

Request for Funding to

# Improve the Lives of Maryland's Children

MARYLAND'S CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT



**Please support our critical initiative!**

**Goal:** To build an Innovative Care Center, a state-of-the-art specialty pediatric rehabilitation hospital that provides the care and technology children need to recover and thrive following catastrophic injuries, complex surgeries and life-threatening illnesses.



We respectfully request \$10 million in FY2026 capital funds from the state of Maryland. We will use the funds to build and outfit a new Innovative Care Center—a hospital designed to support the technologies, therapies and rehabilitative medical care essential to helping children with neurological injuries and disorders regain their lives.

## The Challenge: Our Current Inpatient Hospital



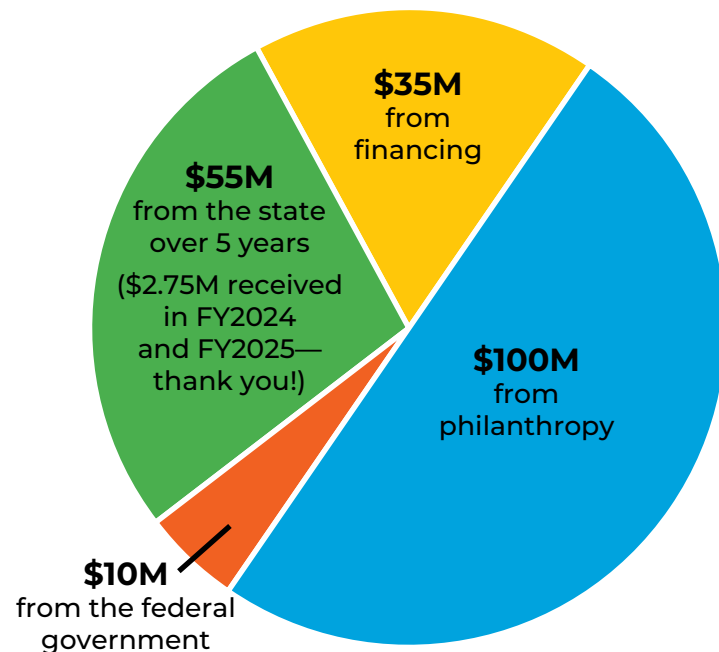
Maryland needs a state-of-the-art specialty pediatric rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to help more of Maryland's children recover from traumatic injuries and life-threatening illnesses, so they don't just survive, but thrive.

- ◆ Current patient rooms are multi-bed and can't accommodate therapy equipment or families.
- ◆ Our inpatient therapy gyms, adjacent to patient rooms, are cramped and have no room for the latest equipment.
- ◆ Patients stay for many weeks, often months. Currently, there is very limited space for parents to catch up on work, take a shower or meet privately with hospital staff members.
- ◆ Some patient rooms don't even have a bathroom.
- ◆ Patients come from across Maryland and the U.S., and from around the world. There is little room in the current hospital for their belongings or to accommodate patient siblings or other visitors to maintain important family connections.



### Our Request

\$55 million over 5 years for our **NEW Innovative Care Center**, anticipated to cost \$200 million



## The Vision: Care and Surroundings That Maryland's Children Deserve

- ◆ **Build an Innovative Care Center** on the East Baltimore property that the Institute already owns.
- ◆ **Include the latest in rehabilitation technology**, effectively integrated into the hospital's design and construction.
- ◆ **Offer private rooms** and indoor and outdoor therapy spaces.
- ◆ **Increase capacity** to serve more children, teens and young adults from throughout Maryland and beyond, including those with catastrophic illnesses and injuries. And bring more jobs and revenue to Baltimore and Maryland.
- ◆ **Specially design patient rooms** for individualized control of lighting, sounds and images to accommodate patients' sensory needs and allow for their best recovery.
- ◆ **Create a family respite and training center.** We are partnering with Ronald McDonald House Charities Maryland to integrate transitional therapy spaces and living quarters into our new hospital to help parents and other caregivers learn the skills they will need to support their children after transitioning from our hospital to their homes and communities.



### The Impact

#### Increased capacity, enhanced recovery.

Children, teens and young adults who receive the best care in spaces designed to optimize their recovery have a greater chance of going on to be productive, participating members of the community.

#### Productive parents and connected families.

Parents and other caregivers will be able to be with their children in our new hospital while having the technology they need to stay connected to their jobs and other family members.



# Our most vulnerable children and teens deserve your help and support.

We welcome your questions about our ambitious plans for a new state-of-the-art Kennedy Krieger hospital.

Help us give kids with brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and debilitating and life-threatening illnesses, and those who are recovering from complex surgery, the best hope for recovery, while giving our East Baltimore community more opportunities for good jobs. With your support, we can continue to help patients like Chris and Tyler.

## Meet Chris



After I suffered a spinal cord injury during one of my high school football games, the therapists, nurses, doctors and therapy techs at Kennedy Krieger empowered me and gave me hope. However, their equipment and the space did not match their level of excellence. A new Kennedy Krieger hospital with state-of-the-art spaces designed for today's technology would allow the latest treatments to be accessible for all patients. I hope you'll help us build this Innovative Care Center, our hospital of the future.

## Meet Tyler



“Kennedy Krieger staff members are amazing. There was nowhere else where we could take our child to receive the kind of care he received here. However, the space—the surroundings—are not what they need to be to deliver this top-notch care. The staff and patients and families deserve better.”

– Mom of Tyler, of Harford County, who received care at Kennedy Krieger's inpatient hospital for a traumatic brain injury



**Your support is crucial to making this facility a reality for Maryland's children.**

To learn more, use this QR code or visit: [KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids](https://KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids)

Contact Emily Arneson at [Arneson@KennedyKrieger.org](mailto:Arneson@KennedyKrieger.org) if you have questions or would like a tour. **THANK YOU!**

## About Kennedy Krieger

For nearly 90 years, Kennedy Krieger Institute, a Maryland-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has provided a wide range of integrated medical, therapeutic, educational and community services for children, teens and young adults with neurological injuries, diseases and disorders.

The Institute is home to a team of researchers who contribute to the understanding of how disorders develop, while at the same time pioneering new interventions and methods of early diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

To watch a short video about the Institute, use this QR code or visit: [KennedyKrieger.org/Anthem](https://KennedyKrieger.org/Anthem)

