

Putting the Child and Family at the Center of Care

THE BARRY AND BILL BATTLE BUILDING AT UVA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

“The Barry and Bill Battle Building is the cornerstone of our ‘bridge’ model of care, spanning the continuum from severe illness to full health. Our goal is to support children and families on their journey home... toward wellness and a full life in their community. This building makes that possible.”

— RICH STEVENSON, M.D.

Six-year-old Hannah has cancer. That doesn't stop her from enjoying the paint set she is given by a hospital teacher. Watching her daughter happily dab paint on paper gives Hannah's mother comfort, even in the face of the medical treatments to come.

Putting children and families at ease is a hallmark of care at UVA Children's Hospital. Here, outstanding medical expertise is combined with family-centered care. Healing the body goes hand-in-hand with lifting the spirits of children and their families.

The new Barry and Bill Battle Building, designed to consolidate pediatric outpatient services, will embody that same attention to family-centered care. Cheerful exam rooms and waiting areas. Convenient pick-up and drop-off locations. Room for exploration and play. Quiet spaces for rest and reflection. All of these details will be brought together within a building where children and families will find the very best in pediatric healthcare, along with the caring attention they need for their journeys to recovery.

A Bridge from Hospital to Home

The Barry and Bill Battle Building will consolidate pediatric outpatient healthcare services, treating children with illnesses ranging from cancer to cystic fibrosis to diabetes, as well as handling routine wellness exams. For children coping with complex illnesses, the Battle Building will provide a bridge between the acute care they receive in the hospital and the ongoing care they and their parents will need to manage at home.

Today, children who visit various UVA specialty clinics may travel to as many as five different locations spread over three miles. In the new building, these children and families will find all the care they need—from physicians to surgeons to physical and occupational therapists—in one location. That's critical for the children and families who make more than 100,000 visits to the UVA Children's Hospital outpatient clinics each year.

Climate controlled connectors will link the Battle Building to the UVA Children's

Hospital inpatient unit for children needing hospitalization and acute care services. This nearness to the hospital also promotes the essential collaboration of services and specialists. The Battle Building completes a continuum of care that is cheerful and welcoming—just what children and families need to promote health and healing outcomes.

Neighborhoods of Care

Inside the building, architects are creating a unique neighborhood model for delivering care. These neighborhoods will be organized to bring related services and specialists together for the ease and convenience of families. The gastroenterology clinic, for example, may be grouped with the nutrition program and feeding clinic. Filled with caring nurses, physicians, therapists, and other children's healthcare professionals, these neighborhoods will become warm, welcoming homes-away-from-home for many children.

The building will also include stand-alone programs, such as:

- a Teen Health Center,
- a pediatric infusion center for kids with cancer and other conditions,
- physical therapy and rehabilitation services, and
- an outpatient surgery center.

A Community of Support

The naming of the building honors Barry and Bill Battle, longtime supporters of children's health in Central Virginia. Many others—parents, grandparents, community members, businesses, and national foundations—are also joining together to make the Battle Building a reality. Additional supporters will be needed to realize this comprehensive vision for children's healthcare.

The Barry and Bill Battle Building will provide an extraordinary resource for children and families across the region and beyond. For all children and families in need, it will offer a priceless bridge from hospital to home.



The Barry and Bill Battle Building will encompass approximately 82,000 square feet of departmental space for children and families. It will include approximately 75 exam rooms, double the current size.



“For anyone wanting to make a difference in the lives of children fighting complex illnesses, this is a very special opportunity.”

— RANDY SHURE
Campaign Steering Committee Chair



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To join those individuals who are supporting the Barry and Bill Battle Building at UVA Children's Hospital, please contact the Director of Development for UVA Children's Hospital, (800) 297-0102, (434) 924-8432.

"I have met many families who credit UVA Children's Hospital with saving their children's lives. This special new building will provide a tremendous resource to our community."

- BARRY BATTLE

Concept vignette of a potential clinical neighborhood within the Barry and Bill Battle Building

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Miracle Mason

Few little boys survive the odds that Mason Ikirt faced. At age two, Mason caught a cold that escalated to pneumonia. The pneumonia led to a rare, untreatable disease, causing kidney failure, which led to another disease that caused temporary blindness. Mason required 18 blood transfusions and 11 dialysis treatments. His heart stopped, resulting in 12 strokes, leaving him unable to move, eat, or speak.

Mason spent 9 weeks in pediatric intensive care and 3 months in the Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center at UVA Children's Hospital. Today, Mason is almost 100% recovered, with no vision problems or medicines to take.

"We are so blessed," says Mason's mother. "With help from phenomenal doctors, nurses, therapists, blood donors, and lots of prayer, we are able to share the story of our little boy, who the hospital staff nicknamed 'Miracle Mason.'"

The Barry and Bill Battle Building will help children like Mason beat overwhelming odds and create new miracles every day.



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