



2011 ESD  
CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN AWARD  
WINNER

**Helen DeVos Children's Hospital**  
100 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Project**

The \$286-million hospital is the only stand-alone children's hospital in West Michigan. It features a 14-floor building that houses an emergency department, radiology, inpatient/outpatient surgery, neonatal intensive care, pediatric critical care, and more.

**Design**

The goal was to create an environment conducive to healing and hope for children and their families. Some of the forms and colors of the hospital building draw inspiration from Lake Michigan. Throughout, several design elements are intended to capture the imagination of young visitors, including more than 1,500 pieces of artwork created or inspired by children.

**Environment**

Materials employed in the construction of the project were chosen for recycled content. The construction waste management resulted in 94 percent of materials recycled or salvaged. All patient rooms have access to natural light and an effort was made to bring as much daylight to the core of the building as possible.

**Economic/Social Impact**

The Helen DeVos Children's Hospital has dramatically reinforced West Michigan's position as a leader in medical care, innovation, and technology. This new medical facility brought the creation of more than 5,000 new jobs and \$1 billion in new construction.

**Owner:**

Spectrum Health

**Designer:**

URS Corporation

**Constructor:**

Wolverine Building Group  
with Turner Construction  
Company (consultant)