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Apply for Candlish Nursing Scholarship by June 3

Since 1961, the Jessie M. Candlish Scholarship has helped nurses continue their education by alleviating some of the financial strain. The Egleston Auxiliary, now Friends, established the scholarship to support the training of pediatric nurses. The fund is also a memorial to Miss Jessie M. Candlish, the first Director of Nursing at Egleston Children's Hospital. Candlish served as director from 1928 to 1959 and exemplified excellence in nursing. Today, the scholarship that bears her name is awarded to Children's employees currently enrolled in an accredited nursing program.

"When I received the scholarship, I got an unexpected benefit," said Angie Hawthorne, RN, MS, CPN, "A huge boost to my self-esteem." Hawthorne, Clinical Educator, Children's at Egleston, was a 2006 Candlish Scholarship recipient, who decided to go back to school for her BSN. She enrolled in the program at Mercer and applied for the scholarship to offset some of her tuition expenses. She didn't anticipate the support she also received. "Being selected by the committee for this scholarship convinced me that I was doing the right thing by going back to school," she said. "As a mother of two and full-time nurse, it was a tough decision, but receiving this scholarship helped me feel like I was on the right track."

"I had the incredible privilege of being one of the Candlish Scholarship recipients in 2008" said Orlin Marquez, Practice Manager. "Receiving the Candlish Scholarship made me feel like I had taken a giant step forward towards achieving my dream of becoming a registered nurse. The award represented a public affirmation of the hard work and commitment that I have placed into nursing school. I was impressed by the Candlish organization's commitment to helping qualified individuals become excellent nurses! I am very much aware of the vital role the Candlish Scholarship played in helping me achieve my goal. Thank you!"

"Receiving the Jessie M. Candlish Scholarship in 2009 was a true honor" said Marie Sosebee, RN, BSN, CWOCN, Coordinator of Clinical Staff Development. "I was impressed by the application and interview process and felt that my contributions to Children's and the pediatric nursing profession were recognized. It helped support my return to school as a graduate student for the North Georgia College & State University Master of Science with a major in Nursing Education program. This advanced degree program will provide me with the tools necessary to become a more effective educator, and I am proud to represent Children's as a scholarship recipient."

Rachael Kubiski RN, BSN, Clinical Educator stated, "Receiving the scholarship and being recognized by the community and Children's was truly an honor. As a clinical educator on the 1st floor at Scottish Rite, obtaining my Master's in Nursing Education will enhance the quality of education I can provide for our staff. This education has already resulted in positively and directly impacting my role as a professional. As the cost of education continues to increase, the availability of scholarships and financial assistance are crucial. The continued support from my peers and leadership in pursuing my educational goals makes me proud to be a Candlish Scholarship recipient."

Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$2,000 each. A minimum of one scholarship is given each year; however, more scholarships may be awarded depending on the available funds.

A Gift that Honors Education and Dedication

The Candlish scholarship is a gift from Friends and requires no obligation of the

Take Advantage of Employee Discount Days, April 7 and 9

April employee discount days are Thursday, April 7 and Saturday, April 9.
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Attention Therapists: Sign Up for CME Classes during Second Quarter

Children's offers our therapists many continuing education classes every year.
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Fill out and submit an [application](#) and [questionnaire](#) for the Jessie M. Candlish Scholarship by June 3.
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Vote for Family Dance Off Finalist Video to Help Children's Win \$30,000

The Primrose Family Dance Off campaign is coming to a close, and Children's has a video in the finals!
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Purchase Tickets for Shrek the Musical, benefitting Children's

Help support Children's by coming to see Shrek the Musical at The Fox Theatre.
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American Idol Finalist Kimberly Caldwell Visits The Voice

Last week, Kimberly Caldwell, American Idol finalist from Season 2, stopped by The Voice to hug on our kids and perform a few songs.
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Are You an Expectant Parent? Enjoy the Benefits of Pre-Natal Screening

As an expectant parent, you can join Future Moms pre-natal screening program if you are a member of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia.
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Several Camps Seek Nurses and Counselors This Summer

The following camps are seeking help this summer. Come and have a week to remember for a lifetime. Don't forget: with a manager's

recipient. To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited nursing program for an RN degree or higher, with a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0
- Be an employee of Children's as of May 30, 2011
- Uphold the Mission and Values of the System
- Submit a completed application, questionnaire, essay and references by Friday, June 3.

The Candlish Fund Committee will review the applications and hold panel interviews for qualifying candidates. This committee is made up of the Auxiliary Fund Chairman, the Human Resource Specialist, the Director of Volunteer Services of Children's and the Student Placement Coordinator.

Fill out and submit an [application](#) and [questionnaire](#) by June 3.

For more information, contact [Shannon Dunlap](#), ext. 57812.

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approval, a Children's employee does not have to take PTO to attend.

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Test Your Child Life Smarts for a Chance to Win

Child life specialists work with patients and families to reduce the stress and anxiety that can come with the healthcare experience.

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Clinical Data Request Form Now Available

A new form is available on Careforce Connection to request clinical data.

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Note Changes to Central Equipment at Children's at Eggleston

Effective March 1, Central Equipment at Children's at Eggleston is managed by Clinical Engineering instead of Surgical Services.

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Clinical Staff: Note Change in Ordering Sweat Chloride Testing

In an effort to streamline the ordering process for sweat chloride testing, starting Monday, March 7, there will be one phone number to call to schedule sweat testing for both inpatients and outpatients at Children's at Eggleston and Children's at Scottish Rite.

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Do You Know a Child Who Would Benefit from Our Camp Strong4Life?

[Camp Strong4Life](#), Children's residential camp for overweight and obese children, is currently accepting registrations. Camp is open to all children across the state of Georgia between the ages of 9-14 who are struggling with their weight.

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Magnet Toolkits Available for Nursing Staff

To continue preparing for the anticipated Magnet site visit during Q3, we're providing a series of educational toolkits to guide nurses through this process.

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Security Services Now Manages Overhead Announcement Requests

The hospital operators at Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Eggleston have officially merged with the Call Center and moved to Building 1645 at The Park.