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**GRATITUDE**



**Children's**<sup>®</sup>  
Hospitals and Clinics  
of Minnesota

# THANK YOU

For being a part of the Children's *Delivering Next Generation Care Campaign*. Your generosity, leadership and passion inspired us to reimagine the spaces where kids and their families can receive the best possible care.

Your shared vision and overwhelming support has forever changed pediatric health care in our region – creating an amazing place that holds the promise of bright futures for children today and for years to come.

So thank you for dreaming with us. For innovating with us. For challenging us to think bigger than ever before. And, most importantly, for joining with us in caring for kids.





**Imagine**

In 2007, Children's made a promise to our patients, our families and the community: to transform the pediatric health care experience.

You believed that this promise was possible, that there could be a place in our region that provides world-renowned care in facilities that promote healing and the best possible outcomes. And you helped to make it a reality.

The following pages tell the story of a reimagined Children's. We invite you to take a peek inside and see the dramatic ways that you have helped to write this story, changing the face of pediatric health care in our community.

### A Unique Model of Care

Your generosity makes Children's unique model of care possible by enabling clinical excellence as well as the small touches – like music, wagons, popsicles and more – that mean the world to kids. From the moment a family walks through Children's doors, they are surrounded by a compassionate team and an unwavering commitment to a health care experience wrapped in love.



### A WELCOMING SPACE FOR ALL PATIENTS

The language of love is universal. From providing access to interpreters in 64 languages to using playful tools like bubbles to calm fears, the entire Children's experience is built around caring for kids and their families.





### **Pediatric Emergency Department**

From the seriously sick to the critically injured, the Peter J. King Pediatric Emergency Department at Children's – St. Paul is well-equipped to handle whatever may come through the doors. Philanthropic support enabled a full renovation of the emergency department, allowing for more efficient care by reducing wait times and improving patient flow. Our emergency departments see some of the highest volumes in the region – more than 90,000 kids a year – while achieving some of the lowest wait times in the country. Kids in crisis can't wait and thanks to our emergency department redesign, they don't have to.

## WORLD-CLASS CARE IN OUR BACKYARD

With soothing colors, private rooms and staff who specialize in easing fear and anxiety, the emergency department provides a calm and welcoming environment for anyone in need of the very best care.

## Pediatric Trauma Center

When it comes to traumatic injuries, every second counts. UnitedHealthcare® was the catalyst that advanced our pediatric trauma program. Their strategic and financial support accelerated Children's achievement of Level I trauma status in three years instead of ten. As the region's only Level I pediatric trauma center located within a freestanding children's hospital, we receive patients directly from the scene of an incident. From our helipad and ambulance bays, kids have immediate access to specialized trauma bays and the most skilled team of pediatric trauma surgeons, doctors, nurses and specialists – all available 24/7.

## BEST PLACE FOR THEIR WORST CASE

Research shows that kids recover better from traumatic injuries when treated inside a children's hospital. The expanded facilities within the UnitedHealthcare® Pediatric Emergency Department allow us to serve the most patients in the Upper Midwest.





### Cardiovascular Care Center

Children's has long been recognized as one of the top pediatric cardiovascular programs in the country. But you helped us dream bigger – envisioning a coordinated approach to caring for the most complex heart defects. The Edward J. Philips Cardiovascular Care Center at Children's – Minneapolis is the only center of its kind in the region. Nationally-recognized pediatric heart surgeons, cardiovascular specialists, intensivists and staff all work closely together within a space that houses the knowledge, care and technology needed for the tiniest hearts.

HEALTHY HEARTS  
START HERE

One of a few in the nation, our pediatric hybrid operating room offers the most advanced technology for the most specialized cases. Spaces like these were made possible because of the big hearts of generous supporters.



## Surgery Centers

From advanced technology to expanded facilities, our new surgical suites are calibrated specifically for kids. Through the commitment of our community, Children's has the breadth of expertise to perform thousands of surgical procedures, the depth to do them well and resources to innovate within this highly intricate field. Our surgical teams are trained to focus exclusively on the unique needs of young patients. And the space was designed so that the entire family can stay close and remain involved in every aspect of their child's surgical experience – both pre and post-operation.

OPERATION:  
MAKING KIDS  
HEALTHY

As one of the largest and most sophisticated pediatric surgical centers in the Upper Midwest, Children's helps support kids facing a wide scope of conditions. With some of the most successful outcomes and highest family satisfaction rates in the country, our surgical care is some of the best around.





