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Mr. Kent D. Rollins  
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Dear Mr. Rollins;

The 90 families that comprise the Tucson Garden Railway Society, a 501 C 3 non-profit organization, are interested in partnering with your organization to build an indoor whimsical G scale model railroad in your new Children's Hospital. Such displays in other hospitals have provided young patients and their families some welcome distraction from the rigors of their situations.

TGRS has been active for over 10 years in Tucson promoting garden railroading. Each year we display at the Veterans's Administration Hospital, two Home Shows at TCC and a large set-up at the Pima County Fair. We have built several layouts for the Tucson Botanical Garden and just finished a permanent outdoor display for them. We also have a portable Children's Layout which allows children to actually operate the trains and accessories. In addition, each year in March, we open eight of our members outdoor layouts for a public tour; These have been very well attended and allow the members to publicize their work and demonstrate the history of railroading. All of these have been very popular with Tucson residents.

Our equipment is built to G Scale standards (approximately 1/2" to the foot) and runs on low voltage power. Scenery would include roads, bridges, tunnels and buildings designed with children in mind. While locomotives and rolling stock are generally purchased the structures are a mix of kits and scratch built that allows the modelers to express their own creativity in both design and construction.

The layout we propose would be an enclosed indoor area with limited access featuring simulated mountains, bridges, buildings, etc. that would operate automatically with equipment designed with children in mind.. TGRS would provide the maintenance.

We would suggest a meeting between a few members of our Board and your organization to explore the possibilities of such a project that we believe would be beneficial to your patients and their families

If you would like to pursue this idea further, have any questions or need more information, please contact us. Our members are very enthusiastic about such a project and would like the opportunity to use their talents in it's development.

Sincerely,

Norman Ulmer,  
President,  
Tucson Garden Railway Society