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PARTNERS BRING THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM TO LIFE

Museum of Science and Industry and Advocate Christ Medical Center create amazing learning experience for students

Advocate Christ Medical Center is a 662-bed, not-for-profit teaching, research and referral medical center in Oak Lawn, Illinois. It also is home to [Advocate Hope Children's Hospital](#), one of the most comprehensive providers of pediatric care in the state. The medical center is a leader in cardiovascular services, pediatrics, surgical services, oncology, women's services and trauma and emergency medicine. Christ Medical Center is part of [Advocate Health Care](#), one of the nation's leading integrated health care systems.

Christ Medical Center has a medical staff of more than 850 physicians, representing more than 60 specialties and subspecialties. Among its benchmark services, the medical center offers complete medical and surgical services for pediatric patients. More than 4,000 babies are born at the medical center each year. As a state-designated Level III perinatal center, the highest designation, Christ Medical Center provides critically ill infants the assistance they need to begin and sustain life.

Advocate Hope Children's Hospital opened its doors in November 1996. The facility has 45 private inpatient rooms, a 12-bed pediatric intensive care unit and a seven-bed pediatric surgical heart unit. Hope Children's Hospital cares for more than 4,800 inpatients and nearly 90,000 outpatients annually.

Christ Medical Center and Hope Children's Hospital offer a full spectrum of cardiovascular services. They lead the Chicago area in the number of heart patients served. In fact, the medical center's cardiac surgeons performed 1,306 adult open-heart surgeries and 369 pediatric open-heart surgeries in 2001 – more than any other institution in the state of Illinois. Christ Medical Center was one of the first institutions in the nation to perform robotic surgery for repair of the heart's mitral valve in adult patients. The Heart Institute for Children is located at Hope Children's Hospital and is staffed by world-renowned heart physicians who provide advanced medical and surgical care for newborns, infants and children.

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Christ Medical Center also is a state-designated Level I trauma center, providing trauma patients with the most sophisticated emergency medical care. The emergency department treats an estimated 78,000 patients annually.

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