

# CORENET GLOBAL NYC CHAPTER CREATES CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT ROOM FOR PROJECT SUNSHINE

THE NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER OF CoreNet Global, the premier association for corporate real estate and workplace professionals, has teamed with Project Sunshine to design, build and furnish a Children's Entertainment Room at Jacobi Medical Center on Pelham Parkway in The Bronx.

Project Sunshine is a nonprofit organization that provides free social, recreational and educational programs for children and families facing medical challenges. The nationwide organization has over 10,000 volunteers, ranging from students and artists to working professionals and athletes, who contribute their time and talents to brighten the life of children in need.

The CoreNet-Project Sunshine Entertainment Room is being undertaken under the auspices of the New York City Chapter's Community Relations Committee which oversees charitable contributions and includes hands-on work by CoreNet members with selected organizations. Project Sunshine, along with the Lower East Side Tenement Museum and Capuchin Pantries, is one of those selected

charities. Juliette Lam of HOK and Fanny Gong of Fanny T. Gong Consulting Services are Community Relations Committee co-chairs.

This is a feel good project for CoreNet," said Ms. Lam. "Providing families with an escape from their everyday challenges and bringing a smile to the face of a child provide a clear and immediate sense of having your work make a difference in someone's life."

The Community Relations Committee and Project Sunshine evaluated numerous hospitals until Jacobi Medical Center was identified as having the greatest need. When CoreNet and Project

Sunshine representatives met with Jacobi Medical Center administrators and doctors to specifically determine their needs, we discovered tremendous enthusiasm for the project," said Ms. Gong who is serving as project coordinator with Jessica Zimbar of Project Sunshine for the CoreNet-Project Sunshine Entertainment Room.

According to Ms. Gong, the 240 SF room has been designed to accom-

modate 6-8 children between the ages of 9 and 12 who are recuperating from medical treatments. The room, which will be repainted and feature a custom mural, will also have new carpets and furniture installed. When completed, it will provide opportunities for children to do arts and crafts, read, play computer games or watch educational DVDs in a comfortable and cheerful environment.

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"We are gratified that many vendors generously contributed to this project by donating services and materials and particularly wish to recognize our com-

mercial Finance; Casey Myhre, Fast Office Inc.; Ralph DiCarli, JLS Industries; Michael Davidson, Bank of America; and Stephanie Chippas, Richard L. Hoffman & Associates, Inc.

In addition to a financial contribution by CoreNet, donations were made by Haworth, Herman Miller, HOK, Interface Floor, Sherland and Farrington and Waylon Tait, a mural artist whose graffiti-style work is prominently featured on the room's walls.

The CoreNet-Project Sunshine Entertainment Room is expected to be dedicated in mid-December. ■



Rendering by HOK of the cheerful, new CoreNet-Project Sunshine Entertainment Room at Jacobi Medical Center.