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Kudos Children's Employees and Physicians

Congratulations to several Children's employees and departments who have made remarkable achievements.

Children's Interpreter Receives Community and Diversity Award

Culture Connect recently honored José Sanchez, Interpreter Coordinator, with the first annual Champion of Community and Diversity Award. José takes special interest in making sure that all limited English proficient families do not struggle with language and cultural barriers. Instead, he ensures their wellbeing through the careful selection of professional interpreters and by helping other staff embrace the opportunity to learn about the diversity of cultures in their care. Because of José's leadership, creativity, and commitment to community and diversity, many patients and families of varying backgrounds feel understood, respected, and empowered to take ownership of their health and wellbeing.



Subra Kugathasan, M.D., Leads Crohn's Disease Study

Children's gastroenterologist, Subra Kugathasan, M.D., is the principal investigator of the first large-scale, genome-wide association study of Crohn's disease in African-Americans. Dr. Kugathasan plans to recruit 1,500 patients with Crohn's disease nationwide, along with 1,150 controls. The National Institutes of Health awarded Emory University \$4.8 million for the study.

Taking the First Step: Physicians Using New e-prescribing Tools

After many months of planning, Children's launched e-prescribing in Epic June 22. With e-prescribing, Epic will transmit prescriptions (except for controlled medications and compound medications) to retail pharmacies that participate in the Surescripts network, the nation's largest vendor for electronic prescriptions.

Respiratory Therapy Department Named Clinical Affiliate of the Year

Georgia State University's Respiratory Therapy Program recently honored the Children's at Hughes Spalding Respiratory Therapy department as the Clinical Affiliate of the Year. This recognition is a testament, not only to the clinical excellence the department provides for the children in our community, but also to its important partnerships with academic institutions around the state.

Patients Swarm New Kids on the Block, the Backstreet Boys and Jordin Sparks at The Voice

On June 22, patients, parents and staff alike swarmed The Voice at Children's at Egleston in anticipation of the biggest boy band of all time: NKOTBSB.

Children's Staff Contribute to Atlanta Hospital News

Erin Demo, Genetics Counselor, Sibley Heart Center Cardiology, wrote the article, Cardiovascular Genetic Testing in Pediatric Patients, for the February issue of Atlanta Hospital News. [Read her article.](#)

Children's Open Strong4life Teaching Garden for Patients and Families

On Thursday, June 23, Children's held a grand opening for our Strong4Life Teaching Garden at Children's at Scottish Rite.

The issue also profiled Project S.A.V.E. coordinator Alison Ellison. It highlighted her work with Project S.A.V.E. and the program's achievements. [Read Alison's profile.](#)

Children's Commute Alternatives Give You Power at the Pump

High gas prices are putting a squeeze on household budgets across the nation. In Atlanta, gas prices are now around \$3.50 a gallon and Children's wants to remind you that we are continuing to offer support and financial incentives to help you save money on your commute to work.

Congrats to Weldon Award Recipients

Congratulations to the Children's at Scottish Rite Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and the Children's at Egleston IS&T department for winning the Weldon awards for March. Weldon ("well done") is a stuffed monkey that serves as a Service Excellence Ambassador for Children's at Egleston and Children's at Scottish Rite. He is awarded to a particular unit, department or area that

Speedsitting Event Rescheduled for July 23—Register by July 15

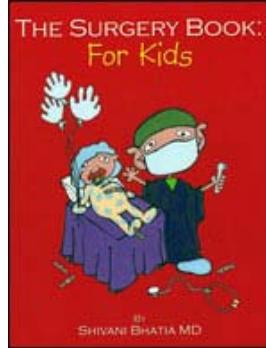
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displays exceptional customer service to our patients and families. Weldon is not based solely on customer service scores, but on overall delivery of seamless, consistent, and special customer service. The department that receives the award decides the next recipient based upon who provided the best customer service to their department or to our patients and families.

Anesthesiologist Authors Book about Surgery for Kids

Shivani Bhatia, M.D., Anesthesiologist, Children's at Scottish Rite, wrote *The Surgery Book: For Kids*. The book explains the journey through surgery, helping children understand that doctors and nurses are there to help them and take great care of them, not hurt them.

"Sometimes, unfortunately, children do not trust healthcare providers," Dr. Bhatia says. "I hope that this book helps them see that we want what is best for them." Dr. Bhatia based the book on her personal experience as a pediatric anesthesiologist. Written on a child's level, the story is about a little boy named Iggy who needs his tonsils taken out. His journey starts with a visit to Dr. Anthony's office, progresses through the pre, intra and post-op areas and culminates with a delicious popsicle as he heads home. Dr. Bhatia used a combination of illustrated characters and actual photographs from the operating room to help patients see the realities of having surgery in a positive light.



The Surgery Book: For Kids is available on Amazon.com and is currently being formatted to download on a Kindle or iPad. All proceeds from the sale of the book (both printed and electronic) go to Ian's Friends Foundation, a non-profit foundation that funds pediatric brain tumor research. They currently fund seven labs across the United States, one which is linked with Children's.

