

Hi there! We heard you might be coming to stay at Franciscan Children's, and we thought you might like to see what's it's like here before you come. We are certainly excited to learn all about you and how we can best help you to feel better and go home.



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So every kid can.





Franciscan Children's is a rehabilitation hospital. That means that kids from other hospitals come here to get stronger and get ready to go home.



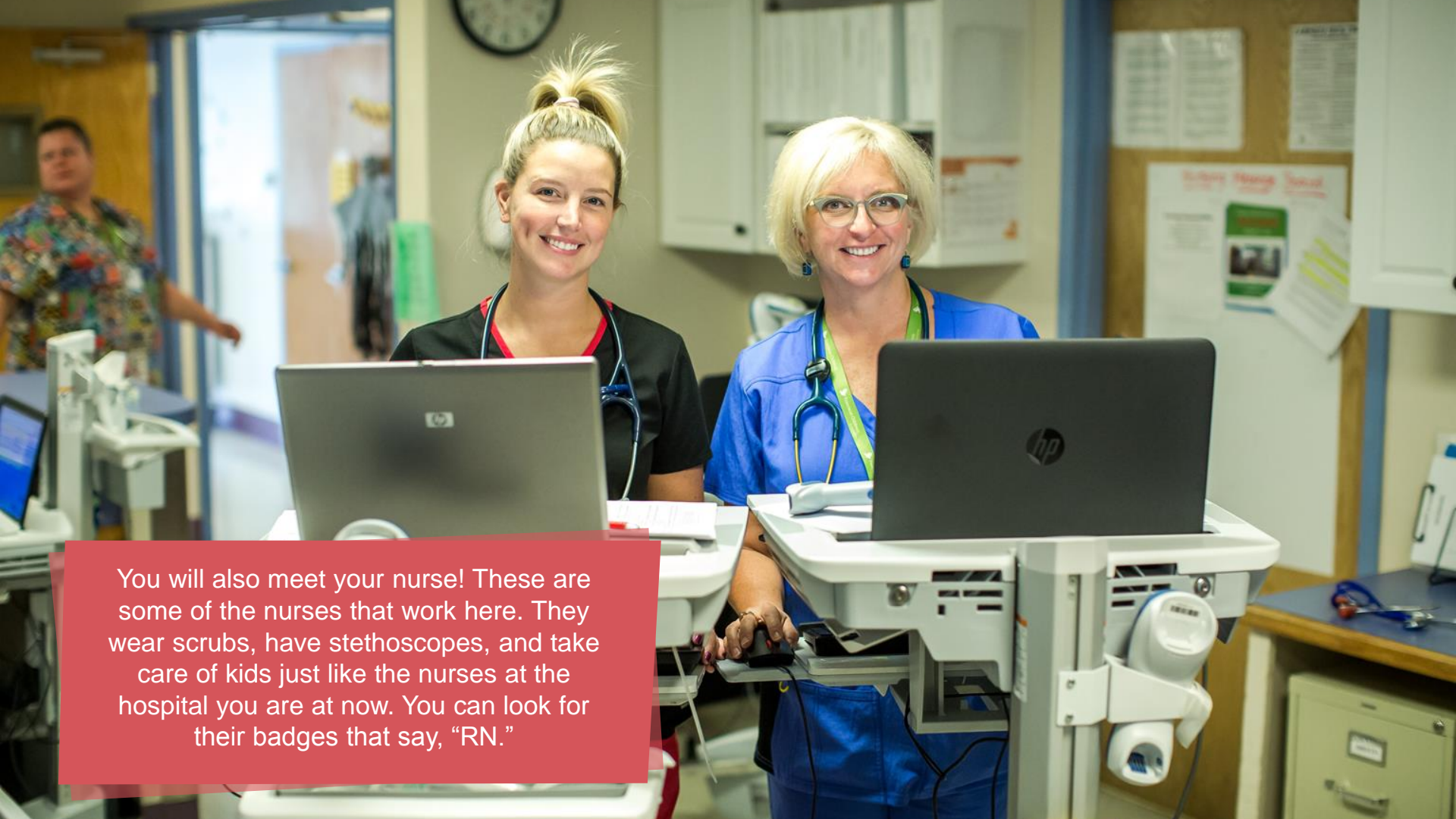
When you come to Franciscan the first day, you will ride in a car or ambulance to get here. This is what our hospital looks like on the outside. You will know you are here because you will see blue and green signs everywhere! Those are our hospital colors.





