

INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN

so kids can be kids again



Jackson Health
FOUNDATION®
Making miracles happen.

PHILANTHROPY with impact

Big plans are in store for our smallest miracles.

As more parents come to us with complex issues, we're increasing our capacity to heal and deliver compassionate, world-class care for children. By building new, state-of-the-art facilities and upgrading existing ones, we can continue to make miracles happen for our smallest and most vulnerable patients.

Upon completion in late 2025, the 178,000-square-foot adult and pediatric emergency rooms will be the largest in the country. Through generous donations, the rebuilt and reimagined emergency rooms at Jackson Memorial Hospital will be a role model facility, that will help a population that mirrors the nation's most underserved patient demographics: many are uninsured or underinsured, suffering from multiple complicating factors, and not served by routine wellness and primary care.



Specially trained, world-renowned medical experts treat approximately 127,000 patients (adult and pediatric) annually through the emergency department. From the routine to the most extraordinary medical cases, we will continue to help the community 24/7 with this growth.

The pediatric emergency room at Holtz Children's Hospital will be newly constructed, expanding to 30 beds. The full-service emergency room will include comfortable treatment areas for children and their parents, access to full diagnostics, and the highest level of compassionate, expert care.



KID-FRIENDLY UPGRADES

Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital

Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital is the largest psychiatric hospital in South Florida, providing comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care. In our 21-bed inpatient unit for children and adolescents ages five to 17, specially trained psychiatrists, psychologists, and mental health counselors treat and manage symptoms in a way young people can understand, and guide them toward recovery. The unit has been remodeled to create a brighter, more positive and calming atmosphere – with updated bathrooms and new flooring, lighting, furniture, and wall colors.

Pediatric rehabilitation

Holtz Children's is the only hospital in Miami-Dade County that offers inpatient rehabilitation for children who have suffered traumatic brain injuries, strokes, or orthopedic injuries. The intensive therapy provided in this four-bed unit is pivotal in helping them return home having regained function and independence.



Pediatric catheterization lab

To help diagnose and treat congenital heart disease, the multidisciplinary team of leading heart specialists at Holtz Children's relies on our pediatric cardiac catheterization lab. Upgrading this lab to a hybrid catheterization lab will allow our team to perform increasingly complex procedures.



count on the generosity of donors.

Jackson is proud to partner with Ronald McDonald House of South Florida

Ronald McDonald House operates a facility at University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, providing housing, meals, and support for the families of hospitalized children. Now, just steps from the entrance to Holtz Children's, Ronald McDonald House will build a state-of-the-art, seven-story facility. It'll have 54 private guest rooms, and will include amenities such as kitchen and laundry facilities, family and TV rooms, and playrooms.



Outpatient orthopedic and rehabilitation facilities to serve children in Miami-Dade County

Specialized orthopedic care for children is now easily accessible in our community through our new partnership with Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center at UHealth Jackson Children's Care. This affiliation has paved the way for creating two new hubs for pediatric orthopedics and rehabilitation care. With convenient locations at Jackson South Medical Center and Jackson West Medical Center, expert care will be available to children with traumatic injuries and debilitating conditions such as spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, and cerebral palsy. We look forward to making even more miracles because of the partnership between UHealth Jackson Children's Care and Shriners Children's.



BRINGING WORLD-CLASS PEDIATRIC CARE to our community

The UHealth Jackson Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialists serve two to three times more patients with clinically complex conditions than any other maternal-fetal medicine program in South Florida.

Expanding our team allows us to address complex congenital issues. Our neonatology team collaborates with UHealth Jackson Fetal Care Center, and is a leader in advanced care for premature babies. Our specialized teams treat newborns to young adults in the following areas: solid organ and stem cell transplants, cardiology, neurosurgery, oncology, orthopedics, ophthalmic care, neonatology, and more.

Specialists from other newborn ICU's (NICU) have adopted our evidence-backed treatments to minimize complications and improve outcomes. With more of our pediatric services in one place, we'll create an environment for our clinical teams to collaborate more effectively, and for kids and their parents to experience seamless, patient-centric attention.