Nurse Named Young Mother of the Year

The Georgia Mothers Association (GMA) named Brandi Allgood, Staff Nurse—Resource, PACU, Children's at Scottish Rite, Young Mother of the Year. The Loganville Christian Church nominated her for the statewide recognition because of her active involvement in the church and community, as well as the lessons she shares with others about motherhood. Brandi will represent the state in the nationwide competition, April 28, in Salt Lake City. She has three children, ages 12, 9 and 5.



IAAP Member of Excellence

Margaret Cross-Shellnut, Executive Administrative Assistant, Children's at Scottish Rite, recently completed the requirements to become a 2010-2011 International Association of Administrative Professionals Member of Excellence.

Children's Employees Tackling AV200 Bike Ride Together

Several Children's employees have teamed up to tackle the AV200 charity bike ride (that's 200 miles in 2 days) May 14-15. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the Emory Vaccine Center. Good luck to the employees competing in this race:

- Annalia Polemitis, Physiotherapist, Children's at Egleston
- Calvin Calmes, Respiratory Therapist, Children's at Hughes Spalding
- Michael Johnson, Pharmacy Technician, Children's at Hughes Spalding
- Tanya Hofmekler, M.D., resident, Dept. of Pediatrics at Emory School of Medicine
- Barbara Weissman, M.D., Pediatric Neurologist, Children's at Egleston
- Stephanie Fessler, M.D., fellow, Dept. of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Emory School of Medicine
- Deborah Young, M.D., pediatric emergency medicine, Children's at Egleston
- Steve Lanski, M.D., pediatric emergency medicine, Children's at Egleston
- Dan Hirsh, M.D., pediatric emergency medicine, Children's at Egleston

Still interested in finding a babysitter or nanny, but couldn't attend our last event? Don't miss your chance to sign up in July to meet childcare professionals in a setting modeled after the popular "speed dating".

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Your Favorite Healthy Recipe Could be the Next Big Thing at Children's

Submit your healthy recipes for our 2012 employee calendar recipe contest by July 8. Selected employees will have their picture in the calendar, receive a \$100 gift card to purchase new kitchen gadgets and attend a free cooking class! In addition, in the month that your dish is featured on the calendar, it will be served in our cafeterias at Children's at Egleston, Children's at Scottish Rite and The Park.

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Erika Unexpectedly Falls in Love

This week on Erika is Losing It, Erika, a Marketing Writer and Editor, describes her summer kryptonite – the bathing suit. But after losing 100 pounds, she's looking at swimsuits with a fresh perspective.

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The Voice Sizzles This Summer with Celebrity Performances

The Voice is heating up this summer with a number of celebrity appearances! This week, New Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys (also known as boy band supergroup NKOTBSB) and former American Idol Jordin Sparks will perform at The Voice before their concert at Philips Arena.

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Children's Celebrates Healthcare Risk Management Week, June 20-24

Healthcare Risk Management Week is a time to celebrate the important role that everyone here at Children's plays in maintaining a safe environment for our patients, families, visitors and staff.

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Chronicle Quiz: And the Winners are...

Thanks to all the Careforce Chronicle readers who submitted answers to the Chronicle Quiz in the latest issue of the magazine!

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Construction Begins on

- Ellis Dixon, M.D., pediatric emergency medicine, Children's at Egleston
- Diana Ketchum, Cardiac Sonographer, Children's at Egleston

Cardiac Outpatient Services Receives Perfect Customer Service Scores

In February, the Children's at Egleston Cardiac Outpatient Services celebrated receiving 100 percent scores on all five Customer Service key indicators for 13 consecutive months. They noted a 35 percent survey return rate.



Clinical Educators Present at GANE Conference

Clinical Educators Kelly Inoue, TICU, Children's at Scottish Rite, and Angie Hawthorne, Cardiac Stepdown Unit, Children's at Egleston presented at the Georgia Association of Nursing Educators conference last week. Their presentation, "A Year in the Life of a Novice Nurse Educator," explored the role of Clinical Educators at Children's, how to be successful and lessons the two have learned through their experiences.

Annual Cardiology Conference Accepts Nurses' Abstracts

Audrey Beckman, BSN, RN and Sherry Smith, RN, produced two of the 12 abstracts accepted at Cardiology 2011: 15th Annual Update on Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Disease, hosted by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in February.



"Family Education in Growth and Nutrition Increases Infants' Transition from Tube Feeding to Oral Feeding between Heart Surgery Stages"

Feeding problems are a known complication among infants following surgery for congenital heart disease. Sherry Smith, R.N., led a team at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in implementing and studying a feeding advancement plan (FAP) used for infants with hypoplastic left heart syndrome. The FAP protocol included a session with a licensed dietitian, parent education on transitioning the baby from continuous tube feeds to oral on-demand feeds, and other instructions. The team analyzed the feeding progression in the period between initial hospital discharge after the Norwood procedure until presentation for the second stage of surgery, the Glenn procedure. There were 24 infants in the study, 10 of whose families received standard feeding instructions, and 13 who underwent the FAP protocol. The FAP significantly increased the rate at which infants transitioned to taking full oral feeds, although there was no difference in the rate of weight gain between both groups.

