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Children's Honored Veterans at Breakfast Celebration

Children's is proud to employ more than 300 veterans of military service. View the [list of veterans](#).

They are true heroes—certainly to the patients and families we serve each day. They're also heroes to all of their co-workers here at Children's. Most importantly, they're heroes to the community for their selfless service to our country.

We celebrated our veterans today, when the nation observes Veterans Day. Help us recognize and thank them by sending a thank you note through [Celebrations!](#)

Veterans joined Donna Hyland and members of the Executive team this morning for the annual Salute to our Veterans breakfast. They heard from Donna and Calvin Calmes, who recently returned to work at Hughes Spalding after an 18-month deployment to Afghanistan. Veterans also participated in a special flag-raising ceremony to commemorate their service.

Here's the [complete list of employees](#) who have served. We also have four active duty military employees:

Jeremy Davison**Emergency department, Scottish Rite**

Jeremy recently arrived back in the U.S. after a second tour of duty in Kosovo with the Army. He deployed October 2011 and just returned in September.

Joseph Kegler**Sr. Field Services Technician, IS&T at The Park**

Joseph is a Sergeant First Class in the Army and is currently due to be released from active duty on December 31. He's currently stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta and he's planning to come back to work in January 2013.

Brittany Hemmer**PICU Nurse, Egleston**

After a tour in Afghanistan, Brittany is due back to work right around Thanksgiving.

Gary Purdie**Surgical Inventory Specialist, Scottish Rite**

Gary is currently deployed with the Army for stateside support.



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