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**AMAZING FUTURE**

The Children's Institute

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## WHERE THERE IS HOPE, POSSIBILITIES GROW.

The Children's Institute, located in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh, launched the public phase of a \$30 million comprehensive campaign in fall 2007. Funds from *The Campaign for an Amazing Future* will be used to acquire and renovate the building to be able to expand programs and services to meet community needs. This will solidify the position of The Children's Institute as the premier provider of acute and post-acute pediatric rehabilitation services in western Pennsylvania.

Established in 1902, The Children's Institute is an independent, nonprofit, licensed organization in Pittsburgh dedicated to promoting the well-being of children, young people and their families and to providing services that meet their special needs. The unique comprehensive approach of The Children's Institute—hospital, school, adoption service—sets the organization apart from others in western Pennsylvania. In fiscal year 2007, The Children's Institute served more than 4,600 children and their families and provided \$3.6 million in charity care.

The Children's Institute is, and has been, a significant resource for children, families, caregivers, educators and physicians. And with the support of private and government funding, The Children's Institute can continue to respond to the emerging and priority needs of the community—and of children.

## THE CAMPAIGN

Funds raised will be used for building acquisition, construction costs, program expansion, endowed research and scholarships and a Healing Garden.

Building Acquisition & Renovation	\$20,000,000
Enhancement of Programs and Services	\$10,000,000
<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>\$30,000,000</b>

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

A complete list of renovations to the Squirrel Hill facility is included on the reverse side.

## EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

With expanded space, The Children's Institute now has the critically-needed physical room to accommodate growing programs and services, which include:

- creating a leading-edge Center for Autism for implementing and studying innovative and integrated treatment and education models for children with autism
- creating an experimental room with reduced toxins and exposures—an Environmental Pediatric Room—to test if the use of clean room technology can reduce the impact of autism
- providing a pediatric unit that will provide respite care for children with special needs during periods of conflicting family demands
- providing a pediatric unit that will provide palliative and hospice care; combining medical, therapeutic and support services in a homelike environment
- developing a Healing Garden that contains outdoor patios and beautiful gardens full of lush flowers to provide a therapeutic oasis for students, patients and their families

## ENDOWED RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

By establishing endowed research and scholarship funds, The Children's Institute will be able to continue leading-edge research and keep The Day School available to all families for years to come. Projects funded by endowment interest will include:

- developing the research capacity and broadening the fields of knowledge in the many diagnostic and treatment spheres pioneered at The Children's Institute in order to further treatment and research in critical areas of pediatric care, such as autism and childhood obesity
- establishing scholarship funds to provide tuition assistance to ensure all children with special needs who wish to attend The Day School will never be denied service because of insufficient funding



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## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: MAKING SPACE FOR IMPROVED SERVICES**

A \$25 million capital improvement project at The Children's Institute has touched virtually every space in the facility in order to accommodate growing programs and services. The Children's Institute provides more treatment and education space, while offering working space that is more functional for staff. These physical changes have improved work flow and made staff more efficient and effective in how they provide care. The expansion included consolidating classrooms on to two floors; concentrating inpatient and outpatient services in two distinct areas and renovating all areas to be more conducive to treating and teaching our amazing kids in a warm, comfortable and cost-efficient environment.

## **OVERVIEW OF MAJOR RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES**

### **General**

- upgraded safety and security system with swipe card access
- improved patios, gutters, roofing and repointed building
- overhauled heat, ventilation and air conditioning systems
- upgraded mechanical, electric, plumbing and HVAC
- removed asbestos

### **The Hospital**

- increased capacity from 39 to 82 licensed beds
- upgraded the Prader-Willi Syndrome unit by adding two recreational spaces (large activity room and quiet activity room), evaluation room, exam room, small kitchenette, small laundry, medication room and staff lounge
- added two isolation rooms (from two to four total), an educational suite and a second sensory room
- renovated existing patient care areas and nursing stations with colors and designs to make the facility more child-friendly
- created Austin's Playroom to increase the quantity and quality of space with televisions, Internet, games, fish tanks and a dining and recreation area
- added a lounge where patients and families can gather privately
- relocated treatment areas onto the units to improve flow and safety for patients
- updated two former adult rehabilitation apartments to provide places for patients and their families to practice activities of daily living while training for the transition to home
- relocated various staff and physician offices to reduce time spent off of the unit
- upgraded the nurse-call system, medical gas and oxygen systems, safety and emergency systems and information and telecommunications systems
- added Internet access to all patient rooms
- renovated the outpatient therapy area with a more consolidated space, including a new sensory gym, audiology suite and therapy touch down space

- expanded medical staff offices, conference room and medical library
- added separate medical waiting room for individuals visiting The Hospital for appointments

### **The Day School**

- renovated former inpatient space, creating new classrooms
- developed space to house the Classrooms for Students with Autism specific to the needs of this population by:
  - reconfiguring five existing classrooms
  - creating a dining area
  - replacing ceiling with special acoustical tiles to dampen sounds
  - replacing all fluorescent lighting with incandescent lighting
  - installing a safety system to limit access to the area
- reconfigured the multi-purpose room to be used for lunch for The Day School, physician grand rounds, meetings, seminars, special events and recreational therapy
- added a new music room, therapy feeding area for The Day School, three new treatment rooms and three conference rooms
- added and enlarged bathrooms to make more accessible for all children in the school
- constructed bathrooms for activities of daily living training and transition
- developed a nursing suite to house three full-time nurses including a sick room with medical gases, waiting room, screening and testing area and teaching space
- relocated staff, including teachers, therapists, support staff and administrators, spread over four floors into consolidated spaces within The Day School

### **Staff and Support Areas**

- relocated staff from various buildings to consolidated areas, including Engineering and Maintenance, Accounting and Human Resources departments
- created orthotic/prosthetic suite
- reconfigured the Information Services department to add new air conditioning/cooling unit for servers room and new training room
- developed a Community Resources and Training suite for volunteers
- renovated the library and upgraded the dining room
- improved the laundry holding area, Housekeeping and Materials Management areas

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