Sherry Smith, RN, et al, Institution of a Feeding Advancement Plan Increases Full Transition from Tube to Oral Feeding in Patients with HLHS

"Better Pain-Control Treatments May be Available to Children during Chest Tube Removal after Heart Surgery"

For children who have undergone heart surgery, pain control during chest tube removal has been understudied. This gap in research to guide pediatric practice may result in preventable pain for child patients. Audrey Beckman, BSN, RN, led an experimental, blinded randomized study of pain management at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The study team randomized 27 children who had undergone heart surgery into two groups. During chest tube removal, 14 patients received a combination of Toradol and Versed (non-narcotic pain medications), while 13 patients received a morphine-Versed combination. At three time points, nurses evaluated the child's pain using an observational score. In addition, parents and the clinicians who performed the chest tube removal provided assessments of the child's pain during and shortly after the procedure. During the procedure, the difference in pain score was not statistically significant between the two patient groups. However, immediately after the procedure, patients receiving Toradol and Versed experienced

Emory Campus for New Health Sciences Research Building

On June 15, construction of a new 200,000 square foot Health Sciences Research Building on the Emory University campus kicked off with an official groundbreaking ceremony.

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Children's Physicians and Staff Create Safe Surgery Checklist Video for National Time Out Day

June 15 is National Time Out Day, a national effort sponsored by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). The event is designed to raise awareness of the importance of safe, infection-free surgery and encourage commitment from surgical teams to prevent wrong site, wrong patient and wrong procedure surgeries.

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Children's at Hughes Spalding Makes the Top 10

We are pleased to report that Children's at Hughes Spalding has received national recognition for their compliance in improving the asthma home management plan of care.

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A Georgia Boy Comes Home: Country Artist Corey Smith Performs at The Voice

Corey Smith may be a huge country star, but when he stopped by The Voice at Children's at Egleston on June 14, patients and families learned that this Georgia boy is more like them than they thought.

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Marcus Autism Center Breaks Ground on New Parking Lot and Playground

On June 13, Marcus Autism Center officially broke ground on an extended parking lot, a much needed addition to its facilities. A playground occupies the area where the new parking lot will go, so a new and improved playground will be rebuilt in a location just behind the lot.

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"She's Our Dynamo"—Volunteer at Children's at Egleston Spotlighted for Her Service

Children's employees see big miracles in the small bodies of the patients we care for every day. But there's one pint-sized dynamo of a volunteer at Children's at Egleston who is

significantly less pain than patients receiving morphine and Versed.

Audrey Beckman, BSN, RN, et al, Pain Management during Chest Tube Removal in the Pediatric Population

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making her mark one step at a time - and she's taken over 1 million of those steps.

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Children's Recognizes June Catch Me at My Best Winners
Congratulations

to employees Breanna Waever, Hollis Smith and Candace Clarke for winning this month's Catch Me at My Best drawing for a Children's duffle bag.

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Donna Hyland Selected as One of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans

Atlanta Business Chronicle recently selected Donna Hyland, Children's CEO, as one of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans for 2011. This is the first year she has been profiled on the prestigious list.

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Emergency Department and Immediate Care Clinicians: Sign Up for Epic Training

If you work in these areas, sign up for training today.

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Check Out Hope and Will's Excellence Adventure

Staff has been busy preparing for our anticipated Magnet site visit later this year—and Hope and Will have been along for the journey.

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From "I Can't" to "I Can"—A Strong4Life Success Story

A little more than a year ago, Debi Cassidy, Clinical Operations Manager, could not walk from the Children's at Scottish Rite parking deck to her office without stopping to rest. But in March, she walked her first half marathon. Read her inspirational story and check out the pictures of her transformation.

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One Step Closer to Magnet Recognition

After months of preparation, Children's added the final touches to our Magnet application and submitted it to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) June 1. The document, more than 430 pages in length with 2,823 pages of reference materials, captures stories of who we are as caregivers at Children's.

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Sign Up Early for 24 Hours of Booty to Get a Discount

On Oct. 1, 24 Hours of Booty

will host its second annual Atlanta event. 24 Hours of Booty is a 24-hour cycling event, committed to raising funds for cancer programs and research at the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's and LIVESTRONG.

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Weight Watchers at Work is Starting Up Soon—Sign Up Today

Join us for open houses for the second session of Weight Watchers at Work for 2011.

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Volunteers Needed for AM 750 and Now 95.5 FM News/Talk WSB Care-a-Thon, Aug. 11-12

The WSB crew is back to help raise funds for the Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's in the 11th annual Care-a-Thon, Aug. 11-12.

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