

## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Pediatric oncology patient Jay Aponte shows Dr. Emad Salman the finer points of Pac-Man as Dan Spolar watches.

## Loves donate gaming gift to The Children's Hospital

Recently Norman and Mary Love, founders of Norman Love Confections, donated a multigame table arcade machine to the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to help entertain the children (and parents, too) while undergoing treatment in the facility.

Dan Spolar of Pinball Asylum helped Norman Love deliver the professional machine as a gift that is now part of the department's growing entertainment center.

Pinball Asylum refurbished and maintains an existing pinball machine at the Oncology Center and hosts pinball-related open houses, tournaments and group events. Through charity donations to the nonprofit created by Pinball Asylum, Project Pinball provides patients, family and staff recreational assistance at local children's hospitals. A pinball machine offers therapeutic benefits that fit with the dynamics of a hospital environment while keeping patients active and mobile. Due to its widespread success, Project Pinball has



Norman Love with Jay Aponte, pediatric oncology patient at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

been emulated across the country.

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida provides health care for the region's children, from infancy through age 18. It is part of the Lee Memorial Health Care System.

Norman Love Confections creates and distributes handcrafted artisanal chocolates from its Fort Myers corporate headquarters that encompasses both production and retail operations.

For information, visit [leememorial.org/childrenhospital/](http://leememorial.org/childrenhospital/), [normanloveconfections.com](http://normanloveconfections.com) or [pinballasylum.com](http://pinballasylum.com).