

# The Swank Foundation

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Children with neuro-orthopaedic conditions such as cerebral palsy often require complex medical care. A transformational gift to Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children provides new hope for these children and their families.

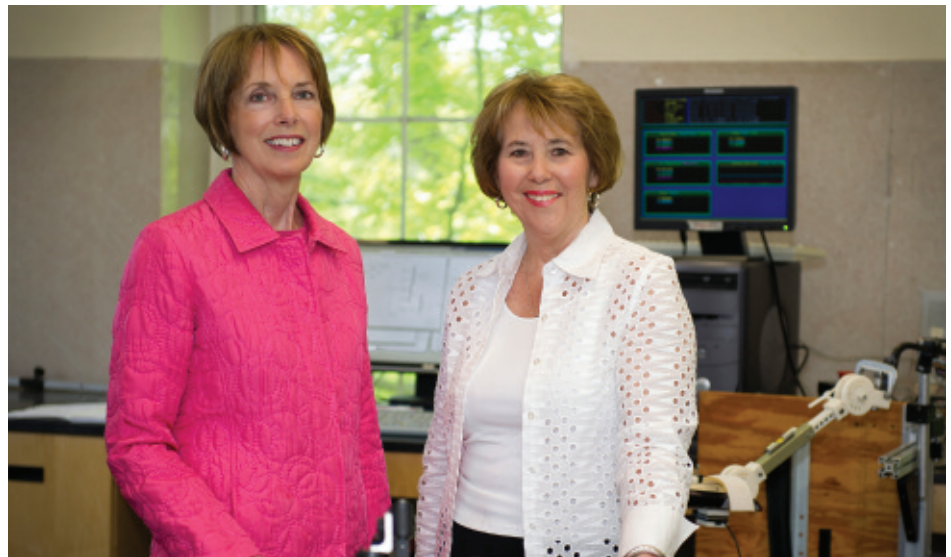
The Swank Foundation has made a contribution of one million dollars to establish The Swank Center for Neuro-Orthopaedics at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. It will offer an array of programs and services for children with neuro-orthopaedic diseases and provide support and education for their families.

The Foundation was established through the generosity of the late Howard and Alma Swank—longtime residents of Wilmington. “Our focus is Delaware,” says Denise Schwartz, Vice-President of the Foundation board. “We are interested in supporting large organizations that treat neurological disorders and have the potential to impact many lives.”



Freeman Miller, MD, with a young patient.

“We chose Nemours because we were impressed with the reputation of the Hospital and the excellence of its physicians,” says Denise Schwartz.



Swank Foundation Vice-Presidents Denise Schwartz and Nancy Gale in the Pediatric Engineering Lab.

“I remember when we first met with physicians and researchers who described their work with cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular diseases. We were overwhelmed by all that they do. It’s a wonderful program and we are thrilled to be part of it.”

The Swank Center for Neuro-Orthopaedics will have a cerebral palsy registry and database to assess the effectiveness of clinical treatment and patient outcomes; provide custom braces for children with neuromuscular conditions; sponsor education conferences for families and medical professionals; enhance and improve evaluation of the gait of children with

**“We think Mr. and Mrs. Swank would be very happy with how we are spending their money,” says Nancy Gale.**

neuromuscular conditions; and provide assistance and support to families through a psychologist.

“This marvelous gift will make it possible to improve the care of children with neuro-orthopaedic conditions and provide education and support for their families,” says William G. Mackenzie, MD, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children.