



## The Neonatal and Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospital

A baby who arrives too early. Unexpected complications during or after birth. Ensuring balanced nutrition at a critical stage in a baby's development. When parents face one of the most daunting challenges of their lives, they want the best care for their little one — and they find it at the Children's Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Our specialists are nationally known for delivering exceptional, compassionate care to the smallest and most fragile newborns, who often have complex medical and surgical needs.

### The Children's Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospital NICU

- The state's first and largest Level IV NICU, caring for the region's highest-risk newborns
- Equipped with a fetal concerns center that supports prenatal diagnoses and intervention
- The only NICU in the state co-located with a birthing center, Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin
- Supported by board-certified lactation consultants and offering a milk kitchen to assure babies get the most beneficial nutrition to grow and thrive

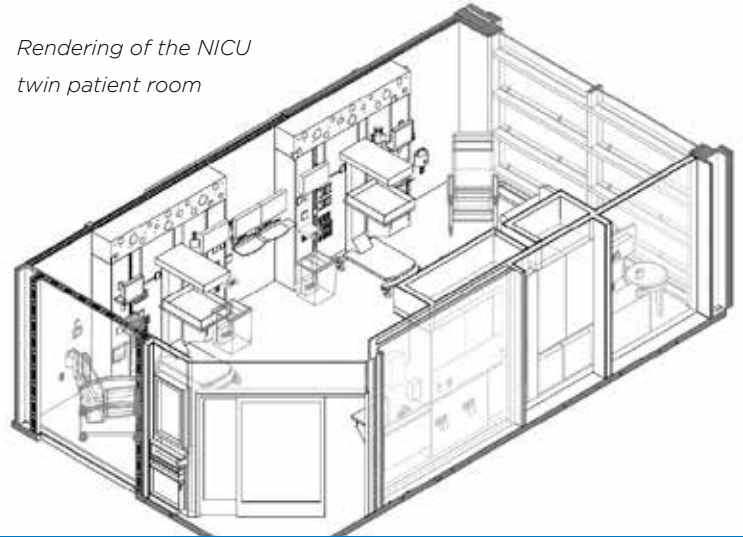
**Caring for more than 800 premature and critically ill newborns every year**, the Children's Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospital NICU offers 70 rooms that give families their own private space. In the past years, demand for our highly specialized care has steadily grown as families' needs have increased and other health care organizations have eliminated their NICUs. Our Milwaukee Hospital NICU has outgrown its capacity and must expand to meet the needs of our community.

### Expanding to serve more critically ill newborns

The World Health Organization (WHO) identifies the first month of life as the most vulnerable period for a child's survival. To continue providing the best and safest care to babies and families, Children's Wisconsin has planned a renovation focusing on unit expansion and program enhancements, totaling \$7 million. Of this, we seek to raise \$4 million through philanthropy to upgrade our existing space and add four standard NICU patient rooms and one twin room to our Milwaukee campus — slated to be available before the end of 2024..



Rendering of the NICU twin patient room



**This work depends on community support. In addition to helping us expand our footprint, philanthropy also helps us sustain:**



- **Premature babies with unique nutrition needs.** Whether it's supporting lactation needs for breastfeeding moms, increasing donor milk availability or creating especially formulated milk through our milk kitchen, Children's Wisconsin ensures that each baby can grow and thrive.
- **The well-being of parents.** Our providers partner with new parents who need to divide time between the NICU and caring for other kids at home, providing emotional support and even working to connect them with resources like transportation to travel to and from the hospital.
- **Education and training for our caregivers.** We must continue to ensure our caregivers are at their best to provide babies and new parents the best and safest care, and that they remain the most knowledgeable and highly trained professionals in Wisconsin.



## How you can help

Your partnership with Children's Wisconsin will help us complete the renovation and expansion of the NICU so we can care for even more critically ill newborns. It will also ensure that we can continue to wrap around the families who are navigating this challenging journey.

**To make a gift to the Children's Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospital NICU, please contact Kara Muchow, Senior Director of Development, at (920) 205-8717 or [kmuchow@childrenswi.org](mailto:kmuchow@childrenswi.org).**

**Your support means our most vulnerable newborns can have brighter futures.**

