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CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA OPENS PEDIATRIC CLINICAL AND THERAPY SERVICES AT LAKESHORE FOUNDATION

Children's of Alabama and Birmingham, Alabama-based Lakeshore Foundation, an internationally known nonprofit promoting physical activity among the disabled, have partnered to provide pediatric clinical and therapy services on Lakeshore's campus.

The new facility, called Children's at Lakeshore, offers physician care by the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Division of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine and therapy services by Children's Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology staff. These services are just steps away from wheelchair basketball practice and afterschool recreation classes in Lakeshore's Fieldhouse, and aquatics and teen swim club in the Aquatics Center.

Children's at Lakeshore serves children and adolescents with acute onset or chronically disabling conditions who can benefit from the combination of a medically-based model of care and community-based healthy living and transitional services. This unique collaboration is designed to help each child achieve their highest level of independence.

"Lakeshore Foundation and Children's of Alabama have enjoyed a successful partnership for many years," said Lakeshore President Jeff Underwood. "We are looking forward to expanding our collaboration and strengthening our relationship with Children's so that more parents and their children with physical disabilities can learn about opportunities available to them at Lakeshore."

Referrals to Children's at Lakeshore are made primarily by UAB physicians following an inpatient rehabilitation stay or clinic appointment, and based on the potential patient benefit from the specific services available at Children's at Lakeshore.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to partner with Lakeshore Foundation in opening Children's at Lakeshore," said Heather Baty, Children's Divisional Director of Ambulatory Operations. "Bringing the Children's at Lakeshore facility to the Foundation campus will provide an opportunity for a more seamless transition to support our patients in pursuing an active lifestyle."

Medical professionals will evaluate and provide these patients with a customized and comprehensive rehabilitation, physical, occupational, and/or speech-language therapy treatment program specifically designed for their needs in an outpatient program. For more information, visit www.childrens.org/childrens-at-lakeshore.



A grand opening ceremony was held at Children's at Lakeshore on Sept. 6. Pictured, from left, Ken Segars, Children's Divisional Director of Specialty Care Services; Beth Curry, Lakeshore Foundation Chief Program Officer; Heather Baty, Children's Divisional Director of Ambulatory Operations; Tom Shufflebarger, Children's Chief Operations Officer; Savannah Gardner, Jeff Underwood, Lakeshore Foundation President; and Drew Davis, M.D., UAB Division of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Director.