



University of Virginia Children's Hospital  
Transforming the Landscape of Health Care





artist's conceptual drawing

The UVa Children's Hospital's new clinical facility will be designed with families in mind.

At the UVa Children's Hospital, it is the beat of young voices that we hear. Their contagious laughter and wondrous questions create our vision: the hope and promise of a future that gives all children the chance to dream, heal, and imagine—even when things take an unexpected turn—when kidneys fail or hearts don't work right, when babies are born too early, or when accidents and rampant infections strike.

Over the decades, the UVa Children's Hospital has grown from a small regional children's program to an internationally recognized hospital for children. On any given night, our inpatient unit cares for more than 100 children; our pediatric emergency department records 15,000 visits annually. To address growth and urgent demand, we have added outpatient clinics, but they are held in scattered locations, sometimes miles apart.

Children aren't supposed to be sick, but when they are, we must be there for them with facilities that match our expertise. We must construct a new facility that consolidates services—including clinics, rehabilitation space, and clinical research suites—all in one convenient and friendly location. And we must continue to fill this building and all of the UVa Children's Hospital with the caring staff, the innovative research, and the special programs that our young patients and their families deserve. Our **\$60 million campaign for the UVa Children's Hospital** will help bring these dreams to life.



### THREE HEALTHY CHILDREN

Randy and Allison Shure were visiting Charlottesville from London when their youngest son, Charlie (center), unexpectedly began having unrelenting seizures. “We had three healthy children, and we were suddenly faced with the fact that we might lose Charlie,” says Randy, who now chairs the UVa Children’s Hospital Campaign. The Shures came to the UVa Children’s Hospital. After lengthy but unsuccessful treatments with anti-epileptic drugs, UVa doctors implanted a vagus nerve stimulator in Charlie. Today his seizures are under control.

Now Charlottesville residents, the Shures have made a leadership gift to launch the campaign. “You don’t realize how lucky you are to have such a facility just minutes away,” says Allison. “Our thanks go to the doctors and nurses and those in the community whose selfless efforts ensured that the UVa Children’s Hospital was there for our family.”

## Putting Children First

Childhood is a time of school plays, Little League, lightning bugs, new friends, and all kinds of firsts. There are also the cuts, bruises, colds, and broken hearts of growing up. But sometimes young lives hit a more rugged twist. Terrifying words that parents can barely whisper: leukemia, lymphoma, kidney failure, amputation. It is in these times that the UVa Children’s Hospital—with our team of 500 doctors, nurses, therapists, and researchers—stands ready to embrace our patients’ needs and care for their fragile bodies.

Sick children respond differently than adults, and caring for them is more complicated. Procedures take longer; there is less room for error. That’s why we have the top pediatric specialists, advanced diagnostic and treatment equipment, and the smallest of the small needles, oxygen masks, blood pressure cuffs, and intubation tubes. Because of this, families come—often from hundreds of miles away—to seek our expert care.

To continue to offer the best possible care for these families, we need more. We need a full-service, fully integrated children’s hospital: a one-stop place to ease the family burden so that moms, often with siblings in tow, won’t have to travel from treatment location to location; a place with on-site parking and interior links to operating rooms and radiology, clinics, and family waiting rooms; a place where treatment teams and other pediatric specialties provide seamless care.

# A Place of Their Own



## DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES

Key features of the new UVa Children's Hospital building will include:

- Outpatient and rehabilitative care in a friendly space, making care more convenient and collaborative
- A direct link to the UVa Children's Hospital inpatient units
- Outpatient clinics in primary care, cancer, autism, cerebral palsy, diabetes, and other specialties
- An on-site pediatric cancer infusion center
- 19 beds for pediatric rehabilitation and transition to home
- Special rehabilitative services, such as a therapy pool and horticulture program

Architects' renderings give our new building shape, complete with carefully placed corridors, rooms, suites, and treatment areas. What you can't see in the drawings are the special treasures of childhood intertwined with the miracles of healing. You can't see toddlers sitting side by side giggling. Or a child mastering the mechanics of a new wheelchair. Or kids attending hospital school and writing poetry, singing silly songs, and coloring outside the lines. You can't see families leaning together and laughing softly or the nurses and doctors who regularly stop by.

