



A New Hospital for a New Century of Care

The Lucile Packard Children's Hospital opened the doors to its new facility in December. *Gentry* takes a look at this extraordinary place of healing and hope.

As you walk into the brand new lobby at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, you are dazzled by light. A soaring wall of windows allows sunlight to pour into the space that is more luxury hotel-like than institutional. You do not feel like you have entered a hospital and that's really the point of the design. Extraordinary thought and attention to detail has gone into this building at a micro level. That the LPCH team and award-winning design professionals at Perkins+Will and Hammel, Green and Abrahamson Architects, Inc., took great care to visualize and anticipate the needs of young patients is evident in everything from the lobby front desk, which has been created to resemble the ocean (think an over-the-top children's aquarium/museum), to the nurses stations on each floor, which are purposely low so little ones can see over the top.

The LPCH mission of delivering the very best care for children can trace its roots back nearly 100 years to the Stanford Home for Convalescent Children that was established in 1919 to care for children with long-term illnesses such as polio, tuberculo-

sis and rheumatic fever. In a strategic effort to bring the hospital, teachers, and researchers together, the Home was moved to the University's campus in 1959.

As the need for pediatric care increased, so did the need for a larger facility. In 1986, David and Lucile Packard donated \$40 million to begin construction on a new children's hospital, and in 1991, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford officially opened its doors to the community. In 2007, dedicated community leaders, including Anne Bass, Elizabeth Dunlevie, and Susan Packard Orr, started a campaign to rally support for a hospital that would serve not only future generations of kids and moms here in the Bay Area but also families around the world. By its conclusion in December 2012, the campaign had raised nearly \$550 million for the hospital that opened last month.

The New LPCH Facts

- 521,000 additional square feet of building space was designed to be more open, welcoming, and child-friendly.
- 149 new patient beds in rooms that are family focused, including =>