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Introducing ...Shands Children's Hospital at UF and
Shands Children's Hospital at AGH

Expansion of Pediatric services to Shands AGH



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Dear Friends:

We are absolutely thrilled that we have been given the opportunity for our first dedicated children's hospital tower at Shands AGH, our community services are Gainesville. Shands HealthCare and the University of Florida's pediatric services are now focused in two locations: Shands Children's Hospital at UF and Shands Children's Hospital at AGH. There are a total of 188 beds at both campuses of Shands Children's Hospital – an increase of 29 more beds to serve our children.

A number of pediatric services moved from Shands Children's Hospital at UF to the Shands AGH West Tower, transforming it into an 82-bed children's area. All pediatric patient rooms are private, single-patient rooms with significant upgrades and renovations. The relocation occurred during the week of Oct. 9, 2006. In this first phase, we relocated services including all general pediatric inpatients; most pediatric medical specialty patients (including hematology-oncology, pulmonary, gastroenterology, renal, immunology, rheumatology, infectious diseases, endocrinology, genetics and neurology but excluding cardiology and bone marrow transplant); general pediatric surgery consultation; outpatient surgery; pediatric orthopaedics; and pediatric dentistry and oral surgery. We also created a 13-bed Pediatric Intensive Care/Intermediate Care Unit. There is also the potential for additional growth of pediatric services at Shands AGH with a possible Emergency Department expansion being considered for later in the academic year.

At Shands Children's Hospital at UF, there are 106 beds to serve children. Our Level 2 and Level 3 Neonatal ICUs, most pediatric general surgery, pediatric trauma, transplant, cardiology, cardiac surgery, neurosurgery and bone marrow transplant services will remain. We will also keep a 12-bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and a nine-bed Intermediate Care Unit.

This expansion will serve as a catalyst for a capital campaign to raise funds for our long-term vision: a freestanding children's hospital that will unite our system's pediatric services on a single campus. This is indeed an exciting and promising time for the UF and Shands family!

Sincerely,
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