



New Sacred Heart Cinema Opens

Spokane, WA (February 18, 2009) - This February, cancer patients at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital got the red carpet treatment without ever having to leave the hospital. At the opening of the newly unveiled Cinema at Sacred Heart, children grabbed their popcorn and sodas and lounged back in rocking recliners as they took in a viewing of Disney*Pixar's newest animated feature, WALL-E.

It was a two-hour escape that these children might not have been able to enjoy if it wasn't for the meeting room that was converted to a cinema thanks to money provided by The Rypien Foundation.

"When kids are undergoing cancer treatment, they need to stay in a sterile environment to protect their delicate immune systems," said Mark Rypien, founder of the Rypien Foundation. "But they're still kids, and they still love movies. This gives them the best of both worlds."

The cinema has all the features of the big time movie theaters including a big screen covering one wall, a high-definition projector that drops down from the ceiling and, of course, surround sound. It also has the one thing that every theater needs – laughing, smiling children. Proving that magic doesn't just happen in the movies, sometimes it happens because of them.

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