

Austin's Playroom Opens In Hampton

A dedication ceremony was held for the Austin's Playroom located in the new UPMC Outpatient Center in Hampton on February 23rd. Austin's Playrooms were created by the Mario Lemieux Foundation to benefit families and improve the quality of a child's hospital experience, whether as a visitor or patient, by establishing cheerful playrooms that are safe, calming and comfortable. The playrooms give kids a chance to be kids during an otherwise stressful time.



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Vice President of Austin's Playroom, Nathalie Lemieux, enjoys the company of the playroom's first visitors.



The ribbon cutting ceremony at the UPMC Outpatient Center in Hampton's Austin's Playroom was established by a generous donation from the Greater Pittsburgh Automobile Dealers Association.

Left to Right: David Jablonowski, Director Operations, UPMC Outpatient Center Hampton, Donna Ottoviani, Vice-President, UPMC Community Medicine Inc., David Patton, President, UPMC St. Margaret, Nathalie Lemieux, Mario Lemieux, Ann Menzel, MD, Children's Community Pediatrics HealthQuest, Dan Wind, Vice President, Greater Pittsburgh Automobile Dealers Association, and Dina Perry, Executive Administrator, UPMC Community Medicine Inc./Renaissance Family Practice UPMC

About the Mario Lemieux Foundation

The Mario Lemieux Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to raising funds for cancer research and patient care, as well as Austin's Playrooms, an initiative that creates playrooms for children and families in medical facilities. Since 1998, the Lemieux Foundation has given over \$25 million to cancer research and patient care initiatives in the Pittsburgh region and beyond. Recent projects include a \$2.5M gift in 2014 to establish the Mario Lemieux Lymphoma Center for Children and Young Adults at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and a \$3.5M gift to the University of Pitts-

burgh Cancer Institute to open the Mario Lemieux Center for Blood Cancers at the Hillman Cancer Center in 2012. Additionally, the Foundation has opened 32 Austin's Playrooms in Western Pennsylvania as well as three military playrooms at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton in Camp Pendleton, CA and Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, NC. More information about the Mario Lemieux Foundation and Austin's Playrooms is available at mariolemieux.org.