

Connects

A Newsletter for our Neighbors in AVONDALE

This is Cincinnati Children's quarterly newsletter to highlight our partnerships, upcoming events, opportunities and ways to get involved.



Larry Packer, Chris Packer, LeDon Packer and Mike Bell, Jr. all from Rod-Techs and all family members working on the Northern Avenue garage.

Construction Family Builds Success at Cincinnati Children's

One project at a time, Chris Packer has built a successful family business. The Northern Avenue garage is his 4th construction project for Cincinnati Children's.

Packer, the owner of Rod-Techs construction, says working on the 14-story T building was a milestone for his family business, started by his Dad Larry in 2000.

Messer Construction has partnered with Cincinnati Children's on many construction projects over the years and both share a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Messer invited Rod-Techs to be a subcontractor on the T building in its early stages.

Messer "took us under their wings," Packer says. "It was marvelous."



T Building

Since that first project, Rod-Techs has helped build the Proton Therapy Center at the Cincinnati Children's Liberty Campus, and is now working on the MRI expansion there, as well as the Northern Avenue garage expansion in Avondale.

Not only has this work been a boon for Packer's company. It has also been deeply gratifying because of his personal connection to the hospital.

"My daughter has been a patient since birth and still comes to the hospital for consults," Packer says. "I've been at Cincinnati Children's (as a patient/family) for 23 years. When I was working on the T building it made for a quick trip in to see the doctor."

Now, walking on campus and seeing that his work is contributing to the hospital's development plan is "totally awesome!"



Career Insights participants show their certificates of completion at their graduation ceremony on Saturday, March 24th in Avondale.

Healthcare Career Connections and Training

Cincinnati Children's and the Greater Cincinnati Urban League are teaming up to offer free employment training for jobs in healthcare.

On March 19, participants graduated with a training certificate and the chance to interview for a healthcare position.

The Career Insights program prepares participants to apply for jobs currently available at Cincinnati Children's as emergency services representatives, health unit coordinators, patient escorts and patient care assistants. The majority of graduates have been invited to complete next steps in the interview process.

The Career Insights training program was hosted at the Urban League in Avondale for four Saturdays in March. Topics covered:

- Culture, professionalism and diversity in healthcare
- Ethical behavior and confidentiality
- Customer service and effective communication
- Introduction to medical terminology
- Resume preparation
- Mock interviews

The program included an on site visit to Cincinnati Children's with a tour of the Emergency Department, Urgent Care and Inpatient units.

For more information about the next Career Insights training session, please contact the Greater Cincinnati Urban League.

 CALL 513-281-9955



South Avondale 3rd graders get a lesson in reading and science as part of Read Across America Day.

Cincinnati Children's Gives Back to Avondale Schools

Dozens of Ambassadors from Cincinnati Children's read to over 400 students at South Avondale Elementary and Rockdale Academy, as part of the annual Read Across America Day on Friday, March 2nd.

It's hard to tell who was having more fun, the students or the ambassadors.

Through clever rhymes, the book, *Ada Twist Scientist*, tells the story of a very curious girl. She loves to do experiments to understand the world around her. After reading, ambassadors and a few special guests helped bring the book to life with a hands-on science activity.

Read Across America was created by the National Education Association to celebrate and promote a love of reading. The ambassadors are Cincinnati Children's employees who volunteer for community service activities regularly at South Avondale and Rockdale Academy.

To learn more about community service activities at Cincinnati Children's, go to:

cincinnatichildrens.org/communityvideo

You're
Invited!

Avondale Community Open House
& Information Session, May 3rd



Construction of Cincinnati Children's new hospital building is underway, and we want to keep our Avondale neighbors up-to-date about the project.

Please join us at an Avondale community open house:

Thursday, May 3, 2018

5:30 – 7 pm

Rockdale Academy

335 Rockdale Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

- Project and Construction Updates
- Employment Programs and Workshops
- Child Health Programs
- Food and Kids Activities
- Ask Questions and Get Information

For updates on the project visit our website at:
cincinnatichildrens.org/clinicalexpansion



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