Care closer to home

Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs

Brooke, age 13, Children’s Hospital Colorado patient
Every family deserves access to the best pediatric care.

Colorado Springs is one of only three cities of its size in the country without a comprehensive children’s hospital. In some areas of southern Colorado, it’s normal to drive two hours to get health care. Often, this means families have to be apart and miss school and work.

But care closer to home means families can stay together when they need it most. They can continue school and work with less disruption. Ultimately, all of this means faster, better healing for kids.

This why we are building the first pediatric hospital in the region — Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Kids deserve a children’s hospital.

Kids aren’t small adults, and their health care needs are unique. For example, kids have smaller hearts and lower blood volumes. Their airways are smaller and their bones are always growing.

When children are hurt or sick, they need care that takes into consideration all the ways they’re different. This level of care requires specialized equipment and expertise. And, most hospitals and emergency departments don’t have what kids need.

Children’s Hospital Colorado is considered to be a top 10 children’s hospital by U.S. News & World Report. At Children’s Hospital Colorado, every provider is specially trained to care for kids and only kids, and every detail of the facility is designed to deliver the best pediatric care. We treat the whole child and their family, not just the illness.

As a nonprofit hospital, we are committed to treating children of all ages and stages of growth regardless of their family’s ability to pay for care.
Why do we need support now?
Southern Colorado’s population is growing. In 2017, El Paso County’s population grew more than any county in the state.
Approximately 220,000 kids live in southern Colorado, which is the U.S. Air Force Academy Falcon Stadium filled five times. As more families move to the area, the need for expert pediatric care grows.
Today, we provide outpatient specialty care, inpatient care, therapy care and urgent care services at four locations in southern Colorado. Outpatient visits at these clinics increased by nearly 550 percent in the past six years.
We are pleased to partner with the community to build a new facility with added services and a state-of-the-art space that matches our level of pediatric expertise.

Pediatric expertise matters.
When Michael was born at Memorial Hospital Central in Colorado Springs, he was transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Children’s Colorado on the Anschutz Medical Campus. His twin sister, Emily, stayed at Memorial Hospital Central.
For several weeks, their parents had to travel between the two locations, adding stress to an already difficult time. When Children’s Colorado Hospital, Colorado Springs is open, families will have a much better chance of staying together.

“Having a children’s hospital in Colorado Springs when our twins were born would have been much less stressful on our entire family. In the future, having this critical children’s hospital in our community will help many families with experiences like ours.”
— ROBERT, MICHAEL AND EMILY’S DAD

Care by the numbers
From healing colors to views of Pikes Peak to private patient rooms, every detail of Children’s Colorado, Colorado Springs is designed to help kids get better faster and reduce stress on the whole family. In fact, patient families even helped design the rooms.

- **294,000** square feet just for kids
- **6** behavioral health patient rooms for families who need help now
- **5** floors of specially designed pediatric space
- **100** hospital beds just for kids

New pediatric-only services in Colorado Springs will include an emergency department, inpatient and outpatient Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, operating rooms and a sleep study center.

Good for the community
Besides keeping more families closer to home, a children’s hospital brings all sorts of positive change to communities.
Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs will have an annual economic impact of $147 million in Colorado Springs and be responsible for creating 1,100 direct and indirect local jobs.
Six hundred pediatric specialists will live and work right here in Colorado Springs when the new hospital opens.
You can help
Together, we can make sure thousands of families in southern Colorado have access to some of the best pediatric health care in the nation.

When you give to Children’s Colorado, Colorado Springs, you give health, healing, hope and more nights closer to home. For more information on how you can support kids in southern Colorado, contact Children’s Hospital Colorado Foundation in Colorado Springs at 719-266-3597.

Markus, age 16, lives in Colorado Springs and was diagnosed with a rare bone cancer. To save his life, doctors at Children’s Hospital Colorado had to remove his leg below the knee. Markus now has a prosthetic leg and will continue care at Children’s Hospital Colorado, Colorado Springs when it opens.

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