“As a neonatologist, I hope to bring the most empathetic, loving, and family-centered care to the babies and families across Jackson’s neonatal units. As a researcher, I want every family to receive a diagnosis and treatment for their child’s condition using the most advanced scientific technologies.”

**- Pankaj Agrawal, MD, Chief of Neonatology
at Jackson Health System**

On the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center campus, the Schatzi and Stanley Kassal Project: Newborn Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Holtz Children’s Hospital is one of the largest Level 4 NICU in Florida, boasting some of the best survival rates and most successful outcomes in the country.

Expansion is underway to ensure the NICU can continue accommodating family needs, including a combination of private rooms and specialty rooms for patients plus additional open, shared spaces. The 126-bed Level 4 NICU delivers the highest level of complex care possible to critically ill babies.

One enhancement already in place is the Hess Family Milk Bank, where mothers who wish to breastfeed can store their milk, making it available for their hospitalized babies 24/7. Made possible by a \$1 million gift from the Hess Foundation, the Milk Bank plays an important role in supporting the nutritional needs and growth of our newborns.



Jackson is recognized as a national leader in various specialties, from the use of rapid genome sequencing to develop new therapies for complex congenital issues, to the partnership with the University of Miami Bascom Palmer Eye Institute to help babies suffering from eye-related complications common in preterm or low birth-weight cases.

MIRACLE stories

Groundbreaking fetal surgery saves baby with rare brain condition

Lainey Ramos Arango, 19, discovered she was six months pregnant and soon faced alarming news: her baby had a vein of Galen malformation, a rare brain condition that could lead to heart failure. Under the leadership of Dr. Rodrigo Ruano and Dr. Robert M. Starke at the UHealth Jackson Fetal Care Center, the multidisciplinary team decided to perform Florida's first in-utero embolization. The complex surgery, carried out at 35 weeks, successfully treated the malformation and restored the baby's heart function. Three weeks later, **Lucas Hormachea was born healthy and his heart continues to function normally.** Arango expressed immense gratitude to the medical team for saving her son's life.





Overcoming injury with the help of Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center at UHealth Jackson Children's Care

While enjoying a boating trip in Miami, 7-year-old Sofia Lunn fell hard inside her boat due to rough waves, shattering her femur in three places. She was swiftly transported to Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Memorial, where she underwent successful surgery. With physical therapy at Holtz Children's and continued outpatient therapy, **Sofia was walking with a walker the day after surgery and fully resumed her favorite activities.** Her recovery highlights the support from our partnership with Shriners Children's.

Prenatal medicine intervention saves baby at Holtz Children's

When Ashtine Rodriguez and Carlos Davila discovered their baby had a congenital diaphragmatic hernia and pulmonary sequestration at 18 weeks, they feared for his health. After months of consultations, they were referred to Dr. Rodrigo Ruano at the UHealth Jackson Fetal Care Center. Wesley, their son, was born at The Women's Hospital at Jackson Memorial and immediately underwent surgery, led by Dr. Eduardo Alfonso Perez, to correct both conditions. **Wesley made a remarkable recovery in the NICU**, surpassing expectations, and is now thriving at home without long-term complications.



RAISING the level of care

The power of philanthropy

This transformational program – of expansion and unification of pediatric services – is facilitated in part, by Jackson Health Foundation, Jackson's private fundraising arm. Through the generosity of compassionate donors, the Foundation helps fill the gaps of major capital projects and programmatic needs that can't be financed by public bond support. We strive to provide Jackson with the necessary resources to excel as a world-class academic medical system. As we embark on this mission of transforming the way we provide pediatric care, our teams will be able to make an even bigger difference – so kids can be kids again.

**Your support will make a
meaningful difference in the
lives of children in our community
—and could even save lives.**

Investing in our children and providing them with the highest level of care is not only our mission, but our passion. We want them to grow up to fulfill all of their hopes and dreams. Please consider becoming a part of this transformation in pediatric care that will benefit all those Jackson serves, regardless of their ability to pay.



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