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A Small Star Brings Big Encouragement: Selena Gomez Visits The Voice

Selena Gomez may be pint-sized, but she certainly brought larger-than-life excitement to the patients of Children's at Egleston when she stopped by [The Voice](#) on Aug. 2. Patients and families lined up outside the studio for pictures of the starlet, and she was happy to oblige with smiles and autographs.

Although this was her first time at The Voice at Children's at Egleston, Selena is very involved with the [Ryan Seacrest Foundation](#), which donated the funds to start The Voice. She attended the [opening of The Voice at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#) in July, where she sang along with a patient who played the guitar.

Selena performed at Chastain Amphitheatre Aug. 2, but she told Connie Seacrest, Executive Director of the Ryan Seacrest Foundation, that she wished she could have stayed at Children's all day.

Unfortunately, her time at The Voice was short, but it certainly was sweet. Katie Tanner, Marketing Coordinator, filled in for Wendy Threatt, Voice Program Coordinator, and she asked Selena about her time off, her five dogs and the fragrance she's working on. Most of the questions came from patients in the studio, as well as phone calls from kids listening from their rooms. One little girl asked Selena about her favorite song to perform, and Selena responded from the heart.

"I really love 'Who Says'," she said. "I read it for the first time and I instantly related to it. It's not easy growing up and finding out who you are. I wanted that song—I needed that song."

She also responded frankly to a question about going to college. "Since I'm on a schedule and we're thinking about a world tour, and I've already made commitments for this next year, I don't think I can right now," she said. "I'd like to someday, but at the moment, I just can't."

Her soft-spoken demeanor and quiet presence may have made it difficult for some patients outside The Voice to hear, but she gave each child individual attention as they came up to her to pose for pictures. Selena gave hugs, laughed with families and even gave one little girl a beaded bracelet right off her wrist.

It was clear that her fans adored her as much as she loved on them. One patient had a picture of Selena carefully torn from a magazine that she asked Selena to sign and her small body was shaking as she stood by Selena for a photo. "Her jaw dropped when she heard that Selena Gomez was coming," said the patient's sister. "She's Selena's number one fan!" added her doctor.

Selena was as encouraging and positive as her favorite song's lyrics: "I'm no beauty queen, I'm just beautiful me/You got every right to a beautiful life, come on." As the words rang out in the studio, it was clear by the smiles of the patients as they hugged Selena that, despite their obstacles, they felt that they truly had that right.

Chronicle Quiz: And the Winners are...

Thanks to all the *Careforce Chronicle* readers who submitted answers to the Chronicle Quiz in the latest issue of the magazine!

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Memorial Service Scheduled for Florence (Flo) Zerbe Thursday, Sept. 8

The service for Flo Zerbe is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. in the Children's at Egleston Chapel.

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Children's 2011 Service Award Celebrations are quickly approaching.

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Children's has extended our Epic clinical documentation, patient tracking and ordering tools to Marcus Autism Center.

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To minimize security risks on our network and ensure compliance with HIPAA requirements, Children's is continuing its phased implementation of a new password policy, which will require users to change their network passwords.

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The Kaiser Permanente Corporate 5K Run/Walk, is Thursday, Sept. 8. There's still time to sign up for the event. Also, find out all you need to know about race-day logistics.

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