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FOCUSED ON THE FIGHT

You help teens like Jaida fight for their lives

Imagine yourself at 16 years old - spending time with friends, attending school, participating in extracurriculars and just enjoying your youth. Now, imagine your life coming to a screeching halt and everything you know gets put on hold. That is exactly what happened to the Spielvogel family and their 16-year-old daughter, Jaida.

It was Jaida's junior year at Denmark High School - an exciting time in a teenager's life! In September 2020, she was having continuous headaches so her mother, Sue, took her to see their family doctor. Jaida worked on getting more sleep, reducing her screen time and limiting her caffeine intake. However, the headaches did not stop. The Spielvogels had no idea the journey they were about to embark on.

A few months passed with several visits to the doctor as Jaida's headaches continued and now were accompanied by severe hip pain. The pain got so intolerable that she could no longer sit and had to miss school. Jaida had stomach pains so relentless; Sue rushed her daughter to the Emergency Room (ER). It was there that the doctors suspected she had lymphoma.

They were immediately brought to HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital, where several biopsies confirmed that Jaida had diffused large B-cell lymphoma. "You never ever

think something like this will happen to your family," Sue expressed, while talking about Jaida's diagnosis. The Spielvogels lives were flipped upside down in a matter of moments.

Jaida began chemotherapy treatments a few days later. "When we got the diagnosis, we just erased our calendar and did not plan anything. All of our energy was put into saving her life," Sue remembered.

In the hospital, there were no visitors due to COVID-19 precautions and at home they maintained that same level of isolation. "We just tried to protect her as much as we could. That included no visitors and no friends at the house as well," said Sue.

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In that isolation, the doctors, nurses, and caregivers became the family's most important support team. "Whether it was the security guard, nurses, or the cleaning team, everyone at the HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital was amazing," Sue added. "We never would have made it without them!"

Thankfully, Jaida received her last chemotherapy treatment on Wednesday, May 26, and celebrated with the entire HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital staff. She has an exciting future ahead of her and was able to attend her Junior Prom in June, where she was crowned prom queen, a night Jaida truly will never forget! Sue shared, "Until you've experienced it, you'll never understand the depth of extreme pain this is for our family. Many days we didn't know if our daughter would make it."

All the care that saved her life and supported her family through this journey was only possible because of generous donors like YOU. Your gifts fuel the innovative research, ongoing training and healing environment that saves the lives of kids like Jaida.

Thank you!



HARD HATS REQUIRED

HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital
renovations continue,
thanks to YOU!

Construction of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital is complete, but hard hats are still required in certain areas as construction continues. Thank you again for choosing to *Join the Fight*. YOU pushed this forward, and YOU helped realize this monumental achievement.

The complete vision we set out to achieve back in 2019 is still ongoing, but progress is continuously being made. "We are very excited about the renovations in the PICU particularly, as well as on the entire pediatrics floor. The updates in the PICU will allow our pediatric intensivists to provide the highest level of pediatric care in our region," said Dr. Thomas Huffer, Executive Medical Director with HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital.

One of the biggest goals of this renovation is to create a safe, clean, and comfortable environment for children and families who enter HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital. It is also important to update technology, equipment, and healing environment to ensure the best care possible. "We designed the space to meet the needs of children and their families. We wanted them to feel comfortable in the space, so we chose nature scenes of Northeast Wisconsin and colors that would be warm and welcoming," said Dr. Huffer.

While children of Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan have had access to a PICU with tertiary intensive care for years, it's thanks to YOU they now have a renovated state-of-the-art PICU when they need it. Again, we are thrilled to share this amazing milestone that YOU created. Thank you!



ONWARD AND UPWARD

Construction timeline continues thanks to you!



PHASE ONE: COMPLETE

We are so excited to share that updates to the south wing, which include the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), are complete! Patients now have access to common spaces that are clean, bright, and welcoming. All areas feature the natural landscapes and beautiful colors found in Northeast Wisconsin. This phase saw upgrades to the seven existing PICU rooms. Two of these rooms have been upgraded to negative pressure rooms, which is a common method of infection control and are used to isolate patients with contagious airborne diseases. The updated rooms now feature new camera monitoring, improved technology, sleep accommodations for parents and additional sound masking for a more comfortable stay.



PHASE TWO: HARD HATS REQUIRED

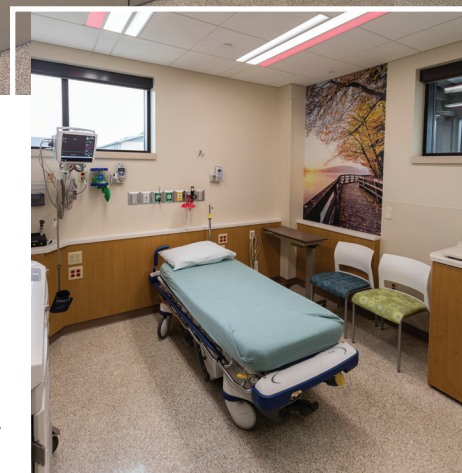
The east wing is currently being renovated and will feature six upgraded patient rooms, with one room having negative pressure capabilities. All rooms on the east wing will be updated to include camera monitoring, improved technology, sleep surfaces for parents and sound masking for a more comfortable stay.



PHASE THREE/FOUR: ON DECK

The final two phases of the project (center rooms and north wing) will include the addition of eight private patient rooms and three PICU rooms – for a total of 10 PICU rooms and 14 patient rooms. Larger bathrooms with personal showers were added to two of the PICU rooms and all of the room on the Pediatric Unit. There will also be a new, updated family lounge, a nursing room for breastfeeding moms, a teen lounge, and the Child Life Services Center. Additional safety features will secure entry to the unit and include security cameras to ensure the safety of all patients and families. Aesthetic enhancements will also be part of the final phases with more natural landscapes and beautiful colors found in Northeast Wisconsin and the Lakeshore. Stay tuned for a big technology announcement in the final phases, too!

HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital is Green Bay's first and only children's hospital. With every detail tailored specifically to kids, HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital delivers exceptional health care to children while making them feel comfortable and supported.



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CHILDREN

HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center Emergency Department gets facelift, adds two child friendly rooms

Being admitted to the Emergency Department (ED) can be scary for any patient, especially children. Thanks to supporters like you, two rooms in the southeast corner of the HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center Emergency Department received a facelift to ease the minds of children who visit the ED.

"It was important for us to create a space that was child-friendly, where we could provide the quality care the Emergency Department prides itself in while still making the children and their loved ones comfortable," said Lea Ann Laabs, Emergency Department Manager at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center Emergency Department. "Being in the Emergency Room can be frightening for a child and their parents. These beautiful rooms will ease those fears."

The updated rooms now feature enhancements such as artwork, murals and frosted glass to coincide with the Northeast Wisconsin theme of HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital. Hospital equipment can be intimidating and scare children during their stay, so new cabinetry was installed to hide the medical equipment. Stools and chairs have been added as well to go with the overall updated design. New and improved lighting features were also installed. Children can select their favorite color to light their room, which puts them in control of something when they often feel powerless!

Did you know that 100% of your donation helps the nearly 8,000 children who walk through the doors of HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital? Your contribution allows our medical professionals to continue to stay current with the best medical practices to ensure their patients are getting expert care during their stay.

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