

## Children's Receives AADD Employer of the Year Award

Children's has been recognized as Employer of the Year by the [All About Developmental Disabilities](#) (AAD) organization for our success with the Project SEARCH Program. AADD has a 50-year history as Atlanta's premiere nonprofit organization in service and advocacy to people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. AADD aims to build communities of support, acceptance and opportunity for children, adults and families living with developmental disabilities.

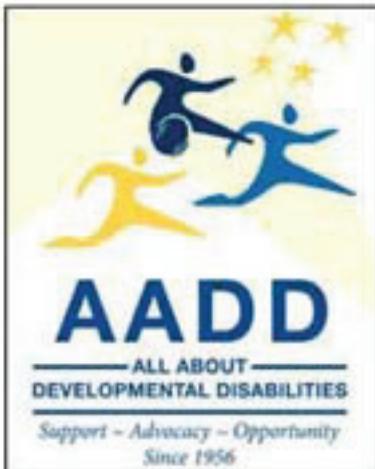
Children's was nominated by our Lead Job Coach Emily Myers, who works with Briggs and Associates (the organization that supports the program). The AADD Annual Heart of Gold Awards Event will be held Wednesday April 29, at the Emory Conference Center Hotel.

Children's hired its first Project SEARCH employee in February 2007. Today, we've grown the program to 16 Project SEARCH employees in 13 departments across two of our hospital campuses. Employees in the Project SEARCH program have day-to-day responsibilities such as checking refrigerator temperatures, stocking supply carts, checking code carts and pulling syringes full of medicine.

We are thrilled with the amazing results of our partnership with Project SEARCH. Our Project SEARCH employees really enjoy their experience at Children's. Meanwhile, these employees provide hope to our families who have children with disabilities. We've also realized bottom-line benefits, as the role of one of our Project SEARCH employees is helping to save the organization nearly \$25,000.

For more information on Project SEARCH, contact [Michael Landis](#), ext. 56975.

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### Swine Flu: No Confirmed Cases in Georgia as of 27

On April 21, 2009, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced two cases of swine influenza in California. Since then, several other states have reported confirmed cases. While there is a new strain of swine flu today, there are no recent confirmed cases in the state of Georgia.

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### Epic and SMS Down May 1 for System Configuration

Epic and SMS will be off the air from 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1, through 5 a.m. Friday, May 1, so IS&T can apply patches for hospital and professional billing, Surgical Services operations, and 11 ancillary departments that will move their patient documentation from paper to electronic records.

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### New Epic Tools Launched Friday

On May 1, we'll add new tools for hospital and professional billing, Surgical Services' clinical operations, and 11 ancillary departments that will move their patient documentation from paper to electronic medical records. Familiarize yourself with downtime procedures, process, go-live support, and more.

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