Saints Alive!

Have You Heard the News?

HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital announces Join the Fight

As a close friend and loyal supporter of our hospitals, we invite you to take a special look inside Join the Fight, a multi-million dollar and dual-phase community fundraising campaign to allow for expansion and upgrades of HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital.

In the first phase of this two phase project, Join the Fight aims to raise $10 million by the end of 2019.

Thanks to the outpouring of generosity from so many wonderful people like you, $7.5 million has already been raised!

But the battle against childhood illnesses is far from over.

HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital is located inside the walls of HSHS St. Vincent Hospital. As Green Bay’s only children's hospital, last year we served nearly 8,000 children across Northeast Wisconsin.

In the first phase of this campaign, money raised will be used to transform four units within the Children's Hospital: Pediatric Emergency Care, Pediatric Inpatient Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), and Child Life.

“Let the little children come to me…”
Matthew 19:14

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If you would like to opt out of receiving future fundraising requests, email us at EWfriends@hshs.org, call us at (920) 433-8653 or write the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary’s Foundation at P.O. Box 11706, Green Bay, WI 54307-1706, Attn: Development Department.
Aaron Rodgers leads fundraising campaign as Honorary Chair

Joining us in this fight is one of the most well-known faces in Northeast Wisconsin and all across the country: professional football player and quarterback, Aaron Rodgers.

To see the Join the Fight commercial featuring Aaron Rodgers, visit stvincentchildrenshospital.org/join-the-fight/

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By joining the fight, you can help HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital take its services to an entirely new level – one that is sure to enhance the care and experiences of our patients and families.

Pediatric Emergency Care Upgrade

The new pediatric emergency department will be a distinct unit within the general emergency department of HSHS St. Vincent Hospital. The newly renovated space is designed to put children at ease during what can be a scary process. Patterns built into the floor will lead the children to treatment rooms. Cords and scary machines will be hidden by artwork. Each room will be equipped with advanced lighting solutions to allow children to choose their favorite color. The waiting room play area will be stocked with interactive activities and charging stations for patients who bring their own devices.

Construction in the emergency department has begun and will be completed this summer. Upgrades include:

• A new waiting room and play area specifically designed for children
• Six new treatment rooms equipped with new technologies and elements specifically designed for children
• A new nurse’s station designed to support specialized monitoring of patients
• A private waiting room adjacent to patient rooms

Pediatric Inpatient Unit, PICU and Child Life Upgrades

Construction is slated to begin this fall on the Pediatric Inpatient Unit, PICU, and Child Life spaces. Upgrades include:

• Restructuring the layout of all units to better meet the needs of patients and providers
• Renovation of all patient rooms to allow more space and amenities for patients’ families and caregivers
• Updated furnishings and medical technologies in all patient rooms
• Additional patient rooms in the PICU
• A new lounge designed to provide patients’ families and visitors space for respite and comfort
• A new play area accessible to patients and visitors
• Dedicated laundry space accessible to patients’ families
• A new, larger space for Child Life specialists to coordinate and offer activities and services for patients

With this campaign, we will create the look and feel of a children’s hospital. Spaces will reflect the soothing natural resources found across Northeast Wisconsin.

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Our Remarkable Journey

50 Years in the Making

The journey to becoming HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital began in 1969 when St. Vincent Hospital responded to the community’s need for intensive care for infants and developed the area’s only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). For 30 years, we have built a solid reputation for our care of newborns. In 1998, our care for all children led to the designation of Regional Pediatric Center. In 1999, we established the PICU for children of all ages. In November of 2015, HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital earned its official designation as a “Children’s Hospital!”

Fast forward to today. As a “hospital within a hospital,” HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital is comprised of hundreds of dedicated physicians, nurses, technicians and caregivers who specialize in providing care for children – from emergency care to cancer care, intensive care, surgical care and everything in between.

HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital is 1 of 5 children’s hospitals in the state, and the only one in Brown County, with convenient access for families across Northeast Wisconsin.

Join Avianna’s Fight Against Cystic Fibrosis

A pregnancy comes with all sorts of feelings, hopes and dreams for a mom-to-be. But mostly, a mom wishes for good health for her child.

Stacy had a normal full-term pregnancy with her middle child, Avianna. It wasn’t until Avianna’s newborn screening that Stacy learned her daughter has cystic fibrosis: a chronic and progressive genetic disease of the body’s mucus glands that affects the respiratory and digestive systems.

“We met with the doctor at HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital who walked us through what life would be like for us. He explained the different challenges we would face and the different medications we would need,” said Stacy.

Avianna’s first hospitalization came when she was just one year of age.

“Avianna was quite sick the first few years of her life and we were in and out of the hospital a lot,” said Stacy. “It’s just a thousand times better to be close to home, only 15 minutes from the hospital.”

Cystic fibrosis is something Avianna will always have. She takes at least 45 pills a day and has a port and feeding tube to ensure she is receiving proper nutrients.

Whenever Avianna returns to HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital, it is always a homecoming of sorts.

“Child Life is always waiting for her,” said Stacy. “They know what toys she loves to play with and as soon as we get there, Child Life has all of those things ready for her in her room.”

At 8 years old, Avianna is an active and energetic child. Not only does she participate in gymnastics, which helps to open her airways, she also participates in beauty pageants, which have helped her become more social.

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*Data at right includes care for children from birth to 21 years of age
HSHS Colleagues and Physicians Join the Fight

Every day our colleagues and physician partners give of their time and talents to treat our patients and their families. Their compassion and hardwork is the generator that allows our hospitals to share our caring mission. Each year these individuals are given an opportunity to give back to our community in an entirely different way — by making a gift during our annual colleague and physician giving campaign. This year, more than 1,800 colleagues and physician partners chose to participate in the campaign. They designated their generous gifts to a myriad of initiatives that will help our patients, including Join the Fight for HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital. When dedicated colleagues and physicians unite behind a common cause with donors like you, the impact of everyone’s generosity is AMAZING!

Yes! I want to be a part of the Join the Fight campaign and give kids the best care and experiences possible.

☐ Here is my gift of $_______________________

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Please make your check payable to the “HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary’s Foundation” and enclose it in the envelope provided. Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Thank you!