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Findorff Received 2008 Build Wisconsin Award

Madison – Walk into the lobby of the American Family Children’s Hospital and you will forget where you are. It looks like a town square for kids, complete with a movie theater and play center. Moving through the halls you will see themes encompassing the walls and floors, such as farms, lakes and trees.

The 420,000 square foot building’s unique construction was led by general contractor J.H. Findorff & Son, who was recognized in December by the Associated General Contractors of Wisconsin with the 2008 Build Wisconsin Award.

Constructing the \$78 million hospital required cooperation between doctors, nurses and patients, as well as many other design and construction partners.

“Being able to say, ‘Your appointment is in the yellow barnyard hallway’ is a lot better than, ‘Go down that scary corridor,’” said Jim Yehle, project manager for J.H. Findorff and Son Inc., Madison. “They really think about who their patients are.”

Though some of the hospital’s more complicated construction elements were beyond the scope of normal hospital - such as a lead-lined room, which is one of five in the nation, used for advanced treatment of a rare form of pediatric cancer-the result was more than worth it, Yehle said.

J.H. Findorff & Son is one of Wisconsin’s leading builders, with offices in Madison and Milwaukee. Findorff currently employs an average of 600 construction professionals and tradespeople, and completes over \$300 million in construction annually.

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