



St. Vincents Children's Hospital



St. Vincents Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, IN

Location: Indianapolis, IN
Description: Children's Hospital
Architect: Karlsberger, Columbus, OH
Flooring Choice: ECOsurfaces Commercial Flooring
Square Footage: 6,000

St. Vincent Children's Hospital is more like a playground or a children's museum than a hospital. Located in Indianapolis, Indiana, the hospital aspired to create an environment unlike a hospital, but more like a place belonging in a child's fantasy world. Brightly-colored hand prints, gears, star shapes, and spirals are seen everywhere. In the lobby, soothing sounds from the interactive faux water display echo down the hallways and into patient

rooms, and there are separate play areas for younger and older children. All typify St. Vincent's family-centered approach and create a cheerful environment that enhances the healing experience of patients and their families. To help create the kid-friendly atmosphere, the interior design team of Karlsberger, Columbus, OH, incorporated over 6,000 sq. ft. of ECOsurfaces Commercial Flooring in an assorted array of ECOearth color patterns between two areas: the lobby and emergency



room department and corridor. The versatility and beauty of ECOsurfaces rubber flooring provided designers with the inspiration and tools necessary to bring to life the environment the hospital administration envisioned.



The team from Karlsberger chose the ECOearth color line for its rich, organic designs and wide color palette. Set against the other design elements of the lobby, the bold blue and yellow floor designs introduces a distinctive, whimsical effect giving life to an ordinarily dull environment. The new look is aesthetically pleasing and inviting so every patient who enters the facility feels comfortable and at ease. For employees, it reduces fatigue and provides plenty of support underfoot. What's more, ECOsurfaces resists scuffing, scratching, gouging and indentation.



Years after its installation, the St. Vincent Children's Hospital administration and staff are impressed with both the performance and quality of the floor. It looks great – both colorful and cheerful – but more importantly, it immediately evokes a smile on every patient and visitor that steps inside the hospital.