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PARENTS AND VISITORS
PLEASE HELP US
RESPECT PATIENT
PRIVACY BY NOT
LINGERING AT THE
NURSE'S STATION.

You will come up an elevator, and arrive on our rehabilitation unit. The first person you might see is our Unit Administrator who sits at this desk. She can answer any questions you or your family has about the hospital.



You will also meet your nurse! These are some of the nurses that work here. They wear scrubs, have stethoscopes, and take care of kids just like the nurses at the hospital you are at now. You can look for their badges that say, “RN.”



Every day you will have a nurse that will take care of you. You may also have a nursing assistant that can help you with things like getting ready for the day or eating meals.



When you get to your room, it will look something like this. You may have your own room, or you may share a room with someone. Kids are allowed to have one parent or caregiver stay with them overnight. Lots of kids say our rooms are a lot bigger than the ones at the hospital they come from. What do you think?



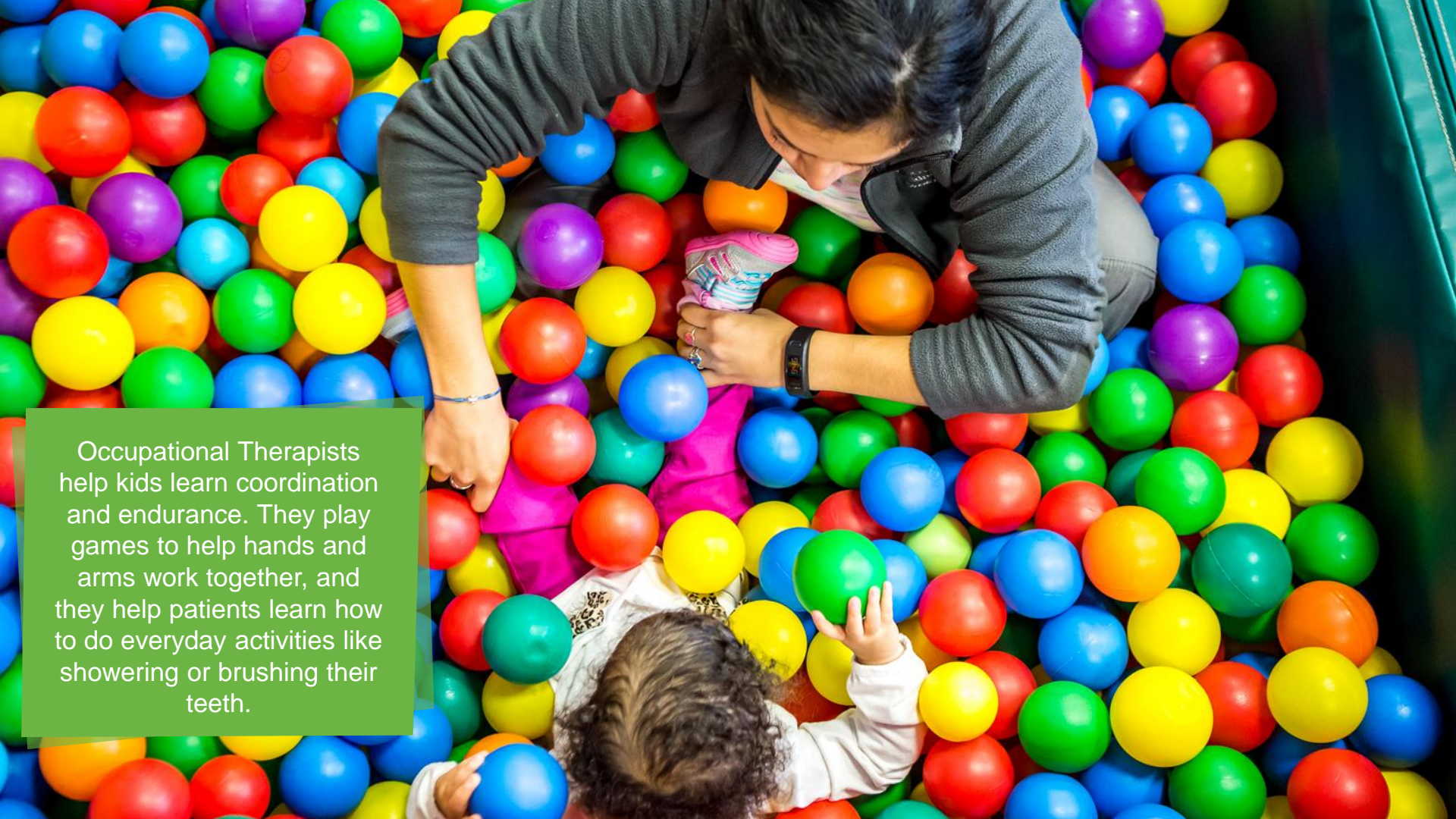
We also love to help our kids decorate their rooms. We have Wall Pops, window decorations, and a photo printer so you can put up pictures of your friends and family. You can also fill out an "All About Me" sheet and put it behind your bed so everyone that comes to see you can learn about the things that are most important to you.



