



THE BLAIR E. BATSON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN



THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER • JACKSON

Children's Hospital



The Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center is the only hospital in the state devoted exclusively to the care and treatment of sick and injured children. More than 150,000 children from all of the state's 82 counties come to Batson Hospital each year. The spectrum of care ranges from well-child care for healthy newborns to treatment for cancer, birth defects, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia,

neurological disorders, pulmonary disease, trauma, allergies, diabetes and numerous other childhood illnesses.

Caring for patients from infancy to adulthood, Batson Hospital is designed to provide the best health care available for the 21st century. The 130-bed facility includes a pediatric intensive care unit, a 24-hour Level I emergency/trauma department, rehabilitation center, child psychiatry unit, child development center, a state-of-the-art cancer clinic, general and subspecialty clinics and the state's only pediatric surgical center.

Why a Children's Hospital?

Sick children often need the care only a medical team with a wide range of expertise can provide. These teams can only be found in comprehensive children's hospitals like Batson Hospital. It is here you'll find specialists in cardiology, orthopedics, neurology, gastroenterology, oncology, pediatric surgery, nephrology and more.



Health professionals take a family-centered approach to health care. Parents are considered partners in the care and treatment of their children. Staff members work hard to make it a place where "kids can be kids," even though they are sick. Batson Hospital treats the child, not just the disease. These are the things that make the hospital a special place.

Planning for the Future

Another one-of-a-kind service provided by the Batson Hospital is trauma care. The state's only Level I emergency room designed specifically for children is housed at Batson. Services provided here cannot be duplicated anywhere else in Mississippi. However, the ER was built more than 20 years ago and the patient volume has nearly doubled. The facility was not designed for the problems of today and plans are now underway to relocate and enlarge the emergency department. Funding for this critical project is not yet in place and support will be needed from the community to help meet this need.

"Children's Hospital is here for Mississippi's children 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."



How Does Your Support Help?

Children's Hospital relies on donors like you to help create a place of healing and hope for the children in our community. Your gift to the hospital helps us provide the most advanced and compassionate care for children; train the pediatric leaders of the future and develop treatments and cures for childhood diseases. Even healthy children benefit from the work done at Batson Hospital because the medical research and breakthrough discoveries help prevent illnesses as well as advance treatment protocols. This helps make the community a safer place to live for all kids.

And the need is truly great. This year alone, Batson Hospital will provide millions of dollars in uncompensated health care for patients whose families are unable to pay. To do this, Batson Hospital must depend partly on community support to help fund these vital services. Donations help purchase everything from lifesaving medical equipment to allergy medicine, educational videotapes, video games, rocking chairs, wheelchairs, ventilators, playpens, and more. That's why Batson Hospital's strong partnership with the community is so vital to providing the best in pediatric health care.