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Children's Opens Neighborhood Location at The Avenue Forsyth

Starting today, June 1, Children's began treating patients at its neighborhood location at The Avenue Forsyth in Cumming. The new, 20,000-square-foot space is Children's northernmost location and provides outpatient services, including immediate care, rehabilitation, sports medicine, orthotics and prosthetics, X-ray and laboratory services. The location is also home to pediatric specialists for orthopaedics, hand and upper extremity, general surgery, allergy and asthma, otolaryngology (ENT) and ophthalmology.

With 118,000 pediatric residents and a projected growth rate double that of Atlanta, expansion into Forsyth County was a natural fit for Children's. Children's Healthcare of Forsyth is one of 17 neighborhood locations in the Children's System. Located off Peachtree Parkway, the new location will also serve families in Cherokee, Dawson, Gwinnett, Hall and Lumpkin counties.



"Whether you're the parent of a high school athlete or a toddler with the flu, you'll find staff at Children's Healthcare of Forsyth with years of extra training and age-based treatments to treat the full range of pediatric health issues," said Linda Cole, vice president of ambulatory services at Children's and Forsyth County resident who led the implementation of the new location. "In choosing The Avenue Forsyth for this location, our goal was to provide parents in Forsyth County and surrounding areas immediate access to advanced pediatric care. The enthusiastic welcome we've received has only increased our excitement about calling Forsyth County home."

With extended hours and 15 exam rooms in its Immediate Care Center, Children's Healthcare of Forsyth was designed to ensure shorter wait times. The space also includes a rock climbing wall and several specialized gyms, including a sensory gym with a pediatric zip line and swings.

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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Sign Up Early for 24 Hours of Booty to Get a Discount

On Oct. 1, 24 Hours of Booty will host its second annual Atlanta event. 24 Hours of Booty is a 24-hour cycling event, committed to raising funds for cancer programs and research at the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's and LIVESTRONG.

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Fox5 Atlanta Interviews Safe Kids Georgia about Dangers of Leaving Children in Cars— Watch the Video

Last year, 49 children in the United States died as a result of heat stroke, or hyperthermia, after being locked in hot cars—and three of those children were from Georgia. This year, Children's and Safe Kids Georgia, an organization that raises awareness to prevent accidental childhood death and injury, are working to avoid these tragedies.

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Kudos to Children's Employees

Congratulations to several Children's employees who have made remarkable achievements.

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Most know Steve Smith from his former NBA days with the Atlanta Hawks, as well as his current position as a studio analyst for NBA TV. But until June 10, he'll hold another title: professional Twitter user.
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You4Life and Weight Watchers at Work have teamed up to create a program that helps Children's employees not only meet their wellness goals, but change their lives. Christina Hernandez, a Clinical Review Nurse at The Park, is one of the success stories of the program, and now reaps the benefits.

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

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With Georgia ranking second in childhood obesity in the nation, it's a problem the state can't ignore. And, as a voice for Georgia's kids, Children's is addressing the issue.

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On May 25, IS&T launched a new upgrade to the existing Children's Application Portal environment (CAP).

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Create your team for Strong4Life's Summer Steps Challenge.

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Effective June 1, Children's will roll out a new peripheral IV securement device called SorbaViewSHIELD.

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As the morning of Sunday, May 22, grew increasingly warmer, Walk Now for Autism