### The Mother Baby Center

Driven by a vision to help moms and babies receive coordinated care under one roof, The Mother Baby Center came to life through the generous support of our community. From delivery rooms supported by Pat and Ann Ryan to resuscitation rooms, this unique Center leads some of the most innovative areas of care – like treatments for babies needing fetal surgery in the Greg and Jane Goven Family Integrated Operating Room. And, thanks to the leadership of Mike and Ann Ciresi and Mark and Shannon Evenstad, we have developed a fetal care center to ensure babies receive the best care at the earliest moment – even before birth.

A GREAT PLACE TO HAVE A BABY,  
A GREAT PLACE TO BE A BABY

The Mother Baby Center welcomed over 5,000 babies in its first year and has proven to be the best place to have a baby, no matter the circumstances.

## Delivering Excellence

The Mother Baby Center is staffed by some of the most experienced experts around, with specialized facilities to match their expertise. As part of the vision that led to the creation of this space, babies in critical condition are now within feet of the Mannie Lippman Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. And for babies who need a little more care before heading home, the Blackford Family Special Care Nursery provides the perfect place to grow and thrive. Both spaces are close in proximity to postpartum rooms, making it easy for parents to stay involved in their baby's care.



## COMBINING THE BEST OF THE BEST UNDER ONE ROOF

Thanks to the support of so many who believed it was possible to treat both moms and babies in one spot, the tunnel that was once used to transport babies from Abbott Northwestern's labor and delivery rooms to Children's NICU is no longer needed.





### Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)

Babies who need the most critical care receive treatment in the Level III neonatal intensive care units (NICU), which boast some of the best outcomes in the world. For those who are more stable, the Miller Family Neonatal Intensive Care Unit – Level II and the Lee and Penny Anderson Infant Care Center provide just the level of care they need. These advanced services have long been supported by those who see big futures for our littlest patients.

LITTLE PATIENTS,  
BIG FUTURES



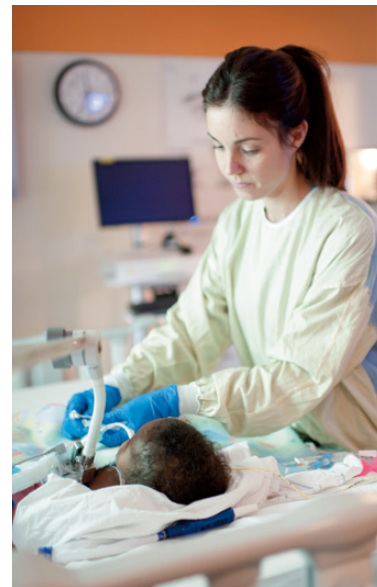
Children's was the first hospital in the country to offer private patient rooms in a NICU – allowing babies to bond with their parents. Altogether, Children's has more than 130 beds dedicated to the most advanced services and specialized staff who are leading the nation in neonatal care.

## Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICU)

The most critically ill patients require the most highly-specialized care. Through your generosity, the Children's Hospital Association (CHA) PICU and the Pohlad Family Foundation PICU are prepared to help kids through some of the most challenging medical situations. Our PICUs offer advanced treatments, 24/7 in-house pediatric intensivists, and one-on-one nursing care. And 42 private patient rooms allow the entire family to participate in their child's care and ultimately aid in the healing process.

## GETTING KIDS BACK TO THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE OF HAPPY

With vitally important equipment overflowing into hallways and patients separated from one another only by curtains, the PICUs were once some of the most uncomfortable spaces. Now, everything and everyone has a place within the four walls of a private patient room.





### Pediatric Neuroscience Center

Bringing our neuroscience care team together in a state-of-the-art center was a priority for donors so that kids could receive the most coordinated care. At the Karen and George Benz Family Pediatric Neuroscience Center, our multi-disciplinary team cares for more neurology, brain tumor and epilepsy patients than any other institution in the region. And the Lee and Penny Anderson Epilepsy Unit is one of only a few units of its kind equipped to treat the most complex epilepsy cases, with some of the best outcomes in the nation.

## BRAIN POWER OF TOMORROW

The neuroscience center is a destination program made possible through your vision and generosity, utilizing cutting-edge medical technology and less invasive treatments.



