

# US ADVENTURE BUILDS CUSTOM RVs

## US Adventure RV to build Airstream in world's most unique hospital

US Adventure RV and its affiliate, Airstream of Chicago, have been recently contracted to design, spec and build an Airstream-themed lounge for the OR waiting area on the sixth floor of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. This hospital project currently is the largest building project in Illinois with a budget of over 1 billion dollars. When completed in 2012, it will be staffed and run by Northwestern Medical School. This facility will be considered one of the top children's hospitals in the world and will create a healing environment unlike any other. From the 30 foot whale donated by Shed Aquarium hanging in the main lobby to the childrens' play areas which will be themed with a mock fire truck and fire house, helicopters, tree houses, and a large green space atrium area overlooking Lake Michigan.

On the sixth floor a unique Airstream lounge is being created by US Adventure RV to tell the story of Ann Lurie's world travels to Kenya where she has been working for years providing medical assistance to literally tens of thousands of patients through her creation of the AID (Africa Infectious Disease) Village Clinics. As part of this work, Ann Lurie uses Airstream-based mobile medical units to deliver medical care and education to remote villages throughout the country. These custom Airstream medical units have been custom built by US Adventure RV to endure the harshest conditions, are solar-powered, and have performed admirably.

Dresselhaus, President of US Adventure RV and Airstream of Chicago, is excited and honored to be able to provide support for this unique hospital project. Ben Kirby, the project engineer and US Adventure RV partner, will spend hundreds of hours in design, fabrication, build out and coordination of the project's many details with Airstream, hospital architectural staff, and contractors. Dresselhaus says, "The US Adventure RV staff is unlike any other, as one would be hard pressed to find the level of knowledge, skill sets and fabrication experience present in one organization to tackle these difficult and unique custom RV related projects."

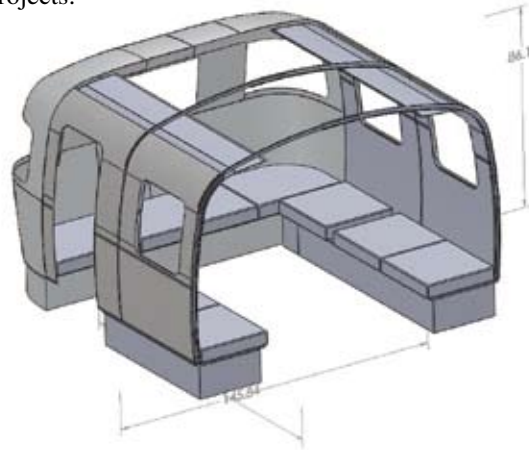


Diagram of Airstream lounge



Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

## QC Airstream dealer crafts medical units



The handiwork of a Quad-City company – and many of its suppliers – has reached around the globe to help a humanitarian organization provide health care services to the rural reaches of Africa in southeast Kenya.

A custom-built recreational vehicle, outfitted from top to bottom to serve as a mobile medical unit, was delivered to the AID Village clinics. Designed and built by US Adventure RV, it was the first project of its kind for the Davenport dealership.

"We've literally built something that is going to help make people's lives better in another part of the world," said John Dresselhaus, US Adventure RV's president. "Employees and suppliers devoted time and expertise in various areas to create a unique project that is going to benefit thousands."

The Africa Infectious Disease, or AID, Village Clinics began in 2001 as an initiative of the Ann and Robert Lurie foundation. Since its inception, the organization has provided health care services and education to more than 90,000 people in rural Kenya, outside the capital city of Nairobi.

Dresselhaus, co-owner of US Adventure RV, said the company worked with the Lurie Foundation to design the custom Airstream RV. As an authorized Airstream dealer, he said, "We're one of just a handful of dealers that Airstream allows to build on their platform."

"We just got an empty shell. It didn't even have windows – all it had was a door," he said. From that shell, Ben Kirby, a co-owner in the dealership, used his engineering skills to convert a travel trailer into a medical office on wheels. The 30-foot-long aluminum RV included a laboratory area, a pharmacy with a walk-up window, a seat for drawing blood, a separate examination area and a bathroom. The dealership then relied on the expertise of its employees to work on the electrical systems, carpentry and other tasks. "They're all craftsmen in their own right," Dresselhaus said of his crew.

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