



Pediatric Care

A stay in the hospital can be unsettling no matter how old you are. For children, medical procedures, unfamiliar surroundings and new faces can be particularly stressful. Last year, Mease Countryside Hospital treated nearly 1,500 patients in its pediatrics department.

Over the years, generous gifts from Skip Cline Society members and the community have not only helped fund specialized medical technology to better treat children's unique health care needs, but have also helped to equip our pediatric caregivers with the latest tools for reducing anxiety associated with a pediatric patient's procedure, including:

- **Giraffe OmniBed for Mease Countryside's NICU** is an all-in-one neonatal care station providing a developmentally supportive, critical care environment for our high acuity newborns.
- **Broslow Color Coded Carts** facilitate the care of our pediatric patients with the needed medication and equipment in an emergent situation.

- **Handheld Vein Finder** is a portable device that helps nurses easily locate the patient's veins to minimize unnecessary sticks.
- **SimNewB** is an interactive neonatal simulator that trains our neonatal nurses by building confidence and practicing in a risk-free environment.
- **Neoblue Bilirubin Lights for Newborns** is an advanced phototherapy light system for immediately treating infantile jaundice.
- **BabySIM** is an interactive baby simulator that helps our caregivers practice assessment and treatment of infant conditions in a realistic learning environment.
- **iPads for Mease Countryside's ER, Pediatric Unit and NICU** provide direct engagement for children — helping to not only distract the patient, but offer educational games and videos to help children and their parents understand diseases or what's happening while they're in the hospital.