



**Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, in Partnership with Dell Children's Medical Center,
Introduces Calming Room at Round Rock Resort**

New space will provide a dedicated, safe, quiet space for those with sensory overload issues

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Round Rock, Texas (July 30, 2024) – In partnership with Dell Children's Medical Center, Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Round Rock, Texas, is proud to announce the opening of a dedicated Calming Room at their resort. The room will provide a safe, quiet, dedicated space for guests with sensory overload sensitivities and need a place to decompress.

Located in Tom Foolerys Adventure Park, the Calming Room offers a serene sanctuary designed to provide relief and comfort for individuals who may experience sensory challenges. Whether it be individuals on the autism spectrum, those with sensory processing disorders, or anyone seeking a quiet space to decompress, the calming room provides a supportive environment.

"A significant number of children and adults experience sensory overload at times," explained Adam Messer, President of Dell Children's. "When this occurs, they need a dedicated place to relax and decompress. Creating this calming room in collaboration with Kalahari Resorts is another example of Dell Children's working together with families to help children live safe, healthy, and happy lives."

The new calming room at Kalahari will offer several sensory-friendly activities, books, fidget toys, and noise-canceling headphones. Also equipped with comfortable seating and calming visuals, the room aims to create a soothing atmosphere conducive to relaxation.

"At Kalahari Resorts, we strive to create an inclusive environment, where every guest feels welcomed and valued," said Jeffrey Yedlin, General Manager of Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Round Rock. "The introduction of our Calming Room reinforces our commitment to accessibility and helps to ensure that all guests can fully enjoy their time with us."

The Calming Room is part of a collaboration between Kalahari Resorts and Dell Children's that offers health and safety benefits and education to resort guests. In addition to the Calming Room, Dell Children's is also sponsoring important health and safety messaging throughout the resort, including within the Kalahari Fitness Studio, in waterpark spaces, and on new hand-sanitizing stations.

This is the second Calming Room at a Kalahari Resort. Kalahari also offers a Calming Room at its Ohio property.

For more information on the new sensory room, visit kalahariresorts.com/texas/calming-room. To learn more about Ascension and Dell Children's Medical Center visit ascension.org/DellChildrens.

Photos of the Calming Room can be found here:

[Photo 1](#)

[Photo 2](#)

About Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, Sandusky, Ohio, the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, and Round Rock, Texas, and opening soon in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, delivers a beyond-expectations waterpark resort and conference experience all under one roof. The authentically African-themed Kalahari Resorts, privately owned by the Nelson family, is home to America's Largest Indoor Waterparks. Todd and Shari Nelson, the founders of Kalahari Resorts, were honored with an introduction to the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame in 2023. Kalahari Resorts features well-appointed guest rooms and suites, the full-service Spa Kalahari, a fun-filled family entertainment center, on-site signature restaurants, unique retail shops and a state-of-the-art convention center. For more information, members of the media are encouraged to visit kalaharimedia.com.

About Dell Children's Medical Center

Dell Children's Medical Center is the region's only comprehensive children's hospital and pediatric Level I trauma center. It is also Austin's original children's hospital that was established through the efforts of local pediatricians and has continuously maintained a focus to provide the best care available to Central Texas children. The collaboration with Dell Medical School at The University of Texas has fueled the growth of top-tier pediatric programs such as The Texas Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease. This program is comprised of physicians and advanced practitioners employed by Dell Medical School and physicians, nurses and support staff employed by Dell Children's Medical Center. This group, when combined, totals almost 400 healthcare professionals dedicated to the care of the most vulnerable children and is a testament to the success of the partnership between Dell Medical School and Dell Children's Medical Center. This partnership allows not only for development of the highest level of care available in Central Texas

but also creates an environment that advances the available treatments used to care for children.
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