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Children's Hospital of ChicagoSM

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Creative Arts Community Partnership

A groundbreaking effort to create a powerful and innovative healing environment for children is currently underway. This project brings together some of the most creative minds from across Chicago; applying the best knowledge about children and their needs with the growing body of research about how our surroundings can impact healing.

The unique environment of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago will feature opportunities for exploration, learning and discovery throughout Chicago. The Creative Arts Community Partnership will excite those who wish to bring elements of the outside world into the hospital where they can impact the health and healing of children and families.

Since the beginning of this project, the motto has been, "Everyone has a hand in it." Patients and families have been an integral part of design decisions. Our Kids' Advisory Board, a group of 10 teenagers who have had significant experiences at Children's Memorial have been meeting monthly with new hospital project leaders, architects and designers to ensure that we are creating a healing environment at Lurie Children's that will allow for state-of-the-art, family-centered care.

Creating a Unique Place of Healing

Early on in the planning for the new facility, it became evident that we wanted to create a different kind of children's hospital; a world-class center for pediatric medicine and science in the heart of Chicago. We recognized the unique opportunity to involve many of the institutions that make Chicago a world-class city in helping us to create this unique healing environment.

In March, 2008, Children's Memorial hosted the Community Partners Design Charrette, a gathering of 125 individuals from more than 20 of Chicago's most esteemed cultural and civic icons, driven by an unprecedented agenda: to "brainstorm" interior design plans for Chicago's newest children's hospital with clinicians, hospital leaders, architects and designers. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and the ideas generated that day became the platform from which the Community Partnership program was launched.

With Children's Memorial leading the effort, we began to enlist the enthusiastic participation of these organizations to provide exhibits and other design elements representing their respective mission and strengths and unified by the following vision:

- To create an environment in Lurie Children's that is warm, welcoming, engaging and calming, and one that communicates hope and promotes healing.
- To collaborate and create a unified artistic character for the entire facility that supports the theme of "Exploration" and highlights those things that make Chicago distinctive.
- To discover and establish new standards for healing atmospheres in healthcare facilities around the world.
- To develop mutually beneficial partnerships with many of Chicago's cultural and civic organizations.

Our Community Partners

The Creative Arts Community Partnership offers an opportunity to join with creative organizations to help generations of young patients and their families.

Exploration

- Adler Planetarium
- After School Matters
- Chicago Children's Museum
- Chicago History Museum
- Field Museum
- Museum of Science & Industry
- Shedd Aquarium
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- DuSable Museum of African American History
- The Joffrey Ballet
- Little Black Pearl Art & Design Center
- Lookingglass Theatre
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- National Museum of Mexican Art/Yollocalli Arts Reach
- Redmoon Theater
- Snow City Arts

Nature and Wildlife

- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Lincoln Park Zoo
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Arts and Culture

- The Art Institute of Chicago
- Chicago Architecture Foundation
- Chicago Cultural Alliance

Great Neighbors

- Chicago Fire Department
- City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs
- American Dental Association



The calming, aquatic themed entrance to the Kenneth and Anne Griffin Emergency Care Center

The 18th Floor: A Healing Environment for Cancer Patients in Outpatient Treatment

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago will include dramatic improvements in the facilities, technology, and support spaces that we provide for patients and families served by the Division of Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation. In the planning of the new facility, we have taken full advantage of this unique opportunity to incorporate cutting edge technology, as well as a flexible infrastructure to accommodate new inventions and discoveries.

Community Partnership: Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Naturally Chicago: Creating a Sense of Place

As the urban gateway to nature, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum strives to engage and excite people about the nature that is all around us, even where we least expect it. The birds that stop here on a migratory journey, the metamorphosis of tadpoles to frogs in North Pond and the crystal waves that form on Lake Michigan in the cold of winter are all points of contact with nature in an otherwise dense, man-made environment. Through photographs, interactive play areas and dioramas, they will create serene, amusing and intriguing experiences inspired by the nature that breathes life into the city.

They intend to create a unified exhibition and remind visitors of the nature that exists in Chicago’s urban spaces. They will select images carefully to ensure that they are humorous, moving or evocative of experiences that all people can relate to, independent of their age or background. By focusing on photographs of nature, they will also ensure that exhibition areas are timeless and will not clash with the existing color palette and design of the hospital.

Design Strategies

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum proposes the following features for each designated area on the 18th floor.

