

Children's Miracle Network awarded \$2,910,254.19 to Shands Children's Hospital in 2008. The following is a partial list of funded projects:

Shands Rehab Center for Kids New Facility (\$10,000)



There is a definite difference at the pediatric rehabilitation center. Funds were used for murals, play structures and kid-friendly furniture and toys.

Arterial Dysfunction in Pediatric Patients with Impaired Fasting Glucose (\$6,012)

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death worldwide and Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) increases the risk of death from CVD by 5 to 7 times. The growing pediatric obesity epidemic and increasing incidence of Type 2 diabetes in children necessitates research aimed at identifying children at risk for developing CVD early in life. Funds were used to aid research.

General Pediatrics Floor Renovation (\$265,000)

The general pediatric floor used the funds for renovations. Currently there is a "Neighborhood" theme throughout the floor which will transition to a "Nature" theme. New televisions with DVD players and a kid-friendly, yet mature, approach on nature will be included in the renovation.

Shands Children's Surgical Center (\$118,000)

Shands Children's Surgical Center at Ayers Medical Plaza in Gainesville is a four operating-room surgical facility devoted to child and adolescent care. With an aquatic theme in the surgical center, renovations include a salt-water aquarium and a mural in the recovery room. A Children's Miracle Network and Celebrity Waiter Night grant funded the renovation.

Bereavement Committee Support (\$6,000)

These groups counsel survivors. Participants report that groups serve as a major stepping stone along the path of learning how to live with loss.

Shands Children's Hospital Ambulance (\$56,000)

ShandsCair used the funds to purchase a pediatric ambulance for the transport program for Shands Children's Hospital. This addition to the fleet will allow for specialized care of pediatric patients.



Research Grants

Children's Miracle Network continues to support the UF Department of Pediatrics by providing \$1.5 million for pediatric research grants. Some of the recipients included Dr. Anne-Marie Levine, \$420,842 for lab research on pulmonary inflammation and SP-A Receptor regulation in the lungs. Dr. Bill Slayton was awarded \$57,800 for his lab activities for cancer research. Dr. Paul Carney received \$78,529 for epilepsy research and its treatment as well as Dr. Nadeem Shafi for support research on wound healing after spinal cord injuries which was awarded \$175,829 and finally Dr. David Weinstein was awarded \$233,000 for support research in the development of gene therapy to improve the treatment of glycogen storage disease. These are just a few of the Department of Pediatrics grants that were awarded for 2008.

For a complete awards list, please visit shandskids.org.

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