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## Orion supporting New Children's Hospital



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"Orion has been building well-being in Finland for the past 95 years. Well-being in society begins with children and families – and children who are ill also need the best possible treatment and care. Research and development of new drugs and treatment methods is something that Orion is constantly investing in. We are now also all very proud at Orion to be able to offer our support in this way for the New Children's Hospital project," says Paula Ryttilä, Orion's Medical Director.

The aim of the New Children's Hospital 2017 project is to collect from private and corporate donors a total of EUR 30 million towards the construction of the new hospital. The amount of project funding from central government is EUR 40 million, and HUS (Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa) is also providing EUR 40 million. Standard corporate and institutional construction project financing arrangements will add a further EUR 50 million.

More than EUR 3 million has already been raised in donations. Orion is one of the major donors, which are officially defined in the project as donors that contribute at least EUR 100,000.

"This type of financing model and hospital project is something quite new. The objectives are ambitious, but this should help to drive us all forward in this record-breaking Finnish fundraising project," says HUS Chief Medical Officer Markku Mäkijärvi, who is also on the board of the association set up to organise the fundraising for the hospital project (Uusi lastensairaala tukiyhdistys 2017 ry).

The idea is that the New Children's Hospital will be as child-friendly as it can be, not only in terms of the furniture and facilities but also in regard to new ways of working.

"This is not just a building but a new operating concept. For every child patient, we must ensure that things are as nice and easy as possible, so that there is no reason to be scared or worried," notes Mäkijärvi.

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