

Request for Funding to

Improve the Lives of Maryland's Children



MARYLAND'S CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT



Please support Kennedy Krieger Institute's exciting work to build our new Innovative Care Center, and our ongoing work to renovate and expand our LEAP school program for children who have the most severe cognitive and behavioral challenges associated with autism spectrum disorder.

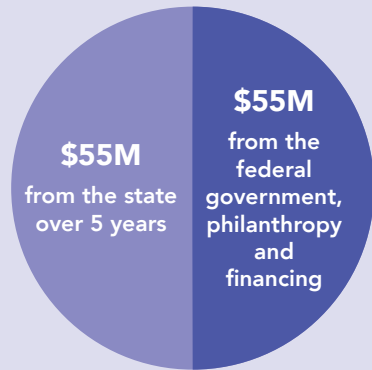


Kennedy Krieger Institute

Request No. 1: \$10 million in initial funding to support our plan to expand inpatient care capacity and improve the patient and family experience by replacing our 60-plus-year-old hospital with a state-of-the-art Innovative Care Center on our East Baltimore Campus.

BUDGET REQUEST

\$110 million project for the Innovative Care Center



The Impact:

- ◆ The merger of functional design and technological advances in this space is critical to our patients’ recovery and staff effectiveness
- ◆ Parents will be able to work while supporting and participating in their child’s care and maintaining important aspects of their lives

The Vision:

- ◆ Build up to 200,000 square feet of new space
- ◆ Infuse this Innovative Care Center with state-of-the-art design and innovative technology to optimize outcomes
- ◆ Private rooms with windows
- ◆ Therapeutic outdoor space
- ◆ Expand to serve new patient populations (both in-state and out-of-state, bringing in revenue from outside Maryland)
- ◆ Expand to serve more children and teens with complex combined medical and psychiatric conditions, and patients with complex immediate healthcare needs
- ◆ Create clinical adaptive recovery environment (CARE) rooms that provide individualized environmental and sensory stimuli to improve daytime arousal and nighttime sleep and reduce the need for medications
- ◆ Partner with the Ronald McDonald House to create a family home within the center, including spaces where our families can come together with other families and family members
- ◆ Create a simulation lab/family training center within the patient care area to teach loved ones how to care for their child or teen at home

The Need: An Innovative Care Center

- ◆ Build a facility that matches the special complex needs of the patients we serve, and of those who are waiting to receive services
- ◆ Create a more holistic and healing rehabilitative environment
- ◆ A dynamic, flexible space that will address the nuances of the ever-changing pediatric specialty healthcare landscape
- ◆ Patient- and family-centered spaces tailored to long-stay needs (average stay is 28 days)
- ◆ Expand care to include inpatient pediatric and youth mental health services and services across the continuum

MARYLAND’S CHILDREN AND TEENS NEED OUR HELP



Our current inpatient hospital at 707 North Broadway in East Baltimore has been renovated several times to adjust to increased demands for our services. Built in 1964, its infrastructure is suboptimal for the complex patient care that Kennedy Krieger needs to deliver—today and in the future. Our plan is to build a new Innovative Care Center adjacent to our 707 North Broadway building and renovate the latter building to accommodate more research space via adaptive reuse. By building the new space and renovating the existing one, we will increase the number of people we employ from East Baltimore, Maryland and beyond. We are committed to our East Baltimore community and to helping it grow and thrive.

Visit KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids or use the QR code to the right to learn more.



Request No. 2: \$2.5 million in continued funding for the expansion of Kennedy Krieger’s LEAP special education school and programs.

- ◆ In the FY 2023 budget, Maryland allocated \$2.5 million to begin needs assessment and architectural planning for the LEAP renovation.
- ◆ As presented last fiscal year, we are now respectfully requesting the second and final \$2.5 million from the state of Maryland to continue this work to completion.
- ◆ Kennedy Krieger will contribute \$10 million of its own funds to the project.



A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Kennedy Krieger’s LEAP Program, one of our four special education schools, serves students 5 to 21 years old from across Maryland. Each student has a severe designated educational disability and has been referred to Kennedy Krieger School Programs by their local school system. (LEAP stands for Lifeskills and Education for Students with Autism and Other Pervasive Behavioral Challenges.)

As recently as 20 years ago, before LEAP was established, Maryland’s students with complex disabilities were often separated from their families and sent out of state to residential facilities, at great expense to Maryland, and distress to their families. LEAP was established to allow these students to continue living with their families while attending school.

Publicly funded and privately run, LEAP is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Most of the program’s students have autism spectrum disorder and/or severe cognitive and behavioral challenges. Each requires a highly structured environment that meets their academic, communication, social, behavioral and medical needs, with designated areas for individual and therapeutic instruction as well as sensory and behavioral breaks.



LEAP’s students also need a high level of individual instruction, and therefore a high staff-to-student ratio. A typical LEAP classroom serves only five to seven students, with just as many—if not more—adult staff members in the room.

LEAP’s buildings were not originally designed to serve school children, let alone those with complex disabilities and behavioral challenges. The current LEAP physical space has at times been an obstacle to effectively implementing our best instructional and behavioral practices.

Many students were referred to the LEAP Program because of their challenging behaviors, including aggression and self-injury. Providing separate spaces within, or close to, their classrooms to safely manage these behaviors, while keeping them at the school, is essential.

We ask the state for continued funding to help us renovate and expand our LEAP buildings to safely and effectively accommodate more students.

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OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

Maryland's youth are our state's future, and Kennedy Krieger can and will lead the way to better health and education for our children and families.

We welcome your questions and hope you will agree to continue to support our expansion of our LEAP school and programs, as well as help us begin the crucial development of a pediatric Innovative Care Center on our East Baltimore Campus, to serve more students and patients from around the state.

Your support is crucial to our being able to make that happen for Maryland's children.

For more information about these funding requests and to watch videos featuring parents, patients, students and staff members about why these projects are so important to Maryland, use this QR code or visit: KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids



Contact Emily Arneson, director of government relations, at Arneson@KennedyKrieger.org if you have any questions. We need your support!



"Kennedy Krieger staff members are amazing. There was no where else where we could take our child to receive the kind of care they 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."

– parent of inpatient child

"We were drawn to [the LEAP Program at] Kennedy Krieger by the fact that every interaction...we had with the staff [made it clear]...that the focus was on our child."

– Jim, father of Luke, a student at LEAP

ABOUT KENNEDY KRIEGER

Kennedy Krieger Institute, an internationally known nonprofit organization with locations throughout the greater Baltimore-Washington, D.C., region, transforms the lives of more than 25,000 individuals a year through inpatient and outpatient medical, behavioral health and wellness therapies; home and community services; school-based programs; training and education for professionals; and advocacy.

Kennedy Krieger provides a wide range of services for children, adolescents and adults with diseases, disorders and injuries that impact the nervous system, ranging from mild to severe.

The Institute is home to a team of investigators 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.

Visit KennedyKrieger.org/Anthem to watch a short video about the Institute.



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