

Project: Riley Hospital for Children
Indiana University Health

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Interior Design: Mitsch Design

Mural Artist: Walter Knabe

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About the Project

As Indiana's only comprehensive children's hospital, Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health is a place of hope and healing for young patients and their families. To enhance its welcome to the more than 300,000 children who need compassionate inpatient and outpatient care each year, the hospital sought the help of Artist Walter Knabe and Designer Barbara Eden. With their expertise and creativity, the walls of this 40-year-old outpatient center connecting corridor are now lined with calming, uniquely designed murals.

Design Goals

In 2011, the 10-story, 30 private room Simon Family Tower was built at Riley Hospital to ensure delivery of the hospital's high-quality pediatric healthcare. The stunning new tower was linked to the Riley Outpatient Center by a nearly 40-year-old main corridor whose aesthetics reflected its age. In 2014, the design team was asked to transform this heavily traveled passageway into a soothing place that would warmly welcome patients, visitors and staff. With the amount of traffic that regularly passes through, durability was as essential as design.

Results

When moving between two busy areas of the hospital, adults and children alike can now enjoy expansive and original murals created with Acrovyn by Design. "The murals were limitless in their design, so I was able to have free reign with creativity," said Walter Knabe, the local artist who produced the wall art. Also, Acrovyn by Design's ease of installation helped the contractors, Messer Construction and Bill Lawrence Company, Inc., complete their work within a short timeframe.



At a Glance: Acrovyn by Design®

Original local artwork transformed an outdated, main corridor into an inviting passageway to a new inpatient facility.

"Our newly remodeled corridor gives pediatric patients and families an interesting journey," said Tom Routon of Riley Hospital for Children. "And, the wall murals are protected from children touching the enticing imagery and from any bumps from carts that traverse the corridor." Providing simple upkeep with a durable and easily cleanable surface, Acrovyn by Design assures that Riley Hospital for Children's connecting walkway will consistently showcase a fresh, revitalized look.

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