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CHILDREN'S MERCY HELPS RE-CONNECT FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH PATIENTS AND PARENTS WITH ITS NEW SEND A CARD PROGRAM

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics announces the [Send a Card program](#).

The Send a Card program allows family and friends to go to the [Children's Mercy Web site](#) and create a personalized message to accompany one of five cover designs. Once the message and selection are complete, the card is sent to Volunteer Services, where the card is printed. Each evening, volunteers hand-deliver the newly created and personalized cards to the inpatient floors.

Found through the [Patients and Families](#) portion of the Children's Mercy Web site, the personalized cards will be delivered to inpatients Monday through Friday.

"Every kid loves to receive mail and there's no better time to lift the spirit of a child than when hospitalized," says Missy Stover, Volunteer Services Coordinator, who is overseeing the program. "That's why Children's Mercy has developed the Send a Card is a modest idea with simple execution that can have incredible results for the patients and families."

Stover adds that so many of the inpatients are here for weeks and months. "These cards can re-connect family and friends with the patients and their parents that might otherwise feel removed from their normal daily lives," Stover says.

There are no plans to limit the number of cards each patient can receive. Send a Card is a collaborative effort between the Children's Mercy Child Life, Facilities, and Internet Services Departments.

Currently, the Send a Card program is only available for patients at Children's Mercy on Hospital Hill. There are plans to expand to Children's Mercy South in the future.

About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Its faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than [40 subspecialties](#) are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit childrensmercy.org. For breaking news and videos, follow For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#).

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