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Patients Swarm New Kids on the Block, the Backstreet Boys and Jordin Sparks at The Voice

On June 22, patients, parents and staff alike swarmed The Voice at Children's at Egleston in anticipation of the biggest boy band of all time: NKOTBSB. The nine-person group, comprised of the New Kids on the Block and the Backstreet Boys, could now be considered a "man band" since none of the members are under the age of thirty, but this didn't bother any of the fans in the slightest. They screamed and applauded their approval when the band arrived at The Voice.

Patients were delighted to snap pictures with the members as they settled into the studio for their interview, and many were excited to later see Jordin Sparks, former American Idol and opening act for NKOTBSB.

"I can't wait to see her!" exclaimed one young girl. "She is really pretty, and she inspires me!" When asked if she was looking forward to the Backstreet Boys or New Kids on the Block, the patient's mother smiled and said, "That's who I'm excited to see!"

Employees and volunteers were also lined up to catch a glimpse of the stars. "I just love Nick Carter," said Marisa de la Garza, a staff nurse, while other employees nodded in approval.

Wendy Threatt, Voice Program Coordinator, conducted the studio interview with NKOTBSB as patients and camera crews shifted around trying to get the best view. The band talked about who is the biggest prankster of the group, their aging fan base and their favorite places to eat when on tour in the South (Waffle House!). After the interview, the band signed posters for all the patients and families, and then had an interview with E! TV, speaking highly of Children's and our patients.

"We are so grateful that we got to spend time with the kids here at The Voice," says New Kid Donnie Wahlberg. "We really gained some perspective on how blessed we are. It was a wonderful opportunity."

Brian Littrell, Backstreet Boy and Atlanta-area resident, was particularly appreciative; his son was treated at Children's when he was diagnosed with an artery disease in 2008. "Everyone here was so great to us then," he said. "And today it was a blessing to be here. It's a blessing that we have our health and it's a blessing to see the smiles of the kids."

As NKOTBSB smiled for pictures and signed autographs, Jordin Sparks was upstairs at Children's at Egleston greeting patients in their rooms. When her fellow tour members left, she came down to The Voice, chatting amiably with Wendy about her plans for the future ("I'd love to be in a movie as an action star!"), what it was like to be the youngest American Idol and her charity work. Jordan has traveled to Africa several times, most recently to Rwanda with the Starkey Hearing Foundation, which donates hearing aids to those in need.

"What would all of this be if I couldn't give back to those in need?" said the poised 21-year-old. "In my family, giving back is something we've always done."

And giving back with her big smile is exactly what she did. Jordin greeted each child who approached her for a picture or autograph as if they were the only child in the world, much like the members of the New Kids on the Block and the Backstreet Boys.

Careforce Connection Checks In with Ami Klin, PhD, Director of the Marcus Autism Center

After being in Atlanta for only five months, Marcus Autism Center Director Dr. Ami Klin is already wholeheartedly donning a number of hats, all of which benefit the lives of children with autism and their families.

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Erika Is Losing It Because She Just Met the Man of Her Dreams

Erika, a Writer and Editor in Marketing, describes her undying teenage passion for a member of the New Kids on the Block, and how meeting him at The Voice gave her insight into her "step by step" journey.

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Note SharePoint Maintenance June 29

IS&T will perform maintenance to SharePoint from 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Wednesday, June 29.

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Environmental Committee at Children's at Scottish Rite Promotes "GROWing" Recycling Efforts

Stephanie Goetter, Staff Nurse, started the G.R.O.W. (Greening and Reducing Operational Waste) Committee in the Operating Room Department at Children's at Scottish Rite in April 2009. Check out some easy ways that you can go green in your own department.

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Hyundai Hope on Wheels Supports Aflac Cancer Center with \$50,000

On Friday, June 24, Greater Atlanta Hyundai Dealers joined Hyundai Motor America in support of childhood cancer research by presenting a \$50,000 Hyundai Scholar grant to the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's at Egleston as part of the 2011 Hope on Wheels program.

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Children's Recognizes School at Work Graduates

The Children's School at Work (SAW) Program graduation

By the big smiles and excited hugs with the singers, most of the patients, families and staff at the event would have said that they had the afternoon of a lifetime, but New Kid Jordan Knight seems to have been one of the most moved. "I wish I was as strong as those kids," he tweeted. "We were blessed to be there and share with such amazing people."

ceremony for the class of 2011 was held Friday, June 24.

