

## Petition on Behalf of the Prouty Garden

Boston Children's Hospital's current capital expansion plans call for the construction of a new Clinical Building on the site of the hospital's Prouty Garden, a key hospital asset for the past 60 years, and a physical testament to the hospital's core values and demonstrated commitment to providing compassionate care to children and families.

**We, the undersigned members of Boston Children's Hospital's healthcare staff, respectfully *implore* the hospital to revise its plans for this new clinical building to allow the Prouty Garden to remain as an enduring therapeutic resource supporting the hospital's ability to *heal* patients not to just treat patients.**

We support the hospital's goal of modernizing and expanding its facilities, but not at the expense of sacrificing the Prouty Garden. The hospital's goal of improving its neonatal intensive care unit and its goal of converting shared patient rooms to private rooms in response to current market preferences does not justify the construction of an 11-story building at the expense of this healing garden that is an irreplaceable embodiment of the core values of Boston Children's Hospital. Prouty Garden is a precious asset that stands as an affirmation of the deep compassion of Boston Children's Hospital's healthcare professionals. It is this compassion that led to Boston Children's Hospital being recognized as the number one children's hospital in the nation. It is the deep clinical wisdom that arises from this compassion that has been left out of the hospital's decision to destroy the Prouty Garden.

The process that led to the decision to accept the destruction of Prouty Garden did not consider the experience and insight of the clinicians who serve the needs of the patients, families, and staff who rely most heavily on it. The underlying analysis supporting the hospital administration's corporate conclusion that the Prouty Garden is expendable is fatally flawed. Moreover, it breaches the promise made to Mrs. Prouty and thousands of patients and families who need and deserve the garden. As the Prouty Garden goes, so goes the soul of the hospital.

Reverse course now. Choose an alternative construction plan and preserve the Prouty Garden while there is still time.

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