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Building Blocks

Designs for the Barry and Bill Battle Building continue to take shape. See the aerial view of a concept below. The Blake Building is removed in this rendering. The building we know as 1222 JPA forms the long leg of the triangle which has a walking area (looks like a plaza). You can see a roof garden (we need a donor to donate) and the retail spaces on Main Street. The connector from the parking garage lets patients and families enter from that direction in addition to the drop off place under the canopy in front of the building. We don't know about all the new traffic patterns yet, but we watch for updates.



UVACH Clinical Practice Committee

The University of Virginia Children's Hospital is a busy place: we have thousands of inpatients and nearly 100,000 outpatient visits over the course of a year. We take care of children who are well, critically ill, have a one-time illness or have a chronic disease. We have children that see one provider or 20, have one parent or live in a group home. We have over 300 staff and 100 faculty who care for children each day. Over 100 children each night are cared for in our inpatient units.

The volume and complexity of care is ginormous (to quote the kids). We now have a way to evaluate and direct the care of children with representatives from all parts of our children's hospital. For the first time we can tackle issues that affect children of all ages and children across the entire medical center--like sedation or emergency team

Orange County Health Fair

The Orange County Health Fair is a FREE event for all ages. There will be over 30 local exhibitors with informational displays and several health screenings will be offered. There will be activities and a MOON BOUNCE for the children. DOOR PRIZES!!!! **June 18, 2009** 4 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Orange County High School Field house.

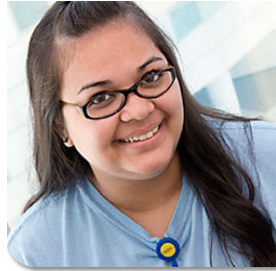
Health Fair-Volunteers Needed !

The annual Boys and Girls Club Health Fair will be held on **July 11, 2009** at Covenant School from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with health screenings including sports physicals. If you can donate some of your time to this worthy cause please contact Maria Synan (996-7747) or Ashley Logan (arf3x@virginia.edu). This is an ongoing resident volunteer opportunity and attendings are needed to supervise.

composition. The Clinical Practice Committee is a multi-disciplinary group that will review and approve work related to the clinical care of children. The CPC is also charged with evaluation and implementation of Patient and Family Centered Care in the Children's Hospital.

We have had one meeting so far - stay tuned for updates and requests for interested clinicians to serve on workgroups. This is our opportunity to improve the clinical care we provide to our patients and to practice patient and family centered care in new ways and new venues.

Employee of the Month for April



Tina Asay came to Charlottesville from the Philippines when she was 16 years old, and has worked as a HUC on 7 Acute for the last 20 months. Her most memorable experience as a HUC happened at Christmas time when she was working on the unit. Even though Tina could not be with her family for this holiday, she liked to help pass out donated toys to the children who couldn't leave the hospital either. When asked how she felt about getting this award, Tina said, "...It's nice to know they appreciate what you do." We agree!

Week of the Nurse Awards

Hooray PICU & KCRC!

The Children's Hospital starred this year in the Spring Awards given in May during the Week of the Nurse!! **Laurie Brock**, Clinician IV in the PICU was chosen the Outstanding Preceptor of the Year and **Lorie Nouwairi**, also in PICU was presented the award for Excellence in Practice. **Marilu Dixon**, APN I (with the Wound / Ostomy Team) who still sees Pediatrics as her love was chosen the Nurse of Distinction. And to add icing to this awards cake, the inpatient unit at **KCRC** was selected as the care team with the Greatest Team Spirit. Congratulations to everyone....

Department of Pediatrics Housestaff 2009-2010

Our Housestaff will always be important members of the team. Welcome the best, brightest and the newest. Be gentle because they're learning the ropes.



Stephanie Chao Leary
Virginia Commonwealth Univ



Nikhila Deo
Univ of Wisconsin



Leah Fleming
Univ of Washington

**UVA's Kluge
Center Named
Top in the State
in Pediatric Brain
Injury**



Sherie Horvath
Univ of S. Alabama



Jessica Kross
UVA



Almea Matanock
Univ of New Mexico



Elaine Ramsay
Med Univ-S. Carolina



Zeena Salman
Academy of Med.
Sciences & Technology



Lydia Snyder
Florida State Univ.



Kelley Zagol
Temple Univ.



Michelle Piel
Jefferson Medical College



Lauren Gregg
Virginia Commonwealth

Quality at the Children's Hospital

The dictionary says "...quality is a property or attribute that differentiates a thing or a person." We believe UVA's Children's Hospital Quality program is one of our best differentiators. The Quality and Safety Program within Children's is hierarchical. The unit level quality teams report data to the Children's Regional Team. The Children's Regional Team reports to Children's Hospital Clinical Practice Committee.

The mission of Children's Regional Team for Quality & Safety is:

UVA Children's Hospital is an institution where all children are free from harm and receive the most effective healthcare in a timely fashion, respecting the child and family as the most important players on the healthcare team.

This mission paints a broad picture of exactly what all of us do each and every day. Led by Dr. Tracey Hoke, the Children's Hospital Regional team is an innovative, analytical and powerful team that tackles a wide range of system issues. Comprised of regional medical directors, unit managers, and quality liaisons, the team meets monthly on the first Wednesday from 0700 to 0800. Their focus of late, is one we have all experienced, "What keeps you up at night?" or what aspects of caring for children at the Children's Hospital needs refining and tweaking because it might not be the most safe? What patient safety issues extend across our units? Is it situations in the intensive care areas or is it emergency care? What about ambulatory or acute care? Stay tuned because you will hear more in issues to come.

Another New Kid on the Block

Bill Jordan, RN, MSN joins Children's Hospital as the Director of Pediatric Critical Care. He is responsible for the PICU, Peds Sedation, ECMO, and the Children's Hospital Heart Center. Bill comes to us from Hartford, CT where since 2006 he was Director of Professional Practice at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Before CT (1996-2006), he was the Director of Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer at the Cleveland Clinic Health System Children's Hospital, Shaker Campus in Cleveland. Welcome to Virginia, Bill! We're glad you're here.

The deadline to submit to Kids' Matter is the 25th of each month. Thank you for your ideas!

Contact us with comments, feedback, and suggestions at [Children's Hospital Newsletter](#) in the Outlook Global Address List

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I like this newsletter but want to read more about each specific unit of the CH. For example, "What is the Children's Heart Center?"

Thanks,
Just a CH staff person