

Glen Lake Sanatorium, Children's Sanatorium  
(Building 6)  
County Road 4 at County Road 67  
Minnetonka and Eden Prairie  
Hennepin County  
Minnesota

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**PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

**A. Physical History:**

1. Date of erection: 1922
2. Architect: Sund & Dunham
3. Original and subsequent owners: Hennepin County
4. Builders, contractors, suppliers: Unknown
5. Original plans and construction:
6. Alterations and additions:

**B. Historical Context:**

For context of site, see MN-133: Glen Lake Sanatorium, Historical Context. The Children's Sanatorium (Building 6) was built in 1922, as a gift from the Citizens' Aid Society. The building was dedicated to Lenora Hall Christian, who was vice-president of the Anti-Tuberculosis committee for several years. Before her death in 1916, she was active in plans for a tuberculous children's sanatorium. The building, which cost \$160,000, housed 60 children. Two large open-air porches on the south side provided the children with fresh air and sunlight. In 1941, the decline in patient load forced the closing of one floor of this building. In 1943, the Heart Hospital (under the direction of the Minneapolis Board of Public Welfare) was transferred to the children's building; it was discontinued in 1953. In 1959, the entire building was closed to tuberculosis patients. Most recently, the building has been used as a children's day care center.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Jordan, 282; Myers, 408; Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission, 5-6; and "Sanatorium for Child Patients Formally Opens," 8.

## **PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

### **A. General Statement:**

1. **Architectural character:** The exterior details of the building are Italian Renaissance Revival. Decorative cast stone details include cornice, belt courses, window sills, and stylized masonry brackets at the cantilevered terrace. Decorative brickwork includes stacked header bond below the cornice.
2. **Condition of fabric:** fair

### **B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall dimensions:** 44 ft. X 120 ft., plus two projecting wings 24 ft. X 44 ft.
2. **Foundation:** concrete
3. **Walls:** structural tile with brick veneer
4. **Structural system:** concrete floors with masonry bearing walls
5. **Porches:** The front entry porch has paired Doric columns and classical details.
6. **Openings:**
  - a. **Doors:** The front entry door is wood with divided-light transom and side lights. Several other exterior doors are French.
  - b. **Windows:** wood, divided-light, double- and triple-hung
8. **Roof:**
  - a. **Shape, covering:** flat with membrane, and low-pitched hip with clay tile
  - b. **Cornice, parapets:** masonry cornice, brick parapets

**C. Description of Interior:**

1. **Floor plans:** The building is designed to accommodate children with plenty of light and air by orienting their rooms (wards, playroom, dining room) to the south and west. Patient support areas (doctors' and nurses' rooms, kitchen, etc.) are at north and east elevations. The square footage decreases at each floor level creating stepped-terraces to the south.
2. **Stairways:** one main stair, with an additional to basement; elevator
3. **Flooring:** terrazzo
4. **Wall and ceiling finishes:** plaster
5. **Openings:**
  - a. **Doors:** wood panel with hollow metal frames
  - b. **Windows:** wood, divided-light, double- and triple-hung
6. **Mechanical equipment:**
  - a. **Heating:** steam provided by main boiler plant

**D. Site:**

1. **General Setting and Orientation:** The sanatorium is remotely situated West of other buildings on the grounds, taking full advantage of its southern and western exposure to light and air.