

# JOAN SECCHIA CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

A Venture Shared by Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation  
and Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital



## Our Mission

Build a state-of-the-art, freestanding children's rehabilitation hospital dedicated to helping all kids achieve the best possible outcome through compassionate collaboration, innovation and interdisciplinary care.



## Collaboration Benefits Kids

Parents often tell us how blessed they feel to live in a community that offers the combined resources of Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. **For many years we have collaborated under a joint operating agreement** in order to provide coordinated care for kids not only from West Michigan but from the entire state of Michigan and beyond.

**This world-class hospital will be designed for, and exclusively dedicated to, the rehabilitation of infants, children and teens** – one that will exponentially enhance collaboration, medical treatment and clinical outcomes. This freestanding rehabilitation hospital will allow us to double the number of inpatient beds, and we anticipate a 20% increase in outpatient visits. We'll serve an additional 2,000–2,500 children each year, with the total number of unique kids treated reaching between 8,500–9,000 annually.

## The Future is Bright

At its core, rehabilitation is transformational. Our youngest patients use rehabilitation as a springboard to their brightest futures. **But a rehabilitation hospital is not only about transforming the lives of patients – it's also about supporting families and strengthening communities.** Joan Secchia Children's Rehabilitation Hospital will do all that and more, creating optimistic and positive legacies that will span generations.



Artist's rendering of Joan Secchia Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, to be completed by 2026.

## Combining our Strengths

Mary Free Bed is a statewide resource for children's rehabilitation. From calendar years 2016 through 2022, **we treated 34,564 individual inpatients and outpatients in the Mary Free Bed system** and cared for 1,153 out-of-state children as well - welcoming kids with the most serious and complex conditions. During CY 2021, 57% of children in Michigan who needed inpatient rehabilitation were treated at Mary Free Bed Kids in Grand Rapids.

**Helen DeVos Children's Hospital offers advanced pediatric specialty care with more than 300 pediatric physicians who practice in 70 pediatric specialties and programs.** Helen DeVos Children's Hospital has been recognized as one of the nation's best children's hospitals by *US News and World Report* for 12 years in a row.

