



Sick Kids Can't Wait

REACHING HIGHER FOR THE AMERICAN FAMILY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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We Built it and They Came

In 2007, the doors opened to a world-class children's hospital – American Family Children's Hospital at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. What followed was a grateful community bringing its most vulnerable – its children – to us for their care.

We wish these two words – **Children** and **Hospital** – were never said together.

But the reality, of course, is that some children do get quite sick. These are children with cancer, heart defects, liver disease and many other illnesses that can best be treated at a comprehensive pediatric medical center like American Family Children's Hospital.

Since opening in 2007, we have cared for more than 10,000 children from 49 out of 50 states and the need only continues to grow. Our current 61-bed capacity cannot accommodate every child and family that will need us.

What is The Giraffe Project?

The Giraffe Project, named after the tallest of all land-living animals, is about “reaching higher” for the American Family Children's Hospital. It calls for completing the remaining unfinished spaces in the hospital, (including the 6th – and very highest – floor) to make space for every child and family who needs us. It includes providing special space for our youngest patients – newborns in need of specialized surgical and medical care; and providing the necessary support spaces to treat these fragile little ones.



The Giraffe Project has three major components:

- **Adding 26 more beds by completing the 6th Floor.** Once complete, our top floor will be divided into two units: a 12-bed High Acuity, Level 4 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and a 14-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). This will ensure that the very sickest babies and children in the region can be treated in Madison without the stress of more distant travel.
- **Equipping the final two pediatric operating rooms.** To accommodate projected demand for even more pediatric surgical care, we will purchase the necessary equipment to open the final two pediatric operating rooms, bringing the total to eight.
- **Constructing a pediatric cardiac catheterization/interventional radiology laboratory.** This will ensure that infants or children undergoing invasive, life-saving procedures are treated in the safest and most family-friendly environment possible.

How Can I Get Involved in The Giraffe Project?

We are asking our best friends to help us reach higher by becoming part of American Family Children's Hospital's “Sick Kids Can't Wait – The Giraffe Project”.

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Gifts to “Sick Kids Can't Wait – The Giraffe Project” will be recognized at American Family Children's Hospital specifically for supporting this program and ensuring that the needs of these children will be met.

