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CHOC's New Tower to Transform Pediatric Health Care

Construction of CHOC Children's new tower (Tower II) has made incredible progress this summer, with the first set of vibrant, blue-and-white colored windows already installed. When it opens in Spring 2013, the seven-story tower will feature leading-edge technology, expanded services and amenities, and advanced green and safety features.

Currently, the exterior enclosure of the tower, including framing and installation of windows, is underway and scheduled for completion in Spring 2011. The floor layout and interior framing are also in progress. Mechanical and electrical components, as well as interior finishes, are set to be completed by Summer 2012.



CHOC's new state-of-the-art tower will change Orange County's skyline. Pictured is the 200-foot-tall crane, visible from across the city, which will be removed from the construction site this month.

TOWER PLANNING UNDERWAY

CHOC has partnered with Kurt Salmon Associates (KSA), a top children's healthcare planning firm, to develop operational and transitional plans to occupy Tower II. As part of this process, the Activation Committee, consisting of CHOC leadership and physicians, has made significant progress during recent months in the transition planning.

The Activation Committee oversees the work of several committees – staffing, transition strategy and sequence, operating parameters, building load coordination and communications, to ensure that the transition into Tower II is timely, efficient and safe for patient care. Among other strategic goals, the committees are working diligently on developing a master transition plan and schedule, as well as a comprehensive communications plan and staffing plan.

Medical equipment purchasing and the selection process for information technology for some departments is underway. Key leadership recruitment for new services and programs is also in progress. In support of operational planning, 20 workgroups, comprised of Associates, physicians and families, will start to meet in February 2011.

OVERVIEW OF TOWER BY FLOORS

- **Lower Level** – Physician on-call rooms, Laboratory services, Building Command Center and other mechanical & support services
- **1st Floor** – Main Lobby, Admitting, ED, Radiology, and Satellite Pharmacy
- **2nd Floor** – Public space, Patient & Family amenities, Radio Lollipop, outdoor play area, gift shop, library
- **3rd Floor** – Surgery, Cardiac Care, GI, Endo, other major procedural areas
- **4th Floor** – Shelled space to support future NICU
- **5th Floor** – Hematology and Oncology, including 28 new beds
- **6th & 7th Floor** – Shelled space for future needs

“Change CHOC, Change the World”

The new CHOC Children’s tower is more than a physical structure. It is a symbol of CHOC’s commitment to making Orange County one of the healthiest and medically safest places in the country for children. To make it a reality, CHOC launched the “Change CHOC, Change the World” campaign. Its goal is to raise \$125 million by June 30, 2013 to support the following initiatives:

- Complete construction of CHOC’s new, state-of-the-art tower.
- Garner a significant endowment to fund medical research and attract doctors who are among the best in their fields.
- Continue building upon CHOC’s affiliation with the University of California, Irvine, which will help CHOC recruit top pediatric physicians and solidify its position as a world-class center for pediatric care.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can support CHOC, please visit www.choc.org/changetheworld.



MCCARTHY SHOWS ENTHUSIASM AND SUPPORT FOR CHOC

McCarthy, the contractor for the new tower, teams up regularly with CHOC to provide fun-filled activities for patients and families. In August, McCarthy representatives visited the playrooms, where kids received sketches by a caricature artist, watched a fun video of the tower’s crane operator, made crafts and enjoyed treats.

In support of CHOC, McCarthy also sponsored a team at the CHOC Walk in the Park in October. Craig Cherf, a senior pre-construction director at McCarthy, was recognized as the top individual fundraiser.

WATCH US GROW

For more construction fun, go to www.choc.org/changetheworld and click on “Tower Web Cam” to view the tower’s progress. Or click on “Tower Fly-Through” to catch a sneak peak of the inside of the new tower!

TOWER - BY THE NUMBERS

- **350** miles of electrical wire
- **10,000** light switches and power outlets
- **18,000** approximate crane loads a year
- **425** workers at peak of construction
- **66,090** square feet of windows
comprises all glass
- **35%** of the project completed

TO LEARN MORE

For construction updates, or to leave a construction-related question, please call our Expansion Hotline at 714-532-8710.

For customer service questions or concerns, please call our Customer Service CARE Line at 714-204-3200.

For details about CHOC’s expansion, please visit www.choc.org.