On January 5, Mercyhealth opened Javon Bea Hospital and Physician Clinic–Riverside, a 563,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility that provides top-level care for babies, children, and adults. This beautiful hospital and clinic has only been open for a few weeks, but already patients and their families are raving about the calming atmosphere, the ease with which they can access the services they need, and the care planners took to make sure each patient has an unparalleled experience. The following pages show a few of the highlights of the facility’s design and features.
SPECIAL PEDIATRIC ELEMENTS

Mercyhealth has worked hard to ensure its youngest patients are as comfortable as possible. “Every part of our facility has separate waiting areas for adults and children,” says Joanna Benning, Vice President of Facilities and Construction at Mercyhealth. “That provides peace for our older patients, and entertainment for children.”

All waiting areas are equipped with iPads, which can provide necessary distractions for patients of all ages. The Women and Children’s lobby has vibrant colors, designs on the glass, and sculptured artwork, which appeals to children who may be apprehensive about a doctor visit. In the pediatric section of the Outpatient Surgery recovery area, there is a play space with tricycles and other toys for very young children.

Additionally, the Emergency/Trauma Center waiting room and pediatric treatment rooms have fanciful images on the ceilings that appeal to children. As they are walking in the halls of the pediatric inpatient unit, they are delighted by interactive art elements, such as leaves appearing to be falling down the walls.

EASE OF ACCESS

Javon Bea Hospital and Physician Clinic-Riverside makes a great effort to be easily accessible for patients — no matter what kinds of services they need. All of the main entrances — including the Emergency/Trauma Center, the Adult Entrance, the Women and Children’s Entrance, and Outpatient Surgery — are easily accessible. “It’s very unique for a patient who has an outpatient procedure to enter the facility and be able to walk 20 feet into a preoperative room,” says Benning.

On the third floor of the facility (the pediatric floor), there is a connecting bridge between the hospital and the clinic. The bridge makes it easy for physicians to quickly move from clinic to hospital and back again — thus providing more time for physicians to spend with their patients, both on the hospital and the clinic side.

LIVING WALL

The focal point of the 1st floor Adult lobby is the living wall, a feature comprised of boxwood, ivy and other plants. The design of the plants portrays key elements of Rockford, including the Rock River and both Mercyhealth
The surgical recovery room features all the latest equipment for patients.

The birthing rooms have all the features a laboring woman needs. Women also have the option of giving birth in a fully equipped water birth room.

This pediatric outpatient room showcases the whimsical ceiling art designed to calm young patients.

PLAYGROUNDS

There are two playgrounds for children to enjoy at Javon Bea Hospital and Physician Clinic–Riverside. The first is located on the rooftop garden, at the same level as the pediatric inpatient unit so children can enjoy a beautiful view.

The second is outside the facility and meant for families of patients. "Often, we’ll have a family that has an infant in our Level III (highest level) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and the parents and children will spend months visiting the hospital," says Benning. "Our goal is to serve not only our patients, but also the family members and visitors who come to see them."

Designers for Mercyhealth took great care to make sure every aspect of the new facility provides a natural, comfortable atmosphere for everyone who walks in the doors. Both the hospital and clinic are designed so that patients and visitors can easily find their way around, and the sophisticated yet playful design elements create a relaxing atmosphere.

"Mercyhealth’s Javon Bea Hospital and Physician Clinic–Riverside is a true treasure that our community can feel proud of," says Javon R. Bea, President and CEO of Mercyhealth.