

Nemours Celebrates the Opening of the clubhouse

Child Life & Creative Arts Therapy has a beautiful new space for patients and families.

Wilmington, DE – On August 23, 2018, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children celebrated the grand opening of *the clubhouse*, a space for patients and their families to escape, if just for a short time, what they are going through at the hospital. Run by the Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy team, *the clubhouse* is a beautiful, spacious area where kids can play, create, imagine, and just be kids. This project was made possible by local donors, who contributed nearly \$3 million to make the vision a reality.

Key Facts

- The new *clubhouse* is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This means families can come do crafts, play games, check out the Flyers air hockey table, the pool table, and so much more on their own schedule. (Some areas are locked for patient safety when a staff member is not present.)
- A separate sensory room for children who have individual developmental needs, such as Autism
- A dramatic play space
- A full kitchen
- A Closed Circuit TV Studio, which allows the team to broadcast programming so that patients who cannot leave their room can still be entertained by special guests or take part in games.

About Nemours Children's Health System

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates two free-standing children's hospitals: 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](http://NemoursReadingBrightstart.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](http://TheNemoursFoundation) 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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