

Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children



Design & Construction

- The Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children will be located on the block directly north of the current facility and will be bridged to the existing Children's facilities (the existing hospital, Children's Harbor and Children's Park Place) and to UAB Women and Infants Center.
- Estimated square footage of the 12-story building exceeds 760,000 square feet, making it the largest medical facility expansion in the history of Alabama.
- Bed license will increase from 275 to 332, plus 48 NICU bassinets.
- The Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children will accommodate projected growth in patient volume, anticipated medical technology needs, planned consolidation of pediatric services and a family-centered design that will enhance patient and family comfort.
- The Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children will have larger patient rooms, a much larger emergency department and two additional general operating rooms.
- Relocating from UAB to Children's will be two cardiac ORs dedicated to pediatric cardiovascular surgery.
- Groundbreaking occurred on May 14, 2009, with completion expected mid-2012.
- KLMK Group serves as project manager; Hoar Construction, in partnership with BE&K, serves as construction manager; and HKS, Inc., in partnership with Giattina Aycock Studio, serves as architect.

Opening August of 2012

Rendering above is a view of the Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children from the North, with the Harbert Tower on the left and the Monday Morning Quarterback Club Tower on the right. Below is the motor lobby with suspended spiral staircase.



Economics

- In recognition of the transformational \$25 million gift made by Ben and Luanne Russell, the expansion facility will be named the Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children in honor of Mr. Russell's grandfather, legendary entrepreneur Benjamin Russell (1876-1941). Additionally, the entire downtown campus will be named The Russell Campus.
- Major gifts announced thus far include the \$25 million Russell family gift, a \$10 million gift from McWane, Inc., and the McWane Foundation, \$8 million from the Monday Morning Quarterback Club, \$5 million from Raymond and Kathryn Harbert and \$5 million from the Hugh Kaul Foundation.
- Anticipated cost of the project is \$399 million (\$261 million for construction and the remainder for equipment, furnishings, and soft costs) with financing for the project comprised of: tax-exempt bond proceeds; state, county and local government support, including \$20 million from the city of Birmingham; and contributions from employees, individuals, foundations and corporations to the "Keeping Promises" capital campaign.
- An estimated 1,746 jobs with a \$70.6 million construction payroll will be generated by the project, bringing a significant economic boost to the state of Alabama, Jefferson County and the city of Birmingham.



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Rendering above is of a typical patient room. Directly below is a nurses' station and, at bottom, is a view of "Main Street," where many family/patient resources will be located.



Family-Centered Care Rooms

- All rooms are of the same size and configuration
- All private rooms (including PICU, Special Care, CICU and NICU)
- All have patient zone, family zone and staff zone
- Family zone features a sleeper sofa, large wardrobe and small safe for valuables
- Patient education/entertainment system
- Acute care and critical care rooms – spacious room with bathroom
- NICU – spacious room with shower facilities on floor
- Rooming-in accommodations give parents of newborns the opportunity to practice at-home care routines before discharge

Every Patient Floor

- A family kitchen with refrigerator and microwave
- Laundry room
- Subwaiting areas with natural light
- Consult rooms for private conversations outside of the patient room

Facility

- Patient Education Center, family resource center with computers, Room of Magic theater, meditation space, lactation room, Grab and Go Store (with coffee and sandwiches), performance stage for use by community groups
- Green spaces on 17th Street

LEED Certification

- The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification is a third-party certification program for the design, construction and operation of sustainable, energy-efficient and environmentally responsible building projects. The US Green Building Council administers LEED certification and evaluates projects according to established and nationally accepted criteria for building performance in five key areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.
- Children's Hospital expansion is expected to become Alabama's first LEED-certified hospital building under LEED version 2.2 for New Construction and the largest LEED-certified project in the state to date, largely underwritten by a portion of the McWane capital campaign gift.
- "Green" buildings are healthy buildings with more natural light, clean air circulation and materials designed to limit toxic emissions, creating an environment of wellness for patients and staff alike that is in sync with the Children's Hospital mission.
- "Green" buildings are more energy-efficient, require less maintenance and last longer. Thus, cost savings can be directed toward resources that enable Children's Hospital to provide excellent health care to the children of Alabama.

