



Impact of the Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

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We are deeply grateful for our longtime partnership with the Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation. Through the Iroquois Steeplechase, the foundation has played a key role in providing support for major programs and proposals at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, including our recent proposal for the Pediatric Cancer Initiative. Your commitment makes a difference in the lives of our smallest patients and their families in their times of greatest need.

Pediatric Cancer Initiative

The Pediatric Cancer Initiative builds on the strengths of personalized cancer care that are the hallmarks of Vanderbilt University Medical Center — that is, it allows us to treat more patients requiring life-saving chemotherapy and other treatments, reduce their time in the hospital and improve outcomes.

Our current facility was built for an era when cancer care involved far greater inpatient visits. Advances in hematology and oncology treatment, however, mean that even more patients can receive outpatient treatment and get home more quickly, shortening their hospital stay. The reduced length-of-stay benefits the patient and enables us to treat more children who need care. Through the efforts of the Pediatric Cancer Initiative, many patients will be able to safely shift from overnight stays to outpatient chemotherapy after facilities are available for this redesign in more efficient patient care.

To that end, we are moving toward the design phase of the Pediatric Cancer Initiative, and we estimate that it will be completed in 24-36 months. Upon completion, children, teens and young adults who come to us for treatment will find more comfortable, and age- and treatment-appropriate spaces with thoughtful, targeted enhancements to meet the specific needs of young patients with cancer.

Growing to New Heights

Thanks to your earlier support, the Children's Hospital vertical expansion has come to fruition. Our official opening celebration is October 1, 2019; the first new floor has opened, and we anticipate the next one will open in December or January. The additional space will help create

more and better opportunities for both in-patient and outpatient treatment for childhood cancer patients.

In conclusion

None of this would be possible without the support of donors like you. Thanks to you, we are able to provide comfort and care to pediatric cancer patients and their families during some of the most trying times of their lives. We appreciate your support and generosity.