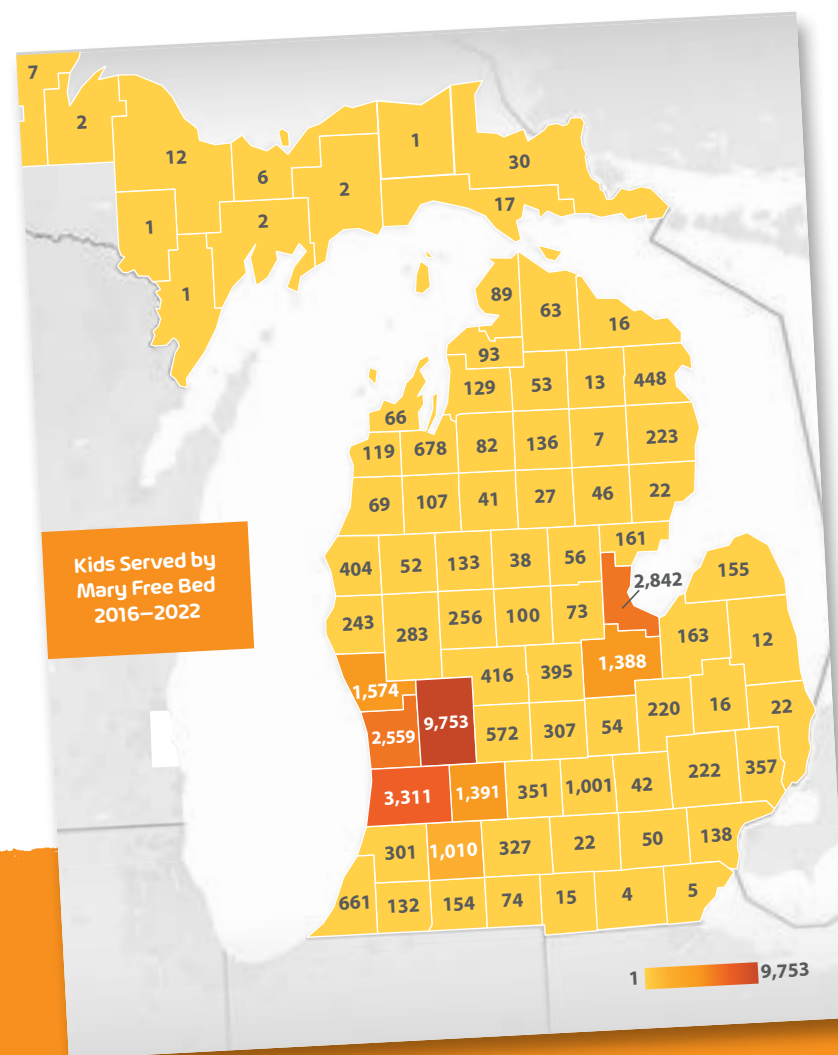
## Expanding our Partnership

**Mary Free Bed has long received more referrals from Helen DeVos Children's Hospital than from any other hospital in Michigan.** We have worked together for years to bring new innovations to our region like our neurodevelopment and intensive feeding programs that serve thousands of children. Our partnership will equip us to identify and fill critical health care gaps, attract top-tier clinicians, and increase access to leading-edge rehabilitation services to serve more children.

## Shorter Stays, Improved Outcomes: 2022 Inpatient Statistics

	Mary Free Bed	National Average
Average age	<b>11.6</b>	11.1
Length of stay (in days)	<b>23.7</b>	25.6
% Discharged to homes/community	<b>95.2</b>	89.8
Functional gain during IP rehab stay*	<b>30.2</b>	22.3

\*According to WeeFIM™, a functional independence measure that tracks rehabilitation progress





## Centered on Sustainable Results

In addition to treating more kids, the children's rehabilitation hospital will:



**Decompress current overcrowded conditions** at both facilities



**Enable kids to transfer sooner** from general acute care hospitals. Studies show when vigorous rehabilitation begins quickly, outcomes are better.



**Provide more effective and efficient care** as Mary Free Bed and Helen DeVos Children's specialists closely coordinate treatment.



**Reduce health care costs.** Early diagnosis and immediate intervention can improve life trajectories by mitigating complications and life-long health care costs.



## Medical Magnet

This will be Michigan's first freestanding children's rehabilitation hospital, **and one of only nine in the nation.** The hospital will become a medical destination for children and their families.

## Designing the Future

Pure Architects, the firm selected to design the hospital, believes “every project, every building, makes an impact beyond its walls.” The Grand Rapids-based firm is devoted to designing human-centered spaces and places that uplift our community and positively impact our environment. We’re proud to partner with a purpose-driven team committed to building a just and equitable world for future generations.



## Project Timeline

2023 Q1:	Project kickoff
2023 Q2–Q4:	Design and preconstruction
2024–2026:	Construction
2026 Q4:	Completion

## STATISTICAL BLUEPRINT

### Building Profile:

#### Level One | Outpatient Care

- Multiple specialized therapy gyms
- Lab space
- Private treatment and exam rooms
- Café with adult and kid-friendly menus
- Consultation rooms for medical teams to meet with parents

#### Level Two | Inpatient Care

- 24 private rooms with space for parents to stay overnight
- All rooms with ventilator capability
- Multiple specialized therapy gyms
- Home-like areas where children practice everyday tasks
- Common eating spaces for kids and parents to enjoy meals together

### Distinctive Spaces

Indoor and outdoor recreation areas for all age groups

Sophisticated technology fit for kids

Orthotics & Prosthetics + Bionics

Certified teacher classroom so kids keep up with their studies

## Financing

The \$60M project is a public-private partnership. Operated as a joint venture between Mary Free Bed and Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, philanthropy will support important infrastructure, program enhancements and innovation.

Main Entrance



Bridge



Lobby



Your support will make this dream a reality,  
and we look forward to partnering with you  
on this momentous project.

Joan Secchia Children's Rehabilitation  
Hospital will be one of the crowning jewels  
of our community – a visible and practical  
demonstration of the importance we place  
on health care and children.



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