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## **SUNY prepares to open pediatric eye center with \$1M gift**

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The State University of New York College of Optometry said Tuesday that it has received a nearly \$1.3 million gift to support key priorities in the new year, including the opening of its pediatric eye care center.

The gift is from Barbara Saltzman, board president of the Optometric Center of New York, the college's affiliated foundation. The money will support completing construction of the pediatric eye care center and purchasing equipment for it, SUNY said.

In recognition of the gift, the center is being named the Barbara Saltzman Center for Pediatric Eye Care.

The college [broke ground](#) in April on the 5,000-square-foot center, which is expected to open next year. It is designed to meet growing demand for basic and advanced pediatric eye care within the University Eye Center.

"The new pediatric center is designed from top to bottom to enhance the patient experience and enable every family who comes here to access the same unmatched level of care that we have come to expect from the University Eye Center," Saltzman said in a statement.

Saltzman's gift also will support the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund, SUNY said. —J.H.

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