### Pediatric Cancer Care

With twinkle lights in the ceilings, vibrant artwork on the walls and an endless supply of books and games, the Jim and Colleen Ryan Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Center and the C.H. Robinson Infusion Center provide the perfect healing environment for the cancer journey. Because Children's has the largest pediatric cancer program in the Upper Midwest, our teams have seen it all – from the most common to the extremely rare – and their work has led to the most cutting-edge treatments.

## BETTER JOURNEYS, BETTER OUTCOMES

Cancer care at Children's is second-to-none and donors to our Cancer Kids Fund are a big reason why. Kids benefit from extraordinary medical innovations, research and collaboration while also being in an environment that allows them to still be kids.





### **Pain, Palliative and Integrative Medicine**

Each day, Children's care teams work to make good on a bold promise to our patients – no needless pain. Led by the support of Horst Rechelbacher and Kiran Stordalen, along with an army of community champions, we are able to honor that promise and further the fields of pediatric pain, palliative and integrative medicine. Utilizing a combination of pharmacology with physical and integrative therapies, our world-renowned team is improving the quality of life for kids today and leading the way in transforming the health care experience for kids of tomorrow.

NO NEEDLESS PAIN



Our pain team is trained to think differently about delivering care. We strive to equip kids and families with the best tools to help them stay calm and minimize pain throughout their stay. And because of philanthropy, it's a service that will never appear on hospital bills.



## Arts & Healing

A beautiful environment can make a world of difference to kids and their families. It starts from the moment patients walk into the hospital with colorful and interactive skyways that offer positive distraction. And it continues throughout the hospital with more than 500 pieces of original art on display and healing outdoor spaces like the CHA Storyland Garden. There's even an in-house TV channel, Star Studio, which brings fun and laughter directly into patients' rooms. It's all thanks to a generous community who believe that the experience of art is healing.



## THE EXPERIENCE OF ART IS HEALING

Children's internationally recognized Arts & Healing Program brings normalization to patients through art. Partnerships with local art organizations make participative and performing art programs possible while art therapy provides a creative outlet for kids.





### The Power of Play

Care at Children's extends beyond clinical knowledge and skills. That's why we provide services that cater specifically to helping kids adjust to their hospital stay. Supported 100 percent by donors, the resources provided by our patient and family services team help kids heal by minimizing stress and maximizing play. Pet and music therapy, spiritual care, teen rooms and many other special programs help kids continue to be kids at Children's, all thanks to you.

MAKING THE HOSPITAL  
FEEL MORE LIKE HOME

Whether it's cuddling with therapy dogs or playing video games, we make every attempt to encourage kids to forget, even if just for a moment, why they are at Children's.

### Caring For the Whole Family

Family is at the center of everything we do at Children's. You've helped create a comfortable environment that allows families to stay together. Parents and siblings can find respite in the Great Clips Family Resource Center and Sibling Play Area supported by Raymond and Mary Lou Barton. Kids can play in the sports-themed Teammates for Kids Child Life Zone. And through the generosity of Best Buy, Geek Squad precincts in each hospital provide games, gadgets and tech support that keep families connected.



### WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE

The in-hospital Ronald McDonald House allows families to stay close and involved in their child's care during critical times. Your support provides the extra care families need from evening meals to laundry facilities.





### Fill A Room With Care

For kids in the hospital, all they want is the comforts of home. Through our *Fill A Room With Care* initiative, we gathered patients and architects together to design the perfect hospital room. And thanks to hundreds of donors and their families, their vision came to life. We now offer private patient rooms that put kids at the center – along with dedicated spaces for caregivers and families. The rooms are customized for the services they provide, from intensive to neurological care and everything in between. Today, each room at Children’s is not only filled, but overflowing with care.

EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAIL  
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Private patient rooms offer more than just extra space. Research shows that kids heal better when they stay connected with their family. Through room sponsorship plaques throughout the hospital, families know the community is with them and supporting them in their medical journey.



Every kid at Children's has a story. And you are a part of it. Your generosity, passion and commitment are woven into the bricks and mortar, the medical technology, the family-centered care, and the belief that all kids deserve the best possible health care. With your support in completing the *Delivering Next Generation Care Campaign*, this part of the Children's story has a happy ending. And we are excited to write our next chapter with you at the heart of it.





**Delivering Next  
Generation Care Campaign**

**January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2013**

In 2007, Children's embarked on a historic journey to raise \$150 million to revitalize facilities and expand our nationally-recognized clinical programs. Because of your support, we raised just shy of \$170 million – exceeding our goal by 13 percent. Thank you for helping to make Children's, Children's.

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