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A Hero Amongst Us: Celebrating Breast Cancer Survivor Brenda Kiser

"There are heroes who walk among us, never looking for glory or praise. They don't seek recognition for their thoughtful, caring ways. Living lives of deep commitment, providing for those they hold dear, steadfast with a quiet strength through times of laughter and tears."

Colleagues of Brenda Kiser, Registered Nurse Colleague, Judson L.

Hawk Multidisciplinary Clinic, recited those words to honor one of their heroes. When doctors diagnosed Kiser with breast cancer earlier this year, she continued to work with a smile. Her smile endured treatment and returned with her to work. One of her colleagues said, "One could see the strength and determination in her eyes that this disease would not beat her; she would conquer it."

Kiser's fortitude gained her the respect and admiration of her colleagues, and they saw fit to honor the woman whose smile made even the most trying days a little better. On Thursday, Oct. 27, the staff wore pink to honor Kiser as well as other breast cancer survivors. The touching ceremony included a speech celebrating her positive attitude and resolve as well as a pink cake.



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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!

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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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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!

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

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

We're hoping to gather more than 1, 280 messages for the children that will spend the holidays at our hospitals. Visit

[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.

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Though CCHD does not often present in newborns, when it does, it has the potential to be fatal. The good news is that a simple, inexpensive test can detect CCHD in newborns.

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The next time you get the urge to snack, stop by one of the 175 new vending machines arriving at Children's campus locations this month. You'll quickly see that these are no ordinary vending machines—they're filled with new and healthy snack options.

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On Nov. 9, First Lady of Georgia Sandra Deal and members of her staff—at the request of Children's Government Affairs department—visited Marcus Autism Center.

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Where has the time gone? Just over a year ago, The Voice opened its doors at Children's at Egleston.

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Colleagues of Brenda Kiser recently honored her as one of their heroes!

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The ever-popular Aflac Duck uses his fame for good. Proceeds from <http://www.aflacholidayduck.com/> purchases of the traditional duck directly benefit The Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorder Service of Children's.

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The amazing stories of how Children's made a difference in the lives of patients and their families inspired so many.

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The Health Education Expo recognized Children's Healthcare of Atlanta staff and physicians for outstanding accomplishments in healthcare education during the

month of September.

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Meet Physical Therapist

Suzanne Trumbower

Physical therapist Suzanne Trumbower covers the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and general medicine floors at Children's at Egleston.

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Kudos Children's Employees

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

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Children's Recognized for Innovation in Reducing Medication Events

When Children's launched the "Shh...We're in the MedZone" campaign in 2010 to improve medication safety, we looked to other industries to understand best practices in supporting the reduction of errors. Little did we realize that just a year later, other industries would be looking at us as an example of excellence.

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Congratulations to You4Life Winner Traci Antes

You4Life and Weight Watchers at Work have enabled Children's employees to not only meet their wellness goals, but change their lives. By attending daily exercise classes with The Park's resident fitness trainer, Rod Johnson, getting nutritional advice and consultations from The Park's staff dietitian, Mindy Belcher, and attending weekly Weight Watchers meetings at Work, Traci Antes has lost more than 10% of her body weight!

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