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Children's Share Campaign Will Send Messages of Hope to Patients During Holidays

The holidays are a time of joy and hope—of togetherness and family. But it can also be a difficult time, especially for children who must celebrate from their hospital beds. This year, at least 1,280 children will spend their holidays at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. But you can brighten their day with one simple action.

Our marketing department is collecting messages from our employees and the greater community to share with our patients during the last weeks of the year. Our goal is to gather 1,280 messages—one for each patient staying at Children's—by Dec. 15.

To share your message, just visit ShareWithChildrens.org. During the last few weeks of the year, we'll broadcast your messages through the TVs in all three campuses—just in time to brighten a child's holiday.

We've created a [special video](#) to accompany the campaign. We're hoping to increase the views of the video on www.youtube.com/user/childrenshospitals, so please watch it from home and share the ShareWithChildrens.org link with your friends and family. The Verizon Foundation is matching every YouTube view of the "Share" video with a \$1 donation for Children's.

This video was filmed in one day, with one camera, at Children's at Scottish Rite. You'll see patients like Frances – in a bright pink bow – who's traveled from Augusta for more than a dozen surgeries at Children's.

Let children across the hospital system know you're thinking of them. Visit ShareWithChildrens.org to watch and share your message of hope today.

Check out some of the heartwarming messages we've already received:

"My grandson is a CHOA alum, and you will be, too. Never give up hope!" – Bud
"To the bravest kids the world has ever seen. You fight battles to the fullest and continue to love like no other. Merry Christmas & God Bless" – Kristin

"We all celebrated Christmas 2009 at CHOA's NICU. Even though we don't know you - we pray for each of you, DAILY!! You are LOVED!!!!" – The Berrys

"Forget Batman, Spiderman, or anyone else--you are the true superhero. Have an amazing holiday season." – Kelsey

"There are so many people out here who are behind you, support and CHEER for you! You are NEVER alone! Sent with love" – Marcus



Congratulations to our Strong4Life Scavenger Hunt Winners

Congratulations to the winners of part I of the Strong4Life Scavenger Hunt! Get ready for part II and another chance to win! [View Full Story >](#)

Children's Recognizes November 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. [View Full Story >](#)

Three Children's Nurses Win Nurse of the Year Awards

Congratulations to Children's nurses Nancy Wagner, Angela Hawthorne and Thomas Flynn. They were each honored by the March of Dimes at the second annual Nurse of the Year Awards Nov. 19. Children's had a total of 29 nominees. [View Full Story >](#)

Congratulations to the Top 25 Teams in the Fit4Fall Buddy Challenge

Congratulations to our first 25 teams to make it to Plymouth Rock, AL! You all did a fantastic job in your creative and fun team names and the Fit4Fall Buddy Challenge! [View Full Story >](#)

New Careforce Connection Will Help You Find Your Way

Children's is launching a new and improved Careforce Connection Intranet site on **Monday, Dec. 12**. You've shared that it's not always easy to find what you are looking for on the site, so we're making some key changes. [View Full Story >](#)

Learn How to Prevent, Recognize and React Responsibly to Child Sex Abuse with Stewards of Children Training

Are you outraged by the Penn State case? Find out what YOU can do to protect children! [View Full Story >](#)

All the Small Things: Help Children's Celebrate Holiday Happenings

"May you enjoy the magic of the holiday season and wishing you the bright and shiny promise of a New Year ahead!" – Gerri

"As a Nurse at Children's I know the difference YOU make to our days. Happy Holidays and thanks for being you!" – Lisa

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From now until Dec. 23, please keep your ears and eyes open for those special happenings with patients and staff. We'd love to share them with the community if possible and appropriate.

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Children's Leader Profile: Brett Lee

This summer, Brett Lee joined Children's as our new Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations. Now that he's settled in to his new role at Children's, we sat down with him to find out a little more about our newest member of the senior leadership team.

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[ShareWithChildrens.org](#). to learn more about this new campaign.

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Strong4Life Fall into Fitness Individual Steps Competition Starts is Under Way

The Strong4Life Fall into Fitness Individual Steps Competition is a four-week wellness competition for all employees. The goal of the competition is to encourage you to increase your physical activity before the holidays.

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Nominate a Children's Nurse for the ajcjobs Nursing Excellence Awards

Our Children's nurses go above and beyond each day. Let's recognize them for it. [Nominate](#) one (or several) of our amazing caregivers for the 7th annual ajcjobs Nursing Excellence Awards.

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It's Not Too Late to Update Your Biometrics and HRA by Dec. 31

Did you miss a wellness fair this year? If so, it's not too late to submit your biometrics to Atlanta Health Systems and complete your HRA before Dec. 31.

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Strong4Life Announces Participation in the Peachtree City Triathlon

Strong4Life is excited to announce our participation in the Peachtree City Triathlon on May 19.

Benefitting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, this triathlon offers two options: a sprint distance for the beginner and a longer international distance for the more experienced triathlete.