



Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Program at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital



"Double E" Fund at Palmetto Health Foundation



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Columbia businessman Eric Elkins and Coach Shawn Elliott, now the head football coach at Georgia State University, teamed up with Palmetto Health Foundation to create a special fund, the Double E Fund, to provide financial support for an inpatient pediatric rehabilitation program at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital.

Each year, there are more than 150,000 children's visits to Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Some of these patients need comprehensive rehabilitation services.

In South Carolina, there are no rehabilitation services for children who suffer a life-altering injury or condition. Palmetto Health Children's Hospital will change that.

Children with a traumatic brain injury, traumatic spinal cord injury, strokes, acquired brain injury from meningitis, encephalitis, other infections, tumors or severe deconditioning from prolonged hospital stay currently have to travel out of state to receive rehabilitation services. This represents a tremendous gap in services in our state. Children from low-income families bear the brunt of this burden, as their families do not have the resources to travel, stay an extended period away and coordinate care for their other children. As a result, these children usually do not receive critical rehabilitative services. The effect of not receiving appropriate rehabilitation care can have a long-term negative impact on children's physical recovery.

Palmetto Health Children's Hospital seeks to meet this need by establishing the first program in the state for the physical rehabilitation of children with life-altering conditions. Children's Hospital is the right hospital to lead this effort because it is located in the center of the state, offers more than 30 subspecialties to meet the health care needs of children and has our region's only pediatric Emergency Center.

The Need for Support

The new 8-bed inpatient pediatric rehabilitation center will be the first and only inpatient pediatric rehabilitation program in South Carolina. It is being constructed on the 5th Floor of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital and is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2019.

Palmetto Health Foundation is committed to raising \$800,000 for specialized equipment for the Center and an additional \$500,000 to support start-up operating costs. To lend your support, contact Diane Junis at Palmetto Health Foundation.

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Palmetto Health Children's Hospital has the support of hospitals across our state, and the right physician leadership is in place to guide the development of the program.

Colleen A. Wunderlich, MD, joined the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group in June 2017 and leads the Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Center. She is the state's only pediatric physiatrist. Pediatric physiatrists (or pediatric rehab doctors) are physicians with special training in physical medicine and rehabilitation, who specialize in prescribing medications, therapies and programs to restore skills and mobility to children facing temporary or permanent disabilities and loss of function.



Colleen A. Wunderlich, MD

More about Dr. Wunderlich

After obtaining her medical degree, Colleen A. Wunderlich, MD, MSc, went on to specialize in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She completed her residency training at the University of Minnesota, where she also served as chief resident. Her subspecialty fellowship training in Pediatric Rehabilitation was obtained at Virginia Commonwealth University/ Medical College of Virginia and Children's Hospital of Richmond.

Dr. Colleen spent five years at Carolinas Rehabilitation and Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she was associate director of Pediatric Rehabilitation. She then served as the program director of the Saudi Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program at King Fahad Medical City, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and as acting chief of the Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine division at Sidra Medical and Research Center in Doha, Qatar. She is a fellow of American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R).



Gabriella Giovannone

Nov. 26, 2016, is a day that Michelle and Jason Giovannone of Lexington will always remember. Their daughter, Gabriella, age 5, had been complaining of earache pain and was taking antibiotics. She was walking with a funny gait and they took her to her pediatrician. She improved that afternoon, but at bedtime, she began having a seizure. She was first taken to a nearby hospital, then rushed to the Children's Emergency Center at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Her brain still showed seizure activity and the doctors explained that

an induced coma would allow her brain and body to rest. She was having continuous seizures and her doctors had to get very aggressive with medically stopping the seizures, researching cases as far away as Colorado and Germany.

Gabriella's seizures were extremely complex to treat. She was diagnosed with encephalitis, which had caused brain inflammation and severe irritation. She spent two weeks in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and another week on the 4th floor at Children's Hospital. She had been immobile for weeks, so simple activities like sitting up in bed, walking and even using a fork were now difficult. She required intensive multi-disciplinary inpatient rehabilitation services to regain her strength and skills. She went to Charlotte, NC, more than 125 miles from home, for inpatient rehabilitation as this service was not yet available in South Carolina. Gabriella had no serious complications from her illness and her brain showed no signs of injury or damage but access to inpatient rehabilitation was critical to her recovery

