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VolunTEENs Share Time in Exchange for Lasting Memories

Every year hundreds of Atlanta teenagers vie for a spots in the Children's VolunTEEN program. The eight-week program places participants throughout Children's at Hughes Spalding, Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Egleston. In their own words, here's what some of our VolunTEENs had to say about the experience.



"Volunteering at Children's at Scottish Rite has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I realize that there were many students that applied for these very coveted positions, and I feel extremely fortunate to have been accepted. One of my goals is to become a pharmacist, and being able to volunteer in a medical setting has really helped confirm my desire to become a pharmacist and work in a medical field.

I learned a lot about myself while volunteering at Children's. First of all, I learned that good health is really important and should never be taken for granted. If I could only have on thing, I would choose good health—not wealth or beauty or even the cutest guy in school for a boyfriend. I also learned that a simple smile can help someone that is having a hard day. It seems like such a simple thing to do, but sharing a smile with a sick child or his/her parent can brighten the day." — Rebecca Harman

"The sparkle of an eye, a chuckle, a smile on a child's face is all it takes to assure yourself that you brought happiness to a child. Every single day that I volunteered at Children's at Scottish Rite, I left filled with joy and feeling lucky that I got the privilege to work with the amazing individuals that make everything happen and the wonderful children here at Children's.

Since I am going to be in my senior year of high school this fall, I have really started thinking about what I want to do with my life and what I want to become. Through volunteering at Children's, I have started considering nursing as a career. Education was my first choice, yet in the past couple of months, nursing has taken that spot due to the amazing opportunities I have seen nursing has.

Overall volunteering at Children's means so much to me. This experience has taught me to be thankful for everything God has given me and not to get caught up in the little things in life. It has also taught me to appreciate all the men and women who work in the medical field; they all have a very important job!" — Lindsey Godfrey

"I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as a VolunTEEN at Children's. Not only did this experience reinforce my love for children and desire to be a nurse someday, it also gave me a new sense of compassion for sick and hurting people. I had never had any experiences with the hospital before this program, so my eyes were really opened to just how important compassion is.

The Buzz about Epic's Revenue Cycle Launch at Marcus Autism Center, Emory-Children's Center

We're more than a week into the launch of Epic's revenue cycle software at Marcus Autism Center and Emory-Children's Center, and our new processes are underway and running smoothly.

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Strong4Life Just Added Five More Wellness Fair Options—Sign Up Today

Strong4Life Wellness Fairs kick off Aug. 2, so be sure to make an appointment soon so that you can receive a discount on your 2011 health plan premiums.

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Congratulations DAISY Award Winners

Congratulations to DAISY Award winners Linda Ballard and Tamra Prieur. The DAISY Award recognizes nurses for their commitment to the highest standards of nursing and for making a difference in the lives of the patients and families we serve.

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Service Excellence Soars on 5 East at Children's at Egleston

The team on 5East at Children's at Egleston is no stranger to providing seamless, consistent and special service to their patients and families.

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Internet Explorer Upgrade Sept. 3-20

IS&T will continue to upgrade the current version of Children's Web browser to Internet Explorer 7 beginning 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 through 8 p.m.

I think the coolest experience was bringing the art cart around to children. One day I helped a little boy make a picture frame and a door hanger name tag. The cool part apart it was that he did not want to make them for himself, but for his brother and sister. He was the patient, but still thinking of others before himself. The bog was not actually able to do very much, but he told us how to spell his brother and sister's names and picked out their favorite colors. He kept telling us how excited he was to give it to his brother and sister. My favorite part of the whole thing, though, was that he told us to write "best brother" and "best sister" on the door hanger and picture frame. Here was this little hurting boy in a hospital bed caring more about his brother and sister than he was about his own situation! If only we could all be like that boy!

I had a great experience and will definitely do it again next summer!" — Kiersten DiQuollo

"I have really enjoyed working at Children's at Scottish Rite this summer. There is definitely a reason why this is my second summer as a VolunTEEN. I came back, because this program really showed what working in a hospital would be like. I liked the fact that my two shifts were completely different. One was in the medical office building, and the second was in the PACU. They showed me the variety of jobs there are in a hospital.

This program has been such a great learning experience. It also has been really fun, too! I have met some very interesting people in addition to the volunteering. Last year, I came into this program thinking about going into the medical field, and now, I am certain that I want to be a doctor. I think this program is a really great opportunity for kids who are interest in medicine. The VolunTEEN Program really introduced me to the hospital experience and has made me want to further pursue my dream of becoming a doctor." — Priyanka Krishnan

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Note New Payroll Reclass Form

Payroll is implementing a new payroll reclass form for all non-grant paid employees.
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Get Your Team Together for the Strong Legs Run, Nov. 6

Children's is gearing up for the 26th annual [Strong Legs Run](#), Saturday, Nov. 6, at Turner Field.
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Care-a-Thon Raises More Than \$1.4 Million for Aflac Cancer Center

Last week, at the conclusion of Care-a-Thon on Aug. 27, radio personalities Clark Howard and Scott Slade were on hand to celebrate the fundraising total of more than \$1.4 million—a record number, even in a tough economy.
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Ryan Seacrest Foundation Donates First Broadcast Media Center to Children's

The Ryan Seacrest Foundation recently announced a new initiative to build broadcast media centers within pediatric hospitals and just began construction of its first center at Children's.
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Get the Latest on Our New Epic Revenue Cycle Tools

On Sept. 1, we expanded our patient scheduling, registration and billing processes to Marcus Autism Center and Emory-Children's Center. Go-live support and conference call updates are available.
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Best Self Atlanta Features Linda Matzigkeit on Cover

Linda Matzigkeit, SVP, Strategic Planning and Human Resources is featured on the cover of the September issue of *Best Self Atlanta* magazine.
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Protect our Patients from the Flu

Did you know that influenza infections are associated with thousands of deaths every year in the United States? That is a scary thought, and because many of our patients are too young to receive the flu vaccine, it's up to us to help protect them from this deadly disease.
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