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Your Link to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

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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. While you may be familiar with Magnet as a benchmark for nursing excellence, it's about all of us and how we support each other through teamwork, shared decision-making, interdisciplinary relationships and our commitment to putting patients first in everything we do.

Magnet recognizes clinical excellence, exemplary quality care and outcomes. Since its inception in 1994, Magnet has been considered to be the Gold Standard in nursing. In fact, only 6 percent of hospitals in the United States have achieved this status, making it a standout honor in healthcare.

Later this year, appraisers from the ANCC will visit Children's to see firsthand the amazing work you do to deliver quality care to the kids in our communities. In the meantime, we'll continue highlighting examples of how we're exemplifying Magnet excellence each and every day and how you can get involved in the recognition process.

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Marcus Autism Center Breaks Ground on New Parking Lot and Playground
On June 13, Marcus Autism Center officially broke ground on an extended parking lot, a much needed addition to its facilities. A playground occupies the area where the new parking lot will go, so a new and improved playground will be rebuilt in a location just behind the lot.
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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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Children's Employee Choir to Perform National Anthem at Georgia Force Game This Friday, June 17
This Friday, June 17, the Children's Employee Choir will sing the national anthem at a Georgia Force game. Georgia's arena football team will take on the New Orleans VooDoo at the Arena at Gwinnett Center at 8:05 p.m., and the choir will perform right before kickoff.
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Children's Celebrates June Catch Me at My Best Winners
Congratulations to employees Breanna Waever, Hollis Smith and Candace Clarke for winning this month's Catch Me at My Best drawing for a Children's duffle bag.
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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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