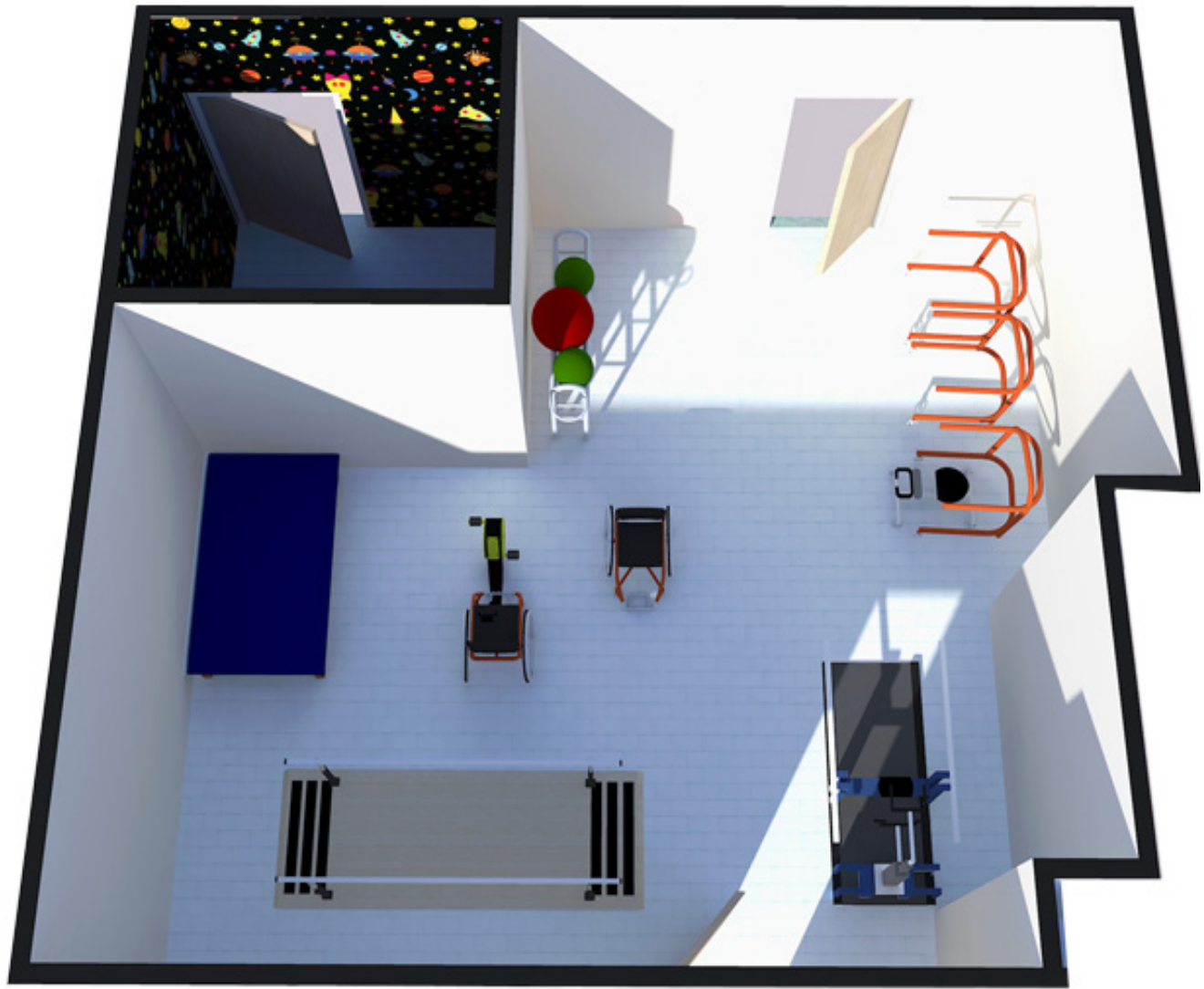
If the Inpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Center had been in place at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, Gabriella would have simply moved from the 4th floor to the 5th floor within Children's Hospital, minutes from their home in Lexington, S.C.



OVERHEAD VIEW - PATIENT ROOM

INPATIENT REHABILITATION UNIT





OVERHEAD VIEW - REHABILITATION GYM

INPATIENT REHABILITATION UNIT

The Rehabilitation Gym will include state-of-the-art equipment to maximize the recovery of children and teens, including a specialized e-stim arm and leg cycle, portable treadmill system, parallel bars, a hallway walking track system and a computerized-assist program to help children complete activities of daily living. Next to the gym is a dedicated Snoezelen Room, a specialty sensory room to help calm children and teens who need calming, and stimulate those who need stimulation.



conceptual rendering



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COMMITMENT FORM

Please return your completed form to—

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