



A rendering of the planned Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building at the Kennedy Krieger Institute for which officials will hold a ceremonial ground breaking on Wednesday.

KENNEDY KRIEGER INSTITUTE

Kennedy Krieger Institute breaking ground on \$46M outpatient center

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Kennedy Krieger Institute on Wednesday is scheduled to celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking for its outpatient center serving children with autism and other cognitive and behav-

ioral affective disorders.

The eight-story, 130,000-square-foot Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building at Kennedy Krieger Institute, at 801 N. Broadway, is an extension of the institute's outpatient center that serves

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patients with motor and physical impairments.

"This is an important expansion for Kennedy Krieger because it allows us to respond directly to the needs of the community," Howard Miller, chairman of Kennedy Krieger Institute's Board of Directors, said in an emailed statement.

In addition to serving as an outpatient facility, according to Miller, the building will also provide a "state-of-the-art training and educational center focused on the national and international dissemination of research and services."

Political leaders including Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., House Speaker Michael E. Busch and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake are slated to attend the ceremony in the city's Middle East neighborhood.

The \$46 million project was made possible through gifts from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the family of the former Whiting Turner Contracting Co. CEO Willard Hackerman and his former company.

Actual build-out of the structure is set to begin in December.

The institute plans for the first patients to walk through the doors by January 2019.

Series of investments

The new Kennedy Krieger Institute building is the latest institutional investment in a section of east Baltimore surrounding the Johns Hopkins Medical Campus that has attracted significant development activity in recent years.

Much of that new development activity has been spurred by the East Baltimore Development Inc. area that has attracted residential, office and retail development investments after initially being slowed by the 2008 financial collapse.

Projects include construction of the \$84 million Marriott Residence Inn at Johns Hopkins Medical Campus and Ryan Homes' 49-townhome development that's expected to cost \$14 million.

As a result, development dollars have spread even farther east to economically distressed areas farther from campus.

Cross Street Partners, in a joint venture with City Life Builders, is redeveloping the A. Hoen & Co. building into a mixed-use development in the northeast section of the Middle East neighborhood.

The company also recently announced plans for a \$1 million project to redevelop seven townhomes in the 2200 block of East Biddle Street the developer acquired through the city's Vacants to Value program.