Scope of work:

- Sourcing photographs
- Design and layout of 2D artwork
- Design and creation of mural and sculptural elements in waiting room
- Selection and stabilization of specimens, and design and creation of dioramas in Discovery Boxes

Location #1: *Interactive Feature Area*

In the waiting room, it is possible to more literally create a sense of place by designing a mural that places the visitor in a natural setting. While preserving the function of the room as a waiting area, they can develop perimeter areas into a “set.” This will offer spaces for families to tell stories, relax, and feel transported outdoors, while providing distinct spaces for teens to express themselves and younger children to play. The mural will also offer display and creative space for the hospital’s ongoing arts programs, and opportunities for further educational programming. Using North Pond as inspiration, the mural may include:

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- A beaver lodge
- Bird nests
- Turtles on a log
- Reeds, trees, and native plants
- Raised, relief plants and footprints for creating rubbings
- Chicago skyline

For children:

The mural can expand to incorporate the floor as an extension of the pond for exploration and play. The set may include:

- Faux tree trunks and rocks for easy-to-clean seating
- Stuffed (vinyl) lily pads for hopping or lounging
- Sculptural props, including turtles
- Mirrors and simple flip panels that reveal hidden surprises

For teens:

In an effort to create an area that will appeal to teenagers, the design calls for a space for humor and self-expression through words and images. Within the context of an urban park, a large, billboard sign will serve as a magnetic backdrop for:

- Magnetic words and pictures (nature themes, celebrities, sports references)
- Animals in pieces (for the creation of wild mix-and-match animals)
- Texting symbols
- Individual letters
- Shapes for games (tic-tac-toe, Sudoku templates, hang-man)

Locations #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7: *Path of Discovery Panels* and Locations #15 and #16: *2D Artwork*

In five Paths of Discovery and individual large format images, they will use the photography of staff and local artists to explore natural scenes found in Chicago. The selected photographs will have a timeless quality and engage visitors of all ages, with a focus on:

- The Nature Museum grounds
- North Pond
- The Lakefront

Within these categories, the following themes may be addressed:

Transformation in nature through seasons, migration, metamorphosis

- Hidden, humorous and surprising nature
- Waterways
- Animals in the urban environment
 - Migratory birds
 - Turtles
 - Amphibians
 - Squirrels
 - Animal families
 - Unlikely animal friends

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Locations #8 and #9: *Discovery Boxes*

In two distinct discovery boxes, they will create intriguing dioramas using the collections of the Chicago Academy of Sciences:

- Butterfly metamorphosis:
 - Colorful butterfly specimens will be used to explore the process of metamorphosis.
- Pondsides diorama:
 - Frogs, turtles, snails and other specimens found on the shores

Join us on our journey

The support of Cal's All Star Angel Foundation will help to sustain the healing atmosphere for all patients and families who are served by the 17th and 18th floors of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Very rarely do hospitals have the chance to begin again – to rebuild – to look to the future through a new prism and plan for every aspect of care. We are seizing this historic opportunity to make our new facility truly family-centered and unique to Chicago, designed to serve children's social, psychological and developmental needs.

Your support of *Heroes for Life* will strengthen our ability to accommodate children and their families during the greatest time of need. A world-class hospital will enhance the quality of life in our community and raise the bar for medical care and treatment of our children, transforming pediatric healthcare in the city of Chicago, the region and beyond.

The urban gateway to nature and science



**THE PEGGY NOTEBAERT
NATURE MUSEUM**
The Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences

Nature surrounds us even in the heart of a bustling city like Chicago where the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the urban gateway to nature and science, fosters these connections to nature every day. Listen. And watch. Notice a backyard garden in full blossom; a beautiful migratory bird or butterfly taking sanctuary in our abundant neighborhood trees or shrubs; or a picturesque blue and orange sun rise over Lake Michigan.

By our own nature, we are drawn to these wonders because people – young and old – need to feel a connection to the natural world. Connections enhance our quality of life and our sense of wellbeing.

In good times and bad, during times of good health and health challenges, nature can be an immense comfort. It calms our minds, soothes our soul and promotes healing. Nature gives us all, even adults, a sense of wonder and the feeling of being well.

The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum is proud to bring a bit of nature to the 18th floor at the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. May nature provide comfort to you now and always.

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18th Floor Key Plan



Key#	Description	Q
1	Interactive Feature Area	
2	Shadow Box	
3	Path of Discovery	
4	Path of Discovery	
5	Path of Discovery	
6	Path of Discovery	
7	Path of Discovery	
8	Discovery Box	
9	Discovery Box	
10	Art Work	
11	Art Work	
12	Art Work	
14	Art Work	
15	Art Work /2D: Family Great Room	
16	Art Work /3D: Family Great Room	

