



Founders Week

Public Servant of the Year



JOSHUA M. ABZUG, MD

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Abzug is a pediatric orthopaedist who has completed specialty training for pediatric upper extremity problems and treats fractures throughout the body. In addition to his roles at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, he is director of pediatric orthopaedics at the University of Maryland Medical Center; director of the University of Maryland Brachial Plexus Practice; and deputy surgeon-in-chief at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital. He serves as president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Faculty Senate.

Dr. Abzug founded Camp Open Arms in 2015 with six children and held activities over two days. The camp, which he also directs, allows children with limb differences such as brachial plexus birth palsy and congenital/traumatic deformities to enjoy a carefree experience. In its seventh year, the program in Monkton has grown into a weeklong camp with activities such as hiking, arts and crafts, and visits from musicians, entertainers, and zoo animals. Camp Open Arms provides a safe and supportive environment for kids to engage in traditional summer camp activities with their specific physical and emotional needs in mind.

Dr. Abzug's research is focused on identifying and optimizing surgical and nonsurgical treatments that will enhance a child's ability to conduct vital self-care tasks.

He earned his medical degree from Penn State College of Medicine and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine. He has held

fellowships in pediatric orthopaedics at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Shriners Hospitals for Children, and in hand surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, all in Philadelphia.

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