

Save Time and Money This Holiday Season

The holiday season is a wonderful time of year, but it's also an extremely busy time. Because of the busyness of gift-buying, present-wrapping and party planning during the holidays, it can be challenging to get everything accomplished—and without stressful days and sleepless nights.

Here are a few ways Children's supports employees and their families, so they can make the most of this holiday season.

Delegate holiday duties

Although the holidays seem to start earlier and earlier each year, there doesn't seem to be enough time to squeeze in everything. The Children's concierge, At Your Service, is able to save employees a few minutes (or hours) of time by reserving tickets—usually at a discounted rate—to holiday shows and events for employees.

At Your Service has tickets for the following holiday events this year: Disney's Beauty and the Beast at The Fabulous Fox Theatre, Atlanta Ballet's The Nutcracker, Garden Lights Holiday Nights at Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Callaway Gardens Fantasy in Lights and more.

At Your Service is more than a ticket service. Their concierge staff can assist employees with party planning, tracking down that hard-to-find present, grocery shopping and other personal errands.

Find childcare

Because school holiday breaks don't always match with employee vacations, Children's back-up care option is a great solution for filling in childcare gaps. Bright Horizons offers childcare locations, as well as in-home care providers. Bright Horizons also can provide elder care services and assist with providing care for a sick child. Children's employees receive a heavily discounted rate for the back-up childcare services.

Sittercity.com is free to employees and is a great resource for finding full-time care providers, as well as the occasional sitter for a Friday night holiday party.

For more holiday discount and event information, employees should check out Careforce Connection throughout the season.

Give Up Wrapping Duties

Back by popular demand, Children's is offering free gift wrapping services to employees again this year. A professional wrapper will be onsite at designated locations to wrap up to four presents per employee.

Riley Palmer, Physician Recruiter, found the gift wrapping service to be a lifesaver last year. "I typically travel up to North Carolina to be with family during the holidays, and each year I find it tough to find the time to get all my shopping done, let alone find the time to try and wrap all of the presents before I leave," said Palmer. "Last year I used the gift wrapping service, and they did a fantastic job and made it look like I knew what I was doing when it came time to exchange presents."

Save money

Children's employees are eligible for a number of discounts with online retailers through our corporate perks program. Staff should visit the Children's Corporate Perks link first, and it will redirect to the retail site, with the employee discount included. Online retailers include Walmart, Dell.com, Lands' End, Macy's and Best Buy.

Login details: <https://choa.corporateperks.com/login>



2012 Gift Wrapping Dates

Scottish Rite

Monday, Dec. 10

Egleston

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Hughes Spalding

Thursday, Dec. 13

The Park

Friday, Dec. 14

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Marcus Autism Center

Tuesday, Dec. 18