

August 8, 2008 - Murtha Visits New Children's Hospital-Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, PA -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, today visited the construction site of the new Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, a \$625 million construction project that will serve patients and families beginning in the spring of 2009.

"Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is recognized throughout the world for their first-class treatment and research programs," commented Murtha. "This new facility will provide families throughout our region with exceptional medical care, and I'm amazed at how the Hospital's design has catered to the needs of our children."

In addition to touring the new facility, Congressman Murtha was updated on the Hospital's successful research programs. In the past five years, Congressman Murtha has secured nearly \$40 million in federal research funding for Type 1 Diabetes, Weight Management and Muscular Dystrophy research at Children's.

"I continue to support the research being done at Children's Hospital because their researchers have time-and-time again demonstrated real results," added Murtha. "Their continued dedication to finding cures for childhood ailments is inspiring."

Once complete, the new Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC will encompass 1.5 million square feet of usable space in nine buildings. The Hospital Building will have nine floors of inpatient and outpatient care areas, a 20,000 square-foot family resource and activity center (among the largest in the world), including an atrium, libraries and a healing garden. The John G. Rangos Sr. Research Center is a 10-story, 300,000-square foot research facility adjacent to the Hospital Building.

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