

A Progressive Facility

Since its founding, St. Mary's had been located in downtown Norfolk. Housed in a 1960s-era building, St. Mary's had reached a point where the outdated facility could no longer accommodate the needs of the children. In February 2005, the children and staff moved into a new \$16 million facility that is conveniently located in Norfolk just off I-64/I-264 and a short drive to Virginia Beach.



This new Home is twice the size of the old facility and has many features and amenities designed especially for the needs of residents, staff and residents' family members. These include the following:

- Private family visitation rooms
- Four residential "neighborhoods" that house a nurses' station, two active treatment/classrooms and six four-person living units
- Four interior courtyards – one has a playground with adaptive play equipment, and one has a hydrotherapy pool and fountain
- Spacious hallways to accommodate the children's oversized wheelchairs
- Rooms and hallways with large windows and skylights
- Modern environmental control systems



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A Special Place for Special Children.

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Located directly across from Sentara Leigh Hospital.



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This progressive facility will enable St. Mary's to continue providing exceptional care for these medically fragile, special-needs children.

St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is registered through the Division of Consumer Protection in the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Federal I.D. # 54-0505952. A copy of our IRS Form 990 is available by calling (757) 622-2208 or 1-800-237-6555.

A Tradition of Quality Care

For more than 60 years, St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children has provided a safe and loving environment for children. And for most of those years, St. Mary's has been home to some of Virginia's most severely disabled children. St. Mary's is a non-profit, nonsectarian, 88-bed residential healthcare facility, the only one of its kind in Virginia.

St. Mary's cares for children from birth to age 21. These medically fragile children come to the Home as a result of birth disorders, accidents, illness or child abuse. St. Mary's provides a comprehensive range of residential, medical, therapeutic, educational and recreational services.

St. Mary's children come from throughout Virginia and represent the state's diverse economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. No child is refused admission due to limited family finances.

A Homelike Environment

St. Mary's provides a level of round-the-clock complex care for residents that would be impossible in a home setting, regardless of the resources and capabilities of parents. This care is given in an atmosphere of warmth, nurturing and personal attention. St. Mary's medical care is combined with a gentle touch to create a therapeutic environment for each child.

Through the Southeastern Cooperative Educational Program (SECEP), each child receives a specialized education program. The children benefit from a comprehensive curriculum that includes physical, occupational, recreational and speech therapy; art, music and adaptive physical education; adaptive computers and audio-visual aids; and specially-designed field trips and camp experiences.

The Home's activities and therapeutic recreation departments provide daily opportunities for the children to enjoy recreation and leisure pursuits. Activities not only provide enjoyment, but also

increase the children's communication and motor skill levels that in turn lead to an enhanced quality of life. Visits from holiday carolers, field trips, musical performances and monthly birthday parties are all part of the special events enjoyed by the children.

As with all children, family relationships are vital. Seasonal events and special family programs provide opportunities for family members to stay active in their children's lives. Extensive visiting hours and an overnight leave policy help keep residents in close contact with their families. Also, a toll-free telephone line allows children to stay in touch with long-distance family members.

An Extraordinary Staff



Daily care is delivered by registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, and physical, occupational and recreational therapists, who work under the medical direction of a board-certified pediatrician. Children also receive routine medical consultations from various medical and surgical specialists. The majority of St. Mary's physicians are on staff at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk.

St. Mary's employs 200 full- and part-time staff



members who have made an exceptional commitment to the children. Tenures of 10, 15 and even 20 years are common. Some employees have devoted entire careers to caring for Virginia's most fragile children.

A Worthy Cause

As a non-profit organization, St. Mary's looks to the community for annual support. Although state and federal funding does offset a portion of the cost of caring for St. Mary's residents, additional funding through private donations is essential for the Home to continue providing the quality of care and services the children need and deserve.

Throughout the year, St. Mary's receives personal contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations. St. Mary's is also a certified United Way Agency (Agency Code #5039) and receives support from individuals who have specifically designated the Home on their annual United Way pledge form.

Please consider making a gift for the children of St. Mary's. Your tax-deductible donation contributes directly to their quality of life. Gifts of \$1,000 and above will receive recognition on a donor plaque and invitations to receptions with the Trustees and CEO. If you'd like to discuss your gift, please contact Martha Price Stewart, Director of Development, at (757) 622-2208 or mstewart@smhdc.org.

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