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New Child Passenger Safety Restraint Law Becomes**Effective in Georgia July 1**

Effective July 1, 2011, all children under 8 years old must be properly secured in an approved car seat or booster seat while riding in a car, van, SUV or pickup truck.

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Matt Ryan Golf Tournament Raises Money for Children's

Atlanta Falcons Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Ryan hosted his inaugural Celebrity-Am Classic golf tournament at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth, Ga. More than 125 golfers participated in this sold-out event to benefit Children's and The Matt Ryan Foundation.

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Children's Fairy Godmother Celebrates 90th Birthday

A little magic goes a long way for the patients of Children's at Egleston when it's coupled with a beaming smile, a big hug and a cooing voice with a British lilt saying, "Oh, well don't you just look wonderful today!"

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Taking the First Step: Physicians Using New e-prescribing Tools

After many months of planning, Children's launched e-prescribing in Epic June 22. With e-prescribing, Epic will transmit prescriptions (except for controlled medications and compound medications) to retail pharmacies that participate in the Surescripts network, the nation's largest vendor for electronic prescriptions.

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Children's Open Strong4Life Teaching Garden for Patients and Families

On Thursday, June 23, Children's held a grand opening for our Strong4Life Teaching Garden at Children's at Scottish Rite.

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Children's Commute

**Alternatives Give You Power at the Pump**

High gas prices are putting a squeeze on household budgets across the nation. In Atlanta, gas prices are now around \$3.50 a gallon and Children's wants to remind you that we are continuing to offer support and financial incentives to help you save money on your commute to work.

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Your Favorite Healthy Recipe Could be the Next Big Thing at Children's

Submit your healthy recipes for our 2012 employee calendar recipe contest by July 8. Selected employees will have their picture in the calendar, receive a \$100 gift card to purchase new kitchen gadgets and attend a free cooking class! In addition, in the month that your dish is featured on the calendar, it will be served in our cafeterias at Children's at Egleston, Children's at Scottish Rite and The Park.

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Erika Unexpectedly Falls in Love

This week on Erika is Losing It, Erika, a Marketing Writer and Editor, describes her summer kryptonite – the bathing suit. But after losing 100 pounds, she's looking at swimsuits with a fresh perspective.

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The Voice Sizzles This Summer with Celebrity Performances

The Voice is heating up this summer with a number of celebrity appearances! This week, New Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys (also known as boy band supergroup NKOTBSB) and former American Idol Jordin Sparks will perform at The Voice before their concert at Philips Arena.

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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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Construction Begins on Emory Campus for New Health Sciences Research Building

On June 15, construction of a new 200,000 square foot Health Sciences Research Building on the Emory University campus

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kicked off with an official groundbreaking ceremony.

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Children's Physicians and Staff Create Safe Surgery Checklist Video for National Time Out Day

June 15 is National Time Out Day, a national effort sponsored by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). The event is designed to raise awareness of the importance of safe, infection-free surgery and encourage commitment from surgical teams to prevent wrong site, wrong patient and wrong procedure surgeries.

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Children's at Hughes Spalding Makes the Top 10

We are pleased to report that Children's at Hughes Spalding has received national recognition for their compliance in improving the asthma home management plan of care.

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A Georgia Boy Comes Home: Country Artist Corey Smith Performs at The Voice

Corey Smith may be a huge country star, but when he stopped by The Voice at Children's at Egleston on June 14, patients and families learned that this Georgia boy is more like them than they thought.

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"She's Our Dynamo"—Volunteer at Children's at Egleston Spotlighted for Her Service

Children's employees see big miracles in the small bodies of the patients we care for every day. But there's one pint-sized dynamo of a volunteer at Children's at Egleston who is making her mark one step at a time - and she's taken over 1 million of those steps.

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Donna Hyland Selected as One of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans

Atlanta Business Chronicle recently selected Donna Hyland, Children's CEO, as one of the 100 Most Influential Atlantans for 2011. This is the first year she has been profiled on the prestigious list.

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Emergency Department and Immediate Care Clinicians: Sign Up for Epic Training

If you work in these areas, sign up for training today.

[View Full Story >](#)**One Step Closer to Magnet Recognition**

After months of preparation, Children's added the final touches to our Magnet application and submitted it to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) June 1. The document, more than 430 pages in length with 2,823 pages of reference materials, captures stories of who we are as caregivers at Children's.

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

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The WSB crew is back to help raise funds for the Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's in the 11th annual Care-a-Thon, Aug. 11-12.

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