research.

Rett Center

[The Blue Bird Circle Rett Center](#) specializes in caring, education, and research of Rett syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder that develops almost exclusively in

females, causing chronic neurological problems involving severe communication and motor disabilities.

The Blue Bird Circle Rett Center is one of the nation's largest centers for patients with Rett syndrome and was certified as a "Center of Excellence" by the International Rett Syndrome Foundation.



Milestones

2015

Awarded \$27.3M National Institutes of Health grant to lead 'Center without Walls' consortium of U.S. hospitals to identify mechanisms of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP).

2016-2017

The Blue Bird Clinical Research Center was chosen as one of three centers in the US for infusion of enzyme directly into the brain to treat a form of Batten Disease

2018

First Dedicated Pediatric Neuro Intensive Care Monitoring Opened as Part of TCH Legacy Tower Opening.

2019-2020

Renovated The Blue Bird Circle House and Shop to upgrade its facilities and infrastructure. As a result, shoppers have a modern shopping experience.

2021

Opened the Mitochondrial Disorders Clinic in the BBC Neurology Clinic – Focused Multidisciplinary clinic for patients to receive comprehensive care including genetics, neurology, palliative care, and other subspecialties.