annual report **2026**



Our mission is the relentless pursuit of optimal health for every child within our reach. We work toward that goal every day, with every child who comes to see us — whether it's for a primary care visit, a specialist vist or a stay in our newborn intensive care unit.

inpatient visits

Beds 231
Admissions 7,758
Observations 5,436
Patient days 39,686
Average stay 5.12
Average daily census 127.8

Top 5 inpatient diagnoses

1. *Acute respiratory failure*
2. *Personality anxiety and other disorders*
3. *Mood disorders episodic*
4. *Neonate with respiratory condition*
5. *Attention deficit and hyperactivity*

mental health

Psychology visits 16,244
Psychiatry visits 18,528
Mental health patients admitted to medical floor 754
Mental health admissions (mental health unit only) 1,813
Day treatment patients 531
Mental health risk assessments 7,513
Mental Health Resource Connection referrals 9,235

outpatient visits

Total visits 866,423
Specialty care visits 270,770
Surgeries 12,717
Emergency department visits 92,202

Top 5 reasons for an emergency department visits

1. *Fever*
2. *Vomiting*
3. *Cough*
4. *Cold Symptoms*
5. *Abdominal Pain*

Transports 2,605
Urgent care visits 47,609
Kids Express visits 45,464
Kids Express video visits 1,869

Top 5 reasons for a Kids Express visit

1. *Cough*
2. *Fever*
3. *Ear Pain*
4. *Sore Throat*
5. *Nasal Congestion*

by the county

County	*Inpatient*	*Outpatient*
Montgomery	3,395	283,170
Greene	920	71,181
Clark	724	41,504
Miami	582	42,695
Warren	272	29,441
Darke	241	9,069
Shelby	228	10,113
Butler	189	12,441
Mercer	175	—
Preble	134	7,850
Champaign	—	5,458

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A historic investment in children's futures



Dayton Children's received a historic $40 million gift from philanthropist Tom Golisano, the largest single donation in the hospital's history. The gift will allow the hospital to expand access to care, strengthen primary and mental health services and support earlier interventions that help children build a foundation for lifelong wellness.

Dayton Children's will honor this gift by naming the main campus on Valley Street as the Golisano Comprehensive Care Campus, a reflection of a shared commitment to changing the trajectory of children's health for generations to come.

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community **benefit and support**

As one of the region's largest employers, Dayton Children's strengthens our community by investing hundreds of millions of dollars in employee wages and benefits. Together with our community partners, we are advancing pediatric care and creating opportunities for children to thrive in the hospital, at home and throughout the neighborhoods we serve.

employees

Salaries and wages	$518M+
Employees	4,737
Employed physicians	262
Residents	47
Fellows	10
Nurses	1,309
Canine co-pilots	4
Volunteers	340
Volunteer hours	24,816
Pet therapy animals	34

philanthropic support

Donations	$52,119,500
Donors	6,588
Gifts	41,135
Dedicated fundraising volunteers approximately	300

community benefit

Community benefit	$94,990,640
Community building activities	$217,782

Financial data is for the year 2024-2025

news-making **moments**



Bridging the mental health care gap for young adults

Dayton Children's expanded its intensive outpatient program in October 2025 to serve college-age young adults, bridging a critical gap in mental healthcare. With Kettering Health, Premier Health, the University of Dayton, Wright State, Sinclair and other partners, it helps young adults thrive.



A community for kinship families to thrive

Vermillion Place opened in November 2025, marking a new chapter of community support in Old North Dayton. This first-of-its-kind neighborhood provides safe, affordable homes and resources for grandparents and other relatives raising children, helping kinship families build strong foundations for children to thrive.



Giving critically ill newborns the strongest possible start

Dayton Children's began operating its second neonatal intensive care unit at Kettering Health Main Campus in December 2025. This hospital-within-a-hospital model brings Dayton Children's specialized pediatric expertise to critically ill newborns while allowing more babies to receive advanced care close to their families.



Connecting care across the region

Dayton Children's expanded access to pediatric care in March 2026 by acquiring Mercy Health's rehabilitation services in Springfield and pediatric practice in Urbana. Families can continue seeing trusted providers and therapists while gaining stronger connections to Dayton Children's pediatric specialists, programs and resources.



Bringing pediatric care closer to West Dayton families

The Feldman Center for Healthy Futures opened in May 2026, bringing pediatric urgent care to West Dayton families. With evening and weekend hours, on-site testing and pediatric-trained providers, the center removes barriers and helps more children receive the right care closer to home.



Expanding the future for developmental therapies

Dayton Children's broke ground on the Charles D. Berry Center for Developmental Therapies in June 2026 to expand physical, occupational and speech therapy, autism screening and preschool mental health services. It honors Berry, whose $4 million gift was inspired by his rehabilitation experience.



Honoring a legacy and beginning a new chapter

After 14 years of transformational leadership, Deborah Feldman retired as president and CEO in June 2026. Robert Steele, MD, became Dayton Children's fifth president and CEO, beginning a new chapter focused on listening, innovation and improving children's health inside and beyond the hospital.

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