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CHILDREN'S MERCY TO EXPAND LOCATIONS AND SERVICES WITH PURCHASE OF BROADWAY SUMMIT BUILDING

Kansas City, Mo - August 3, 2009 . In order to continue serving increasing numbers of patients in a variety of pediatric programs, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics will purchase the Broadway Summit Building, located at the southeast corner of 31st and Broadway in Kansas City, Mo. The 10-story building will be called Children's Mercy Broadway, and will house a number of pediatric outpatient clinics and offices. Purchase price for the building was \$5 million.

Purchase of the 25-year-old, 137,000-square-foot building will close at the end of August, and renovation to several floors of the building will begin this fall. Children's Mercy clinics and offices should begin moving in to Children's Mercy Broadway by summer, 2010. The hospital is finalizing plans for which clinics will be moving to the new location, which is less than two miles from the Children's Mercy Hospital campus at 24th and Gillham. Current tenants at the Broadway Summit Building will remain in the building until their leases expire.

Children's Mercy has added more than 100 new pediatric specialists over the past several years, as even more families come to us for the comprehensive range of pediatric services we provide, says Randall L. O'Donnell, PhD, president and chief executive officer. In fiscal year 2009, there were almost 500,000 outpatient visits to Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, which is now the eighth largest children's hospital ranked by hospital admissions.

Our outpatient clinic visits continue to increase on average by about 10 percent per year, and we simply don't have enough space available to meet these increasing volumes. As we right-size our facility plans given the current economy, this purchase will give us a cost-effective way to continue meeting the needs of all children in our region who need our services, O'Donnell says.

About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City, Mo. is one of the nation's top, pediatric medical centers. Recognized by both the American Nurses Credentialing Center for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best Children's Hospitals in 2009 for 5 specialties, Children's Mercy continues to provide outstanding pediatric care for children from birth through the age of 18. With a 314-bed facility, Level IIIc neonatal intensive care unit, Level I pediatric trauma center, faculty of 600 pediatricians, and [40 subspecialties](#), it is one of the largest and most comprehensive pediatric medical centers in the country. In addition to a mission of caring for children regardless of their family's ability to pay, Children's Mercy is actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. More information about Children's Mercy and its research can be found on our web site at childrensmercy.org.

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