

Nemours Children's Health Receives Over \$100,000 from Congress to Support Pediatric Cancer Care

Funds will support health IT equipment purchases for the Nemours Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders



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Nemours Children's
Health is set to
receive \$105,000
from the recently
enacted Fiscal Year

(FY) 2022 appropriations bill to support the [Nemours Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders](#), a multistate pediatric oncology and hematology program - and the largest pediatric cancer program in Florida - that includes many convenient places for families to receive world-class care. Congressman John Rutherford (R-FL-4) secured [Community Project Funding](#) to support the creation of a Pediatric Cancer Center of Excellence at the Center in Jacksonville by covering health IT equipment costs. This expansion of the Center, a portion of which is supported through Community Project Funding, will provide a redesigned, state of the art cancer care center in Jacksonville, FL that keeps children in their community while they undergo treatment.

Prior to receiving the funds from Congress, Nemours Children's launched its *Hand in Hand* campaign to raise funds for the build-out of the new Center, which is estimated to cost about \$9.3 million. To date, the health system has raised \$5.3 million.

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"The thought of your child receiving a life-threatening health diagnosis is unimaginable," said Rutherford. "When the unthinkable does happen, families know they can count on the incredible team at Nemours Children's Health right here in Northeast Florida. I'm proud to advocate on behalf of Nemours during my work on the House Appropriations Committee, and I congratulate them on the work they do to transform lives every single day."

Nemours Children's is a HIMSS Stage 7 organization, which means it has optimized its electronic medical record and has the ability to leverage analytics, medical devices, cancer registries and health information exchanges to support our patients and clinicians. Effective use of technology is a key component of achieving better clinical outcomes, higher patient satisfaction and financial sustainability.

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About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, including two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of nearly 75 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org.

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves.

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