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## Congratulations DAISY Award Winners

Congratulations to DAISY Award winners **Lauren Cunningham, Ann Railey** and **Natalie Tillman-Korcinsky**. The DAISY Award recognizes nurses for their commitment to the highest standards of nursing and for making a difference in the lives of the patients and families we serve.

### **Lauren Cunningham, Assistant Nursing Manager, Aflac Cancer Center, Children's at Egleston**

According to her team, when Lauren Cunningham is in charge, you know you're going to have a good day. She goes above and beyond to help the nurses, PCTs, PNPs and physicians and is always researching ways the clinic can improve upon the excellent care it already provides. In addition to the hard work she puts into the clinic from both a business and clinical perspective, Lauren takes care of those around her. From arranging potluck lunches to boost staff morale to comforting a patient having a difficult time, Lauren makes everyone feel that they're part of the same family—their Children's family. Said one Aflac team member, "Lauren has always encouraged us to do their best. The little things she does, like e-mailing you to let you know you're doing a great job mean the world to me. I greatly value her opinion."



### **Ann Railey, Staff Nurse—Colleague, Three B, Aflac Cancer Center, Children's at Egleston**

For more than 25 years, Ann Railey has provided extraordinary care to our patients. In fact, more patients and families request "Mama Duck," as they call her, than any other nurse on the unit. She has a genuine compassion for those in her care and develops lasting relationships. She is more than their nurse—she's a friend and advocate. She does whatever is necessary to make their experience with Children's a positive one. Additionally, Ann makes her patients feel that they're part of something beyond the walls of the hospital. As an avid golfer, Ann often plays in tournaments. She asks patients to color golf balls for her to use, which they love to do. Fellow nurses look up to Ann and value her as a resource they call upon time and time again. "Ann is a role model. She doesn't treat nursing as a job. It's part of who she is as a person, and our children are better for it," a fellow nurse said. "Ann is who I want to be when I grow up."



### **Natalie Tillman-Korcinsky, Clinical Quality Consultant**

Natalie Tillman-Korcinsky has been the driving force behind establishing evidence-based practice guidelines for managing severe traumatic brain injuries at Children's. Colleagues praised her persistent and diplomatic approach to working with multiple groups of physicians. Through her tireless efforts, Natalie has developed guidelines that will allow us to provide consistent, high quality care for these patients. She put a great deal of time and energy into fully grasping the intricacies of head



### **Aflac Cancer Center Launches SurvivorLink for Patients**

The Aflac Cancer Center recently launched the **SurvivorLink** information technology system—a crucial tool to help physicians, clinical staff and patient families ensure childhood cancer survivors have optimal health and quality of life.

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### **Clinical Staff: Take Our Vaccination Survey for a Chance to Win a \$25 Gift Card**

Take this short quiz to be entered into a drawing to win one of three \$25 gift cards.

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### **Children's Celebrates Nurses Week May 6-12**

Children's is celebrating National Nurses Week May 6-12. In appreciation of all you do to make a difference in the lives of children each and every day, Children's is hosting several activities in honor of our nurses.

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### **91 Children's Nurses Nominated for Nursing Excellence Awards**

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and ajcjobs.com recognized National Nurses Week (May 6-12) with a "Celebrating Nurses" section and a special write-up of Nursing Excellence Awards winners in the May 1 edition.

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### **Vote for Stephanie Walsh, M.D., to be Featured on Cover of Best Self**

Stephanie Walsh, M.D., Medical Director of Wellness, was chosen as one of *Best Self* Magazine's Best 40 over 40.

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### **Georgia Trend Selects Donna Hyland, CEO, as Most Respected Business Leader**

injuries to ensure that the guidelines were accurate and effective. A neurosurgeon who worked with Natalie on this effort shared, "We are very proud of Natalie's efforts and feel fortunate to have her as a colleague."

Do you work with a nurse is making a difference in their patients' lives? If so, nominate them for a DAISY Award. For more information, download the [nomination form](#) or contact [Karla Mavity](#).

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*Georgia Trend* magazine recently named Donna Hyland, President and CEO of Children's, its Most Respected Business Leader for 2011.

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**May is National Bike Month**

Spring has arrived and families are gearing up to enjoy the outdoors on their bikes.

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**Share Your Thoughts about Working at Children's—Complete the *Fortune* Survey**

It's that time of year again! Children's is being considered for inclusion in *Fortune*'s 2012 "100 Best Companies to Work For" list, compiled by the Great Place to Work Institute.

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**Test Your Compliance Smarts by May 7 for a Chance to Win Movie Tickets**

May 1-7 is national Corporate Compliance and Ethics Week and it serves as a great reminder of why we are so committed to demonstrating integrity and ethical standards in our every day work.

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**Let Us Know What You Think: Take the *Careforce Chronicle* Survey**

Children's wants to know what you think about your employee magazine, *Careforce Chronicle*. Take a [short survey](#) by May 13.

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**Staff Honors Patient's Dream of Becoming a Nurse**

During the service honoring patient Mallory Smith, staff named her an honorary Children's Registered Nurse.

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**Today is Spirit Day—Sport Your Children's Shirt Proudly**

As a way to celebrate you and all you do for Children's, all campuses are hosting campus popsicle parties May 2-8. Be sure to wear your favorite Children's T-shirt to show your spirit May 4.

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**Mark Your Calendar to Attend the Next Weight Watchers at Work Open House**

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

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**Use Cisco Upgrade Tip Sheets to Help Resolve Outlook Issues**

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