

## ARLINGTON PEDIATRIC CENTER IS NOW VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER PEDIATRICS!

**NEW NAME** Arlington Pediatric Center is now Virginia Hospital Center Pediatrics.

**NEW LOCATION** 3401 Columbia Pike, 2nd floor Arlington, Virginia 22204

**SAME MISSION** Caring for Arlington children in need

Virginia Hospital Center Pediatrics provides high-quality primary, preventive, and mental healthcare services to low-income and uninsured children living in Arlington County.

VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER  
Pediatrics



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Women's Health Circle Community Forum

Topic: Nutrition: Feeding Ourselves, Feeding Our Families

Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

John T. Hazel, MD Conference Center

Register for the event by emailing [foundation@virginiahospitalcenter.com](mailto:foundation@virginiahospitalcenter.com).

### Music & Medicine

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C.

Music & Medicine is our highly anticipated annual gala to raise funds for Virginia Hospital Center and Virginia Hospital Center Pediatrics.

Purchase tickets at [vhcfoundation.com/gala](http://vhcfoundation.com/gala). For information about Music & Medicine sponsorship opportunities, contact Colleen Hughes at [chughes@virginiahospitalcenter.com](mailto:chughes@virginiahospitalcenter.com) or 703.717.4424.

## VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A TOP 2019 HOSPITAL FOR OUTSTANDING QUALITY AND SAFETY

In December, for the fourth year, Virginia Hospital Center was recognized as a top teaching hospital by The Leapfrog Group, an independent hospital watchdog organization. The Hospital is just one of only 56 hospitals nationwide that received the Top Teaching distinction in 2019.

Leapfrog Top Hospital awards are widely accepted as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive.

The Hospital also received its 15th consecutive "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group. Performance across many areas of hospital care are considered in establishing qualifications for the award, including infection rates, practices for safer surgery, maternity care, and the hospital's capacity to prevent medication errors.

Thank you for helping us ensure that our community Hospital is one of the top in the nation! •



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## HEALING+HELPING

NEWS FOR OUR GENEROUS FRIENDS + SUPPORTERS



## GIFTS OF HOURS, GIFTS OF DOLLARS

### Hospital Auxiliary is dedicated to our hospital and our community

Before there was a Virginia Hospital Center, there was a Virginia Hospital Center Auxiliary.

Incorporated in 1934, the Auxiliary was established by a group of women in the community who were determined to have a hospital built in Arlington County. Through their efforts, the necessary funds were raised to buy the land on which the current Hospital stands.

Ever since, the Auxiliary has been instrumental to the Hospital's growth

and enhancement of services and care. The Auxiliary has given more than \$1 million over the years to help continually improve both medical care and patient comfort. And if you have ever walked through the Hospital's doors, you likely have met at least one of the Auxiliary's 150 members. These friendly and helpful volunteers serve in a variety of roles, from staffing information desks to providing wheelchair escort service and operating two gift shops.

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—Donna Scott,  
2019 Auxiliary President

In 2019, volunteers worked a total of 25,353 hours, fulfilling their mission to provide "caring and knowledgeable service for patients and staff of—as well as visitors to—Virginia Hospital Center."

Members are passionate about the Hospital, and their continued generosity was evident recently when they made a significant commitment to support our "Power of Community" campaign ([vhcfoundation.com/campaign](http://vhcfoundation.com/campaign)) to raise funds needed to transform the Hospital campus, including construction of a new Outpatient Pavilion and upgrades to the Emergency Department and other areas.

In December, the Auxiliary presented Virginia Hospital Center President and CEO Jim Cole a check for \$100,000, the first installment of a three-year pledge, for a total gift of \$300,000 to the Foundation.

Donna Scott, 2019 Auxiliary president, says members wanted to "rise to the occasion."

"In line with the Virginia Hospital Center's mission to provide outstanding care to our community, the opening of the Outpatient Pavilion is the next step," Scott says. "This will serve our patients and visitors by adding parking, locating service areas together, and freeing up space in the new building to add much-needed patient rooms and an enlarged Emergency Department. For more than 75 years the Auxiliary has worked with the Hospital to further support and care for the members of the community. We look forward to continuing our services at our newly expanded campus."



An Auxiliary member for 10 years, Scott says that as the Hospital expands, the Auxiliary hopes to expand as well. New members are always welcome.

A member application form is available on the Hospital website ([virginiahospitalcenter.com](http://virginiahospitalcenter.com)), and you can call 703.558.6401 if you have questions. •



## GIVING MOTHERS AND NEWBORNS THE CHANCE TO THRIVE

Born from tragedy, the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation offers hope

Virginia Hospital Center is honored to have a close relationship with a local foundation that was established in honor of an Arlington resident who lost her life too young.