You will meet a lot of new people when you get here who are ready to play with you. One of the ways we help kids to get stronger and ready to go home is by playing with therapists. We have many different kinds of therapists here. You may have just one, or you may have five! Every patient is different.



Physical Therapists play games to help kids' legs and arms get stronger. Physical Therapists teach kids how to use new wheelchairs, or to walk with a walker, or to shoot a basketball! They play games that help kids to gain strength and balance. What is your favorite game to play outside or in a gym?

An overhead view of an occupational therapist and a young child in a ball pit. The therapist, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and glasses, is kneeling and holding a pink toy. The child, wearing a white shirt, is reaching for a green ball. The pit is filled with colorful balls in shades of blue, red, yellow, green, and purple.


Occupational Therapists help kids learn coordination and endurance. They play games to help hands and arms work together, and they help patients learn how to do everyday activities like showering or brushing their teeth.



Speech Therapists help kids learn how to communicate with the people around them by talking, by using sign language, or by using pictures. They also help kids to practice drinking and eating.



There are also Psychologists, Music Therapists, and Art Therapists that may come to play with you. All of these people have different ways to help kids feel more calm and comfortable in the hospital. What is your favorite song to listen to?



Child Life Specialists are also here to play and teach you about the hospital. Child Life Specialists can answer any questions you have, and are here to make the hospital as fun as possible! There are tons of fun activities for you to do each week. What is your favorite activity to do at the hospital you're at now?



Other than your room, there are some other important places to know about – the playrooms! There are lots of toys, board games, and video games in here for you to play with. The playroom is open every day, and you can go anytime you want with your family or a staff member. There are also playgrounds outside!

This is the Teen Room. The Teen Room has some extra fun things like an air hockey table, a foosball table, and a Playstation 4 for patients and families to use. There are also art and music groups just for older kids in the teen room during the week.



Kids get to fill out a menu and order their own food every day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There is also a cafeteria you can visit. We want to make sure we have food you like to eat, so we like when you tell us what all your favorites are!



If there is anything we can do to make you feel more comfortable, we want to know! So make sure to tell someone at your hospital, so that they can pass the message along to us before you even get here!

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