



The Gift of Play for Hospitalized Kids

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Play Zone at Diamond Children’s Medical Center

Imagine your 5-year-old son has been admitted to Banner Children’s at Diamond Children’s Medical Center for the fourth time this month. Last month, he was admitted three times. Each time, you’re limited to the confines of his hospital room as you await tests and treatment while also entertaining his energetic siblings.

Now imagine a very different scenario in a space created just for children—a place where your kids can play, relax, or read a book away from medical professionals, machines, and sounds of the hospital room. This place is near your son’s hospital room—yet in many ways, it’s miles away. You’re at ease there as you await a visit from your son’s health care team.

Once completed, the Play Zone will foster recreation and therapeutic play, reducing trauma and recovery time and lifting the spirits of young patients at Diamond Children’s Medical Center. With philanthropic support, plans for the Play Zone include:

- Art studio
- Medical play area
- Media room
- Sensory room for special needs
- Area just for toddlers and preschoolers
- Virtual reality and video gaming area
- Basketball arcade
- Hospital school program
- STEM activities and a 3D printer

The bright, non-medical Play Zone will provide a supportive environment that allows kids to ask questions and explore their emotions. Child Life specialists will work with them to build coping skills, decrease anxiety, address their psychosocial well-being, reduce trauma, and prepare for procedures and treatments.

Your gift will help bring the Play Zone to life for Diamond Children’s young patients!

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“The Play Zone will provide a space for children to escape the weight of navigating the medical world. It offers them the chance to be carefree for a moment to play, to learn, and to express themselves. We are so thrilled to support this effort as a family and to lead the campaign to bring the Play Zone to life for Diamond Children’s patients.”

- Jeremy Sharpe
Banner Health Foundation Board Member
and chair of the Play Zone
fundraising effort

