

Facts & Figures

Owner: Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland
Type of Project: Expansions to a hospital
Architect: Kaplan McLaughlin Diaz, San Francisco
General Contractor: Turner Construction Company, Oakland
Size: 26,000 square feet
Cost: \$18.2 million
Construction Time: October 2001 - February 2004
The Need: More space to provide patients with vital services
The Challenge: Ensuring the project met the hospital's high standards

Supportive Team Members

Kai-Yee Woo & Associates
Interior Designers

Mission Bell Manufacturing, Inc.
Architectural
Millwork/Casework/Woodwork

Royal Wolf Portable Storage
Portable Storage

Ted Jacob Engineering Group, Inc.
Mechanical & Electrical
Engineering Consulting



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Oakland, California

Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland Expansion

Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland is a 205-bed regional and global resource for advanced pediatric care, research and medical education with more than 175,000 patient visits per year. Children's provides Northern California's only pediatric trauma center, the region's largest pediatric intensive care unit (PICU), and one of the largest sickle cell treatment and research centers in the world. Children's 166 hospital-based physicians and more than 2,000 staff members provide expert care in 30 pediatric subspecialties from adolescent medicine to urology.

In October 2001, Children's broke ground on an expansion project at the existing five-story hospital that would provide

additional space for several vital services. Because Children's is the designated trauma center for the region, the project was crucial. Full-service hospitals just for children are extremely specialized and few communities are able to support one. In fact, only 45 freestanding children's hospitals exist in the nation.

According to Turner Construction Company, the project's general contractor, the project encompassed a three-story, 26,000-square-foot addition to the western front of the existing hospital. The addition made it possible to improve several areas of the existing hospital through a major expansion to the emergency department on the ground floor, an expansion to the second-floor radiology department, two new imaging areas for a relocated computerized tomography (CT) scanner, and a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) area. The addition's third floor houses two large state-of-the-art surgery suites — adding to the two that the hospital already had. Construction also included a new dramatic main entrance pavilion as well as a comfortable, family-friendly lobby.

In an effort to assist with funding for the project, Turner created the "Surf's Up Beach Party" — an annual event for the hospital that involves the entire community. The idea was to make fundraising enjoyable. Turner worked in cooperation with the Children's Hospital Foundation (CHF) to develop sponsorship packages and find items for both live and silent auctions. A parking lot was turned into a beach complete with Salsa music and a Mariachi band, and people were invited to join in the celebration. Local subcontractors, architects and other businesses around the Bay Area helped raise more than \$20,000, and the event has become the "must-attend" party of the summer season.

The project was completed in February 2004, expanding the hospital's ability to provide top-notch care. In July 2004, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland as one of America's Best Hospitals in the pediatric category. ■

— Rick Geyerman

