



Dr. Nancy McDaniel and Alexis, age 11

Alexis had her first surgery at UVA Children's Hospital when she was only 8 weeks old. Since then, she and Nancy McDaniel, her pediatric cardiologist, have become fast friends. Alexis had a later surgery to repair a heart defect she had at birth. She still sees Dr. McDaniel, along with Dr. Saulsbury, who treats her juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Alexis had a tough start, but today she's a sixth-grade honor roll student who loves swimming and seventies music.

The Barry and Bill Battle Building will have a special neighborhood for young heart patients like Alexis. It will be warm and welcoming and designed for families. All Alexis will need to bring are her favorite tunes.