Jennifer Lawson was a loving, dedicated mother of three who never took for granted the high-quality medical care she received at Virginia Hospital Center during her complicated pregnancies. Each of her children arrived prematurely and required care in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit during the first days of their lives. After the birth of her third child, she became deeply concerned that other mothers

did not have access to the same quality medical care that she did.

Tragically, Jennifer lost her life in 2014 in a car accident. To honor her dedication, generosity, and kind heart, her family established a foundation to fulfill the vision that Jennifer had for every mother and baby in need.

As an extension of Jennifer's passion, the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation (JB-LF) serves economically vulnerable mothers and babies by working to increase access to high-quality maternal and infant care and support. JB-LF seeks to embody Jennifer's generous spirit by

giving all mothers and newborns the means to thrive.

*"We are so grateful for our partnership with Virginia Hospital Center, and we're pleased and honored to support the care they provide to mothers who might not otherwise have access to the resources they need."*

—Neal Lawson, JB-LF  
Founder and Chair

Since its founding, JB-LF has maintained a close relationship with Virginia Hospital Center, which has been fortunate to be a primary recipient of proceeds from an annual 5K & Family Fun Day. The event gathers hundreds of community members together each November to raise funds to support mothers and babies. To date, JB-LF has contributed more than \$200,000 to the Hospital's Outpatient Clinic and other initiatives that provide support, resources, and care for expecting mothers and newborns.

"We are so grateful for our partnership with Virginia Hospital Center, and we're pleased and

honored to support the care they provide to mothers who might not otherwise have access to the resources they need," says Neal Lawson, Jennifer's husband, who is also the founder and chair of JB-LF.

Each month, more than 400 babies are born at Virginia Hospital Center. Gifts through JB-LF and other Virginia Hospital Center Foundation supporters help ensure that our state-of-the-art Women and Infant Health Services continue offering the most advanced technologies and expertise to evaluate and treat patients and their babies.



"Virginia Hospital Center is committed to providing outstanding, compassionate, and personalized medical care to all women and their babies," says Anthony Burchard, president of the Virginia Hospital Center Foundation. "JB-LF shares that vision, and we are so pleased that, together, we are able to make maternal and infant care more accessible to every family in our community."

For more information about JB-LF, visit [jb-lf.org](http://jb-lf.org).

## A HISTORIC DAY FOR THE HOSPITAL

Ceremony celebrates groundbreaking for new Outpatient Pavilion



Last fall, Virginia Hospital Center marked a very special moment in its history during a groundbreaking for its new Outpatient Pavilion. On October 22, more than 100 members of the community and staff attended the event.

The new six-story building will house all of the Hospital's outpatient diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitation facilities, including women's imaging, radiology, same-day surgery, endoscopic procedures, and physical therapy. It will incorporate several floors of doctors' offices, a café, exterior gardens, and gathering spaces. In addition, the building will be adjacent to a new 1,700-space parking garage that will be connected to the Hospital's main campus.

The new pavilion is the catalyst for a range of enhancements planned to transform the Hospital campus. Other enhancements include increasing the number of inpatient beds, expanding Behavioral Health services, and significantly expanding the Emergency Department. Together, the new building and these enhancements will bolster the strength of Virginia Hospital Center and broaden its capacity to serve the Northern Virginia community and beyond.

*A new facility will be the centerpiece of a Hospital-wide effort to transform and enhance patient care.*

The Outpatient Pavilion groundbreaking ceremony was also a key moment in the Hospital's comprehensive campaign, the "Power of Community." This campaign is providing members of the community with an opportunity to play a part in transforming Virginia Hospital Center for the future through philanthropy. The campaign's co-chairs Bob and Brenda Hawthorne and Randy and Jocie Anderson, as well as representatives of Arlington families who have pledged their early support for the effort, also participated in the ceremony.

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Join our effort to transform the way we deliver care, so we can continue being the hospital that is there for you in your greatest times of need. Visit [vhcfoundation.com/campaign](http://vhcfoundation.com/campaign) to give today.



## MAKING HOLIDAYS HAPPIER FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

The young patients and families who come to Virginia Hospital Center Pediatrics are some of Arlington's most vulnerable residents. Each year, the greater Arlington community comes together to collect toys to ensure that each child will have at least one gift in the holiday season.

Families are then invited to a holiday party, where each child receives a special toy and photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Our 2019 party took place on December 20. More than 500 guests attended, and the room was full of holiday cheer and the warmth of generosity. Many thanks for helping make the holidays merry and bright for the patients of Virginia Hospital Center Pediatrics! •