

# NEMOURS NEWS

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## REFLECTION ON LEGACY

Nemours Delaware Valley Chief Operations Executive, Roy Proujansky, MD, announced plans to retire effective August 7, 2019, after more than 30 years of service to the children and families of the Delaware Valley and beyond. [Learn More](#)



## RANKED FOR EXCELLENCE

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in seven pediatric specialties in the new 2019-20 Best Children's Hospitals rankings published online in June. Orthopedics ranked in the top 15 in the nation. [Learn More](#)



## SPECIAL DELIVERY

A new program, created in partnership with Christiana Care Health System, will mean that the babies with life-threatening, prenatally diagnosed conditions will be delivered at Nemours starting this fall. [Learn More](#)

## CREATING AUTISM-FRIENDLY SPACES AND EXPERIENCES

Nemours is creating autism-friendly spaces and experiences for patients and families throughout the hospital. One of these very special areas is the Swank Autism Center.

The Swank Autism Center features specially designed physical spaces and highly trained staff members. The center provides medical diagnoses, comprehensive medical and psychological evaluations, treatment plans, parent education and other aspects of intervention. [Learn More](#)



# GROWING A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR KIDS

Learning about health and wellness can be fun thanks to a new initiative called the “Can Grow” Garden located in one of the outside courtyards at Nemours.

The garden serves as an outdoor classroom where information is shared about healthy food choices, exercise and preventative healthcare. In conjunction with the garden, 3,500 tomato, pepper, and green bean plants will be given out for free to patient families throughout the summer.

[SoDel Concepts](#), which owns ten coastal Delaware restaurants, helped make this garden possible through a grant from their program, [SoDel Cares](#), a charity that supports causes that benefit children.

The [University of Delaware](#) also provided funding for the “Can Grow” project.

[Learn More](#)



## HOPEFUL FERTILITY PRESERVATION FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

Believe it or not, Frankie enjoys his chemotherapy days. He looks forward to fighting the cancer in his brain and along his spine. He likes to think that he is "blasting it off into space."

It is hard to imagine that kids like Frankie and his family have to think far beyond these moments, but the reality is that chemotherapy can often leave pediatric cancer patients infertile. That's why fertility preservation procedures before starting cancer treatments are becoming more common.

There aren't as many options for prepubescent boys, like Frankie, as there are for teenagers or adults. However, there is one experimental option involving testicular tissue cryopreservation before cancer treatment. [Read More](#)



9TH ANNUAL

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UPCOMING  
EVENTS



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A ROUND FOR  
THE KIDS

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## MORE THAN 700 GUESTS "FEEL THE BEAT" AT GALA

Recently, more than 700 people attended the 14th annual A Night at Nemours gala -- held on the Nemours Estate. Guests enjoyed a lovely evening of dinner and dancing followed by the opportunity to meet cardiac patients, like Hannah.

Thanks to the support of our guests, this event raised nearly \$500,000 to support Nemours Cardiac Research. Cardiac research helps ensure our outcomes and quality measures remain the best in the nation. The Nemours Cardiac Center was recently ranked 24 by U.S. News & World Report for cardiology and heart surgery.

This good news wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our donors and community.

[Watch Hannah's Story](#)

## AGILENT HELPS HONOR OUR NURSES

On any given day at Nemours you will find exceptional nurses caring for and touching the lives of our patients in a special way. With the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, patients, families and coworkers have the opportunity to nominate a nurse to be recognized with the prestigious honor for the compassionate care they provide our patients throughout the year. Nemours is one among more than 2,000 healthcare organizations across all 50 United States and 15 countries committed to honoring extraordinary nurses with The DAISY Award.

Thanks to the support of community partner, [Agilent](#), we are able to present the DAISY Award to a Nemours nurse each month to recognize the outstanding care they provide. Each award ceremony is a total surprise to the recipient and often includes a humble comment such as, "I didn't do anything special - I'm just doing my job."



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