

February 2021

# Construction Update: Critical Care Building

*For our Avondale neighbors and community partners*

## Progress on construction and Economic Inclusion

- Street work has started to create the Critical Care Building and emergency department entrance.
- Exterior metal panels set to be complete in March.
- On track to exceed our aggressive spending goals with diverse companies by approximately 15%.



## Key Dates

**Winter - Summer 2021**

Final stages of construction

**Summer 2021**  
Move-in/training

**November 6, 2021**  
Building opens

## “Fountain of Life” Mural: A Community Partnership

Excitement is growing as the Critical Care Building public opening draws ever closer. As you step through the front doors, what you will likely notice first is a vibrant, massive work of art that establishes a strong community connection. The mural itself is a nod to Cincinnati’s well-known gathering spot, Fountain Square and “The Lady” streaming her blessing of water to all who visit. As important as what the mural represents is the group that helped bring it to life. In partnership with Kolar Design and ArtWorks, the painting of the mural was completed by students from Avondale Walnut Hills High School along with a professional artist. The group has spent nearly 3 months working to make the mural something special. What they have received in return, the students say, are lessons they will carry into the future. In a recent survey they wrote: “I have grown personally from all the great people who were part of this project. They taught me how my art can change the world.” “I will utilize the communications and team work skills I developed on this project for my career aspirations.” The mural will be on display when the building opens in November.



Students: Xavier McDaniel, D’Airion McCullough, Miah Grant, Audrey Ballard and Deja Pennington.

## Paint and Create

You can be a part of a special community art experience connected to the “Fountain of Life” mural. Cincinnati Children’s in partnership with Kolar Design and ArtWorks are planning a safe way for Avondale residents to help add color and texture to the mural. Stay tuned for more details.

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