

Nemours duPont Hospital for Children Opens Kosher Pantry

This new dedicated space will be available 24/7 to all patient families who keep kosher.

Wilmington Del. -- In January of 2021, Nemours duPont Hospital for Children opened a new Kosher Pantry, making meal preparation and storage much more convenient for those of the Jewish faith who choose to keep kosher.

Providing the very best care for pediatric patients begins with high-quality, expert medical treatment. But Nemours Children's Health System has been on a continuing journey to meet families where they are, to provide the medical interventions their child needs while also honoring the families' culture, traditions, and beliefs.

"It's at the very heart of who we are and what we do," says Cindy Bo, Senior Vice-President, Delaware Valley Strategy & Business Development, Nemours Children's Health System, who helped oversee the Kosher Pantry project. "By being culturally aware and recognizing the importance of having kosher food readily available and the space with which to prepare it, we can enhance the patient experience while understanding we all want the same thing, the very best for the children entrusted to our care."

The new pantry has a full-sized refrigerator, a microwave, cabinets for storage, and plenty of space for meal preparation and clean-up.

"This project was truly a community partnership," says Reverend Dr. Al Carden, D. Min., Director of Pastoral Care, Nemours duPont Hospital for Children, who also worked with community partners to bring this project to fruition. "Through community donations, both funding and in-kind, we were able to move this project along rather quickly. And the generosity continues, with food regularly donated, in addition to what families choose to bring from home."

While Nemours has always worked to accommodate those who follow a kosher diet, the opening of this Kosher Pantry will elevate the ease with which families can provide meals for themselves and their children; and maybe help relieve some of the stressors in an already high-stress situation. "We want to extend a thank you to our community partners who helped make this pantry possible," says Rev. Dr. Carden. "Bikur Cholim of Lakewood, Ewing Cole, BR+A Engineers, Dipilla Brothers, Inc., and HSC Builders & Construction Managers."

The pantry is available to patient families 24/7.

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About Nemours Children's Health System

Nemours is an internationally recognized children's health system that owns and operates 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. 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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