

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.

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Cincinnati Critical Care Building construction site, Erkenbrecher and Burnet Ave.

Critical Care Building Among Several Construction Projects in Avondale

If you hadn't noticed, Avondale is in the midst of a construction boom with several projects underway including Cincinnati Children's Critical Care Building. The 635,000 square foot building would provide 228 new critical care beds, a roof-top heliport for emergency care and an outdoor community common area. The building will adjoin the hospital at the corner of Burnet and Erkenbrecher. It's set to be completed by early 2021.



For updates on the project visit our website at: www.cincinnatichildrens.org/critical-care-building



Look for monthly mailings on construction updates. Need to get on the mailing list? Call 513-636-9327.

Other Avondale Construction Projects

Avondale Town Center in the heart of Avondale will include the construction of two new mixed-use buildings, and the rehab of a portion of the existing Town Center. The project includes 69 residential units and 75,000 square feet of retail space. The residential units target renters with a mix of incomes. A freestanding laundromat will be located at the center of the property.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is committed for the NW quadrant of the Uptown Corridor. Construction on the \$110 million federal research facility is set to begin in 2019, bringing 800 jobs to the Uptown Corridor.

Ronald McDonald House broke ground in September on a new \$49 million expansion project that will more than double the space to house families of sick children. The expansion would add 99 guest rooms and 81 parking spaces. The new facility is scheduled to open in 2020.



First Lady Ciara Harper and family, Michael Fisher, President and CEO of Cincinnati Children's, and CCHMC employee volunteers at Rockdale Academy.

More Children, More Adults Get Flu Shots Driven by Campaign

Flu seasons are unpredictable and that's one big reason why Cincinnati Children's partnered with the First Ladies for Health and Kroger to offer free flu shots as part of Family Health Day on Sunday, October 14th.

A total of 186 children and 605 adults received flu shots in 13 different locations. The flu shot campaign led by Cincinnati Children's helped build awareness of the benefits of the vaccine. The campaign focused primarily on churches and recreation centers. The effort paid off with a 19% increase in vaccinations over last year. A week before Health Day, many Pastors and First Ladies decided to be role models and get a flu shot themselves. "I hope that by getting a flu shot in front of my congregation that it encouraged others to do the same. It was good to see so many of my members taking charge of their health," said Dr. Robert Baines, Pastor of Southern Baptist Church.

About 150 families made their way to Rockdale Academy, one of two host locations in Avondale. Screenings of all kinds were offered including: blood pressure, asthma, vision, hearing, sickle cell, body mass index (BMI) among others. Corinthian Baptist Church was another host location in Avondale.

In its fourth year, the First Ladies Initiative brings together around 50 health partners for the one-day event held in churches and recreation centers to be most convenient to the community. Co-chairs Dena Cranley and Barbara Lynch say, "The event is all about getting people to take charge of their health and meeting them where they live. That's huge for us."

NUMBER OF SHOTS GIVEN:

186 children



605 adults

We want your ideas!

Are there stories you would like to see in this newsletter? Please let us know!

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Supplier Diversity Push

Cincinnati Children's is 'Best in Class' for Supplier Diversity with construction and construction-related purchases. However, as part of a push for new partners, Cincinnati Children's is looking for other vendors who may be able to provide a wide variety of services, including promotional items, food and dessert catering, technical services, travel and off-site storage.

Cincinnati Children's is already partnering with small businesses that you may know including: Blossoms Florist, OCD Cakes, Soleil Kitchen, Sweet Petit, RoSho Awards and Graphics, Easley Blessed Photography, Edibles-n-Such and Speedy Signs & Apparel. Taren Kinnebrew from Sweet Petit says, "My experience has always been great!" Carol Ruffin of Blossoms Florist says, "I appreciate the partnership with Cincinnati Children's because it allows us to create floral designs that express their mission of offering the best to their patients and the community."

DeAsa Nichols, Supplier Diversity Manager says, "It is our commitment to be intentional in inviting diverse suppliers to participate in requests for proposals process with the goal of achieving greater diversity within our supply chain."

If a supplier is interested in doing business with Cincinnati Children's, please email the company and contact information to:

✉ supplierdiversity@cchmc.org

While this is not a guarantee of business with Cincinnati Children's it is designed to provide awareness of the business entity for potential business opportunities.



Carol Ruffin, owner of Blossoms Florist, making a delivery for a recent event at Sabin Auditorium.

