

Request for Funding to

Improve the Lives of Maryland's Children



MARYLAND'S CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT



Please support two critical initiatives:

1. Build a one-of-a-kind Innovative Care Center to provide inpatient neurorehabilitative and neurobehavioral healthcare for children, teens and young adults with complex conditions
2. Update and expand our LEAP school program for autistic children with the most severe cognitive and behavioral challenges

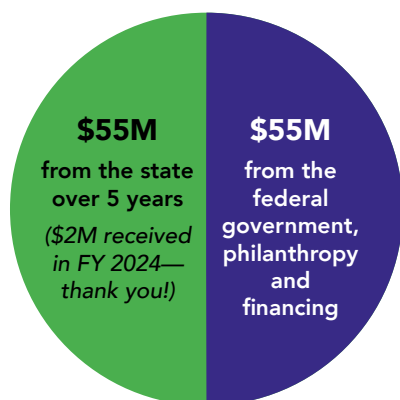


Kennedy Krieger Institute

Request No. 1: \$10 million to build and outfit an innovative inpatient neurorehabilitative care center. This state-of-the-art facility will replace our nearly 60-year-old hospital on our Broadway Campus in East Baltimore, and will increase our capacity to care for children with complex rehabilitative needs.

BUDGET REQUEST

\$110 million for our new Innovative Care Center over 5 years



The Need: An Innovative Care Center

- ◆ Build a facility that matches the special, complex needs of the patients we serve, and of those who are waiting to receive services
- ◆ Create a more holistic and healing, rehabilitative environment
- ◆ Construct a dynamic, flexible space that will address the nuances of the ever-changing pediatric specialty healthcare landscape
- ◆ Tailor patient- and family-centered spaces to long-stay needs (average stay is 28 days)
- ◆ Increase our capacity, improving access for inpatient pediatric and young adult neurorehabilitative and neurobehavioral care

The Impact

- ◆ Kennedy Krieger provides neurorehabilitative care for medically and behaviorally complex children. We need an up-to-date facility to deliver the latest rehabilitative therapies to ensure children, teens and young adults can live their best lives.
- ◆ Our new Innovative Care Center will enable parents to work virtually while supporting and participating in their child's care and maintaining important aspects of their lives.

The Vision

- ◆ Built on property the Institute already owns
- ◆ Effectively designed, with the latest in rehabilitation technology
- ◆ Private rooms and indoor and outdoor therapy spaces
- ◆ We'll be able to serve more children, teens and young adults from Maryland and beyond, including those with catastrophic illnesses and injuries, and we'll bring more jobs and revenue to Baltimore and Maryland.
- ◆ Specially designed rooms will control the sensory environment (sights, sounds, lighting, etc.) to help patients recover from disorders of consciousness.
- ◆ We are partnering with Ronald McDonald House Charities Maryland to include a family respite center and highly innovative family apartments to help parents and other caregivers transition their child from hospital to home.



PLEASE HELP US BUILD THIS SPECIAL PLACE!

Our current inpatient hospital in East Baltimore was built in 1964. Its old infrastructure can't support the latest rehabilitation and therapy technologies. We will build a new innovative rehabilitative care facility and repurpose the old hospital for needed research space. Our new facility will invigorate our East Baltimore community and add jobs.

Visit KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids or use the QR code to the right to learn more.



Request No. 2: \$2.5 million in continued funding for the expansion of Kennedy Krieger's LEAP special education school and programs.

- ◆ In the FY 2023 budget, Maryland allocated \$2.5 million to begin needs assessment and architectural planning for the LEAP renovation. **THANK YOU!**
- ◆ We respectfully request an additional \$2.5 million to continue this work to completion.
- ◆ Kennedy Krieger will contribute \$10 million to the project.



A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Kennedy Krieger's LEAP Program, one of our five special education schools, serves students 5 to 21 years old from across Maryland. Each student has a severe designated educational disability and has been referred to Kennedy Krieger School Programs by their local school system. (LEAP stands for Lifeskills and Education for Students with Autism and Other Pervasive Behavioral Challenges.)

Before LEAP was established, Maryland's students with complex disabilities were often separated from their families and sent out of state to residential facilities, at great expense to Maryland, and distress to their families. LEAP was established to allow these students to continue living with their families while attending school.

Publicly funded and privately run, LEAP is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Each LEAP student requires a highly structured environment that meets their academic, communication, social, behavioral and medical needs, with designated areas for individual and therapeutic instruction as well as sensory and behavioral breaks.



LEAP's students also need a high level of individual instruction, and therefore a high staff-to-student ratio. A typical LEAP classroom serves only five to seven students, with just as many—if not more—adult staff members in the room.

LEAP's buildings weren't designed for students with complex disabilities. The current LEAP space can be an obstacle to effective instruction and behavioral support.

Many students were referred to the LEAP Program because of their challenging behaviors, including aggression and self-injury. The facility needs to be improved to better meet the unique needs of these students.

Please provide continued funding for this initiative so we can complete work to effectively serve more students with special needs.

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OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

Maryland's youth are our state's future, and Kennedy Krieger can and will lead the way to better health and education for our children and families.

We welcome your questions and hope you will agree to continue to support our expansion of our LEAP school and programs, as well as help us begin the crucial development of a pediatric innovative inpatient care center at our Broadway Campus in East Baltimore, to serve more students and patients from around the state.



Your support is crucial to making this facility a reality for Maryland's children. Use this QR code or visit: **KennedyKrieger.org/MarylandKids**



Contact Emily Arneson at **Arneson@KennedyKrieger.org** if you have questions or would like a tour. **THANK YOU!**



"Kennedy Krieger staff members are amazing. There was nowhere else where we could take our child to receive the kind of care they received here. However, the space, the surroundings, are not what they need to be to deliver this top-notch care. The staff and patients and families deserve better."

— parent of a child who received inpatient care

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ABOUT KENNEDY KRIEGER

Kennedy Krieger Institute, an internationally known nonprofit organization with locations throughout the greater Baltimore-Washington, D.C., region, transforms the lives of more than 27,000 individuals a year through inpatient and outpatient medical, behavioral health and wellness therapies; home and community services; school-based programs; training and education for professionals; and advocacy.

Kennedy Krieger provides a wide range of services for children, adolescents and adults with diseases, disorders and injuries that impact the nervous system, ranging from mild to severe.

The Institute is home to a team of investigators who contribute to the understanding of how disorders develop, while at the same time pioneering new interventions and methods of early diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

To watch a short video about the Institute, use this QR code or visit: **KennedyKrieger.org/Anthem**



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