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He said his passion for the fund began when he watched a TV anchorwoman he admired covering a Free Care Fund telethon.

"After watching the telethon and Jerry Lewis," Dr. Joseph Carcillo, who is one of Lexie's customers, told ABC News, "He wanted to have Albert's kids, like 'Jerry's Kids.'"

Since then, more than one-third of Lexie's income has gone to the fund, according to Carcillo.



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Quite the entrepreneur, Lexie is always looking for ways to raise even more. "He has contests," Carcillo explained. "If you gave the best tips, you get a bag of candy."

Lexie recalled one of his biggest tips. "Around Christmas, I had a doctor give me \$50."

Despite the national attention and guest spots on "Oprah," Lexie still remains humble, eating and breathing for the children, said Carcillo.

"He thinks only of others. He's a role model to us all," Carcillo said. "He shows us that devotion to others, the joy of children and the joy of giving is greater than the day-to-day things that we think are important."

In the three decades he's worked at the hospital, Lexie has become a part of the institution. "Everyone knows Albert," Carcillo said.

When he's not pushing his purple shoe-shining cart the hospital gave him as a gift, Lexie said he enjoyed going to concerts and watching "The Price Is Right."

Although Lexie is grateful for his hospital patrons, "I wouldn't mind shining the governor's shoes or the president's shoes," he said.

When asked if he had any hopes for the future, Lexie said, "I just hope the kids get well and do

better and do different things.

"Then my life has ended well. I just love the kids."

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