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Rehab at Mount Zion, Cobb and Fayette Hold Successful Fun Day for Patients

Smiling faces were abundant as several hundred patients and their families enjoyed the inaugural Family Fun Days held recently at Children's Healthcare at Mount Zion, Children's Healthcare of Cobb and Children's Healthcare of Fayette. Conducted by each facility's staff and dedicated volunteers, the events allowed Outpatient Rehabilitation Program patients to forget the daily struggles they face and "just be kids."

Patients, siblings and parents enjoyed a wide range of games, including inflatable castles and slides, a sensory tent adventure, face painting, arts and crafts, an obstacle course and a dunk tank. Every selected activity could be customized to the individual child's abilities, making each event a special day for the families in attendance.

"Due to the accommodations needed for the child who is a rehabilitation patient, it can be challenging to participate in family outings that provide the accommodation the child requires while still ensuring the needs of siblings are met in an enjoyable fashion," said Claire Creech, Rehabilitation Manager at Children's Healthcare at Mount Zion. "This event is run by staff and volunteers who are able to meet the special needs of the patient, as well as provide engaging activities for other children to play."

Staff members enjoyed seeing families who share similar challenges watch their children participate in activities together. A 3-year-old boy who is unable to walk was able to bounce in the inflatable castle, moving independently alongside other children. Another child was thrilled to be able to attempt to dunk a staff member in the dunk tank, tossing a ball at an adjusted wheelchair-level target. Other popular stations included adapted skateboarding, a pottery wheel and the opportunity to meet a firefighter.

"It is important for Children's to continue these activities, because many of these children are limited in their abilities to participate in community events," stated Karin Shah, Rehabilitation Manager at Children's Healthcare of Fayette. "We provided activities, such as adapted skateboarding, that allow these kids to try things that would normally be unavailable to them."

At Children's Healthcare of Cobb, Manager Steven Cummings emphasized to his staff that they made a difference in the lives of the patients and their families. "Daily life for these kids can include not fitting in with their peers, a multitude of doctor visits, frequent hospital stays, intense therapy sessions and the often overwhelming desire for life to just be easier," Cummings told staff members. "Well, for a few hours today, you gave these families the opportunity to forget about all the hardships and simply enjoy life."

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! [View Full Story >](#)

Memorial Service Scheduled for Florence (Flo) Zerbe Thursday, Sept. 8
The service for Flo Zerbe is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. in the Children's at Egleston Chapel. [View Full Story >](#)

Our 2011 Service Awards are Fast Approaching—Have You RSVPed or Sent Thank You Notes?
Children's 2011 Service Award Celebrations are quickly approaching. [View Full Story >](#)

New Epic Tools Now Live at Marcus Autism Center; Support Available
Children's has extended our Epic clinical documentation, patient tracking and ordering tools to Marcus Autism Center. [View Full Story >](#)

Network Password Changes Continue at Children's at Scottish Rite and Meridian Mark
To minimize security risks on our network and ensure compliance with HIPAA requirements, Children's is continuing its phased implementation of a new password policy, which will require users to change their network passwords. [View Full Story >](#)

Find Out KP T-Shirt Distribution, Shuttle and Parking Details
The Kaiser Permanente Corporate 5K Run/Walk, is Thursday, Sept. 8. There's still time to sign up for the event. Also, find out all you need to know about race-day logistics. [View Full Story >](#)

Gov. Deal Kicks Off Childhood Cancer Awareness



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Each year, more than 10,000 children receive a cancer diagnosis and childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children between birth and 15 years old.

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Nurses: Win a Free Professional Nursing Organization Membership; Read Success Stories

A growing number of our nurses are joining the ranks of professional nursing organizations and they are reaping the benefits with increased job performance, knowledge and engagement.

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Sign Up to Participate in the Next Miracle Jeans Day, Sept. 14

Children's employees will have their last opportunity of 2011 to join Children's Miracle Network Hospitals to raise money by going casual for kids. On Wednesday, Sept. 14, you can support Children's by participating in Miracle Jeans Day and wearing jeans to work.

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CIRU Staff Partners with Patients and Families in the MedZone

When the CIRU volunteered to participate in the MedZone pilot in 2010, staff quickly became aware of their own opportunities to improve processes, especially in performing double checks for high alert medications and minimizing interruptions.

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Celebrating the Memory of the "Mayor" of Scottish Rite

Walk the halls of Children's at Scottish Rite on the 29th of each month and you'll notice many employees are decked out in red. Ask someone why and you're likely to get a story like the ones below regarding Brody Cole.

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Children's Recognizes August Catch Me at My Best Winners

Congratulations to the following employees for winning this month's [Catch Me at My Best](#) drawing for a Children's duffle bag.

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Miss Our Childhood Obesity Press Conference? Catch Up by Watching the Video

On Monday, Aug. 22, Children's statewide childhood obesity campaign kicked off with a