



What

- RJ Children's Haven will be a *first of its kind in the nation* - a licensed day center for children with *compromised immune systems*.
- Open from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, M-F, where 2 to 16-year old will continue to learn and develop through interaction with other kids, volunteers, and staff.
- An onsite Trained and Certified Daycare Director; an experienced Pediatric PALS Certified Staff Nurse; ADULT volunteers, ranging from retired nurses and teachers, parents, grandparents and some nursing programs to facilitate the children's activities.
- Space for extra support services requested by a parent for each child will be provided, such as visits from Teachers, Home Health Nurses, Social workers, Nutritionists, and Psychologists.
- School age children will study assignments from their regular teachers while center volunteers assist. Younger children will participate in typical developmental activities of a day care/preschool, such as creative play and pre-reading activities. Play, Music, Art and other arts plus recreational activities will be offered to all age groups.
- Initially, we will have approximately 20 to 30 children at any given time who may attend with plans to expand as soon as possible.
- *Across this nation, immune compromised children are grouped together and go to Hematology / Oncology clinics every day – we wish to mirror this model for success.*

When

- Our goal is being open by the 3rd quarter of 2018, then serve children Monday through Friday year around.

Why

- As a priority, we want to help all children dealing with loneliness which can occur because of their diagnosis.
- When a child's immune system is suppressed, he or she cannot attend school, day care, or activities in the community without risk of infection. Children can spend *formative months and years in isolation at home*.
- The children can provide support for each other because their journey is similar.
- Cancer, genetic disorders, transplants, inflammatory disease and certain drugs weaken children's immune systems and can place them at a short-term risk for infection.
- Cancer Care Annual Reports from Children's Mercy Hospital show more than 200 new patients are added to their cancer registry annually.
- Parents often must give up a job (sometimes the source of health insurance) to stay home with his/her child, now they can leave them with us to take care of.

Background

- Executive Directors obtained their Non-Profit 501(c)(3) in February 2011. Advisors include: Nurses, Parents of children with disease, Advanced Practice Pediatric Professionals, Oncology Physicians, Pediatric Social Workers, and a team of Marketing experts will be working hard to help up refurbish our building by late 2018.
- We have: (1) medical and personal knowledge, (2) the ability to link medical, social and educational supports to children at RJ Children's Haven.
- A Daycare Director, our experienced Pediatric Nurse and staff will help the team develop a full-range of learning/social activities for children of all ages.

Community Support

- ANGEL donors have committed to donating monies to purchase a building in the downtown Kansas City, Missouri area. In addition, local fund raising events are in the planning process.
- We have a New York Grant writer who specifically is writing a "Grant for CAPITAL" to build RJCH.

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