Our new building will have all of this. It will be designed specifically for children and their families, complete with the special touches that make going to the doctor easier. We will have play areas decorated with cheerful and colorful accents, toys and games, and quiet areas for respite and family time. Behind the scenes, we will have space organized for easy communication and collaboration among our medical and research teams.

With **\$38 million in private support**, we can construct this building: a place of greatness and hope, where families and patients heal side by side, where children and families are part of the care team, where health care for children is transformed.



## RESEARCH SAVING YOUNG LIVES

Now ranked among the top 25 percent in the nation for National Institutes of Health research grants, the UVa Department of Pediatrics research program brings new vision and hope to families. And additional private support for research means more and more children have a chance at life. Programs and new tests make treatment better and diagnosis easier. Even simple tests, like the one Dr. Ben Gaston helped develop for asthmatics, can prevent more serious events. Called NIOX Nitric Oxide Test System, the test measures the amount of nitric oxide a person breathes out. UVa researchers discovered that very high levels may be a warning that a child is susceptible to an asthma attack and may need to take medication.

## Tomorrow's Treatments Today

To some, they are the miracles, the children who survived life-threatening conditions. They are children like Sarah, Noah, Peter, and Ashley; children who now have a chance to live beyond predictions.

Thirty years ago, children with leukemia died within a year of diagnosis; today, 80 percent are cured. Premature infants weighing less than two pounds rarely survived; today, most go home. Even the world's smallest triplets—delivered and cared for at UVa—survived and are thriving.

Continuing to pursue innovative avenues of inquiry, UVa pediatric specialists and investigators conduct research that helps treat and save fragile bodies. In the past five years, outside grant support for innovative research has increased from \$3 million to \$8 million annually. Because of our pediatric faculty, the cardiac team is able to close a hole in a child's heart without invasive surgery; a lung surfactant—developed and tested at UVa—has led to the routine survival of premature babies who would have otherwise died; and technology developed at UVa can predict life-threatening infections as early as 48 hours before otherwise detected in premies.

Our doctors, researchers, and programs are nationally and internationally recognized. But perhaps even more importantly, we are committed to kids for a lifetime. And with **\$12 million for endowed professorships and pediatric endowment funds**, we can continue to recruit top pediatric specialists, advancing our research initiatives and ultimately saving more children's lives.

# Giving for Our Children's Future

Our Campaign for the UVa Children's Hospital will raise a **total of \$60 million** for the facilities, caregivers, and research that children and families need to heal. Together, we will build a premier facility for children and their families. With your support, we can transform children's health care in the Commonwealth and beyond. We can continue to grow and advance, continue to attract world-class practitioners, and continue to teach the next generation of pediatricians.

We ask you to join with us in our vision for the future of children's health care. It is in this giving that children will hear life's beat, that they will go on to have children of their own and become who they are meant to be.



**For more information or to make a gift to the UVa Children's Hospital, please contact the Director of Development for the University of Virginia Children's Hospital, Health System Development Office, 800-297-0102 or 434-924-8432.**

## UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The UVa Children's Hospital is the premier children's hospital in Virginia, recording 100,000 patient visits each year.
- UVa's Children's Hospital includes comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, and rehabilitation services for children.
- The UVa Children's Hospital includes 110 doctors ranging from general pediatricians to specialists in 30 fields.
- At the UVa Children's Hospital, we serve patients from across Virginia, from surrounding states, and, in some specialties, from across the nation and the globe.
- We offer the only pediatric heart and lung transplant program in the state.
- Virginia's first pediatric cardiac catheterization was performed by UVa Children's Hospital physicians.
- The UVa Children's Hospital is home to Virginia's first and most comprehensive autism program.
- UVa's Children's Hospital is a national research leader in neonatology, kidney development, brain injury, neurodevelopment, cerebral palsy outcomes, and lung injury.
- We are a leader in the mid-Atlantic region in restoring hearing to children through cochlear implants.



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