Anonymous Donor Offers Nemours Children's Health $50,000 Challenge Grant

Milford, DE - Nemours Children's Health and an anonymous donor are calling on the community to help fill a vital need for pediatric care in Southern Delaware.

Later this year, Nemours will open the first full-service pediatric primary/specialty care center of its kind in Sussex County. Nemours duPont Pediatrics, Milford will occupy 35,000 square feet on the first floor of the brand new medical office building on the Bayhealth Sussex Campus. Nemours anticipates serving over 45,000 patients annually after the new facility opens.

Telehealth, a critical component to the care being provided at this new site, will come online immediately upon opening.

Nemours has long been committed to harnessing technology to significantly expanded telehealth capacity and keep pace with the increased demand for virtual care. Amid the COVID-19 crisis, the true impact and value of this investment became immensely clear. From January to August 2020, Nemours completed 4178% more telehealth visits over the same time in 2019.

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In total, Nemours currently serves approximately 30,000 children in southern Delaware annually. In 2019, 1,500 of these patients were seen via telemedicine. By July of 2020, Nemours had already served over 11,000 children in southern Delaware via telemedicine.

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Nemours sought community support to help fund this need, and an anonymous donor has come forward, generously offering a matching $50,000 grant. This means of the $100,000 needed for the critical telehealth equipment, $50,000 will be donated when $50,000 in community donations is reached.

"Now is the perfect time to help support the children of Southern Delaware. By giving a gift toward this cause before November 1st, you're able to double your impact for the children we serve," shares Ms. Davis. "We are extremely grateful to our donor who has made this challenge possible."

Nemours duPont Pediatrics, Milford will provide expanded services staffed by the very best in pediatric primary and specialty care. Services and resources will include but not be limited to: allergy, audiology, behavioral health, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, neurology, orthopedics, otolaryngology (ENT), pulmonology, telehealth, urology, physical therapy, and more. Some of these services will be available at the end of 2020, others will come online in April of 2021.

Those interested in helping to fund this critical project can call 302-293-3108 or visit www.nemours.org/bringingcarecloser.

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About Nemours Children's Health System

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates the two free-standing children's hospitals: the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, Fla., along with outpatient facilities in five states, delivering pediatric primary, specialty and urgent care. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, KidsHealth.org, and offers on-demand, online video patient visits through Nemours CareConnect. Nemours ReadingBrightstart.org is a program dedicated to preventing reading failure in young children, grounded in Nemours' understanding that child health and learning are inextricably linked, and that reading level is a strong predictor of adult health. Established as The Nemours Foundation through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, Nemours provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy and prevention programs to families in the communities it serves.

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