



Ana Aburto, Child Life Specialist
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Ana Aburto works tirelessly to meet patients' needs, often responding to the needs of patients and family members at any hour and on weekends. She is a true patient advocate. She comes in after-hours to speak to families who need support after the death of a child, difficult diagnosis, deteriorating condition, or special events and goes beyond the realm of her capacity to make each patient in her care feel comfortable and at home.

In one example, a young girl was hospitalized and diagnosed with leukemia. When another child life specialist discovered that the patient was going to have to miss her high school homecoming, Ana immediately began planning to bring homecoming to the patient, arranging for a special dinner and decorating the room to make a memorable occasion for the young lady.