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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 of 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!

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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.

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Our 2011 Service Awards are Fast Approaching—Have You RSVPed or Sent Thank You Notes?

Children's 2011 Service Award Celebrations are quickly approaching.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

press conference at Children's at Scottish Rite. [Watch the video of the event.](#)

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Aflac Cancer Center Joins Children's Oncology Group's Phase I Consortium

The Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's has been selected to be a member of the [Children's Oncology Group](#) (COG) Phase I and Pilot Consortium.

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Magnet Video: One Children's Nurse Goes Above and Beyond for Our Patients and Families

Here's another look at how Children's nurses are excelling and going above and beyond for our patients and families.

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Know Your Numbers—Register for a Wellness Fair

To give you a better understanding of your own health from the inside out, and to help you see your progress, Children's is hosting Health Risk Assessments and Wellness Fairs this August and September.

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Submit Your Employee Referral Story by Sept. 2 for a Chance to Win an iPod

As a Children's employee, you know the excitement and relief of finally getting that perfect job. Once you get settled in, it's easy to forget that somewhere along the way, someone in your network suggested that you look into applying at Children's.

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Get the Scoop on Our Service Anniversary Superstars of 2011

After giving 35, 40 or 45 years of invaluable service, Children's will recognize 11 women across the System this September at the Service Awards Banquet at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead. If you have ever been impacted by any of these women, or are just inspired by their dedication and drive, please take a moment to read their stories and

congratulate them.

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Epic in Action—A Look at New Tools

Last month, Children's took another important step in our transition to a comprehensive electronic health record system (EHR). So, how have staff and physicians adapted to their new patient care tools?

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Congrats to the 2011 Graduates of the Children's Management Essentials Program

Children's celebrated the graduation of 87 managers and supervisors this past April and August who recently completed our Management Essentials Program.

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Know a Great Nurse? Nominate Him/Her for March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Awards

Recognition and appreciation are just part of our DNA here at Children's, so it's no wonder that we want the world to know what fabulous clinical care we provide.

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Erika: By the Numbers

When she first started her blog *Erika is Losing It*, Erika wrote about skipping the wellness fair out of humiliation. Fast forward to today. She not only attended the fair, she isn't afraid to share her numbers.

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E-CC Selected as New Pediatric Heart Network Core Site for Clinical Research

Emory-Children's Pediatric Research Center (E-CC) was recently selected as a new Pediatric Heart Network (PHN) core site for clinical research. Created and funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, the PHN is a cooperative network of pediatric cardiovascular clinical research centers that conducts studies in children with congenital or acquired heart disease.

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Children's Emergency Department Recognized for Exceptional, Innovative Performance

The Emergency Nurses Association selected the Children's at Scottish Rite Emergency department as one of the first annual Lantern

Award winners.

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**A Small Star Brings Big
Encouragement: Selena
Gomez Visits The Voice**

Selena Gomez may be pint-sized, but she certainly brought larger-than-life excitement to the patients of Children's at Egleston when she stopped by The Voice on Aug. 2. Patients and families lined up outside the studio for pictures of the starlet, and she was happy to oblige with smiles and autographs.

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