

**SACRED HEART  
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# Children's Hospital Turns Five



*Photo by Eric Chamberlain*

**WHAT DO YOU NEED IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL OR INJURED?** You need a hospital that provides the highest level of pediatric care ... close to home.

In the past five years, Sacred Heart Children's Hospital has undergone an impressive growth spurt! While the medical center has always treated children, the dream to create a specialized hospital for kids became a reality in August 2003. Just five short years later, we have 161 beds devoted just to children and over 90 physicians, representing 28 different pediatric specialties ... that makes us one of the upper mid-sized children's hospitals

in the country!

When your child needs emergent care, it's comforting to know there is a children's hospital nearby. Sacred Heart Children's Hospital offers the only children's emergency and trauma center in the Inland Northwest with specially-trained staff to help with even the most complicated health issues.

Over 13,000 children came through our emergency center doors in 2006, prompting the emergency center to double its kid-friendly spaces, open during the most heavily used hours each day. In 2007, the growth continued with over 15,000 pedi-

atric visits. In summer 2008, the hours for the children's emergency center will expand to around-the-clock ... 365 days a year!

Kids are different and so is Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Sacred Heart Children's Hospital treats kids with extra care. That might mean spending extra time to alleviate fears or providing extra monitoring. It means having equipment to fit children's body sizes and compassionate staff who love working with kids. Plus, it means family-centered care, where moms, dads, siblings, extended family and friends are welcome.

Around every corner in the children's hospital is a special kid-friendly feature. Round one curve and you'll find a sky-bridge filled with fish or butterflies, take another turn and you'll find a giant turtle, caterpillar or lady bug. And, children choose from special transportation options at the children's hospital. From a fleet of wagons to tricycles and kid-powered cars, there is always a fun way to get from one place to another. It's no surprise that kids love to visit!

And you will love the children's hospital too ... when your child needs medical attention, we know you want the best care available. That's why we focus on a single purpose ... to make your child feel like a kid again. When a child feels well enough to get out of bed and play, we all celebrate.