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## **Children's Share Campaign Will Send Messages of Hope to Patients During Holidays**

The holidays are a time of joy and hope—of togetherness and family. But it can also be a difficult time, especially for children who must celebrate from their hospital beds. This year, at least 1,280 children will spend their holidays at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. But you can brighten their day with one simple action.

Our marketing department is collecting messages from our employees and the greater community to share with our patients during the last weeks of the year. Our goal is to gather 1,280 messages—one for each patient staying at Children's—by Dec. 15.

To share your message, just visit [ShareWithChildrens.org](http://ShareWithChildrens.org). During the last few weeks of the year, we'll broadcast your messages through the TVs in all three campuses—just in time to brighten a child's holiday.

We've created a [special video](#) to accompany the campaign. We're hoping to increase the views of the video on [www.youtube.com/user/childrenshospitals](http://www.youtube.com/user/childrenshospitals), so please watch it from home and share the [ShareWithChildrens.org](http://ShareWithChildrens.org) link with your friends and family. The Verizon Foundation is matching every YouTube view of the "Share" video with a \$1 donation for Children's.

This video was filmed in one day, with one camera, at Children's at Scottish Rite. You'll see patients like Frances – in a bright pink bow – who's traveled from Augusta for more than a dozen surgeries at Children's.

Let children across the hospital system know you're thinking of them. Visit [ShareWithChildrens.org](http://ShareWithChildrens.org) to watch and share your message of hope today.

Check out some of the heartwarming messages we've already received:

"My grandson is a CHOA alum, and you will be, too. Never give up hope!" – Bud  
"To the bravest kids the world has ever seen. You fight battles to the fullest and continue to love like no other. Merry Christmas & God Bless" – Kristin

"We all celebrated Christmas 2009 at CHOA's NICU. Even though we don't know you - we pray for each of you, DAILY!! You are LOVED!!!!" – The Berrys

"Forget Batman, Spiderman, or anyone else--you are the true superhero. Have an amazing holiday season." – Kelsey

"There are so many people out here who are behind you, support and CHEER for you! You are NEVER alone! Sent with love" – Marcus



### **Congratulations to our Strong4Life Scavenger Hunt Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of part I of the Strong4Life Scavenger Hunt! Get ready for part II and another chance to win!  
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### **Children's Recognizes November Catch Me at My Best Winners**

Congratulations to the following employees for winning this month's [Catch Me at My Best](#) drawing for a Children's duffle bag.  
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### **Three Children's Nurses Win Nurse of the Year Awards**

Congratulations to Children's nurses Nancy Wagner, Angela Hawthorne and Thomas Flynn. They were each honored by the March of Dimes at the second annual Nurse of the Year Awards Nov. 19. Children's had a total of 29 nominees.  
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### **Congratulations to the Top 25 Teams in the Fit4Fall Buddy Challenge**

Congratulations to our first 25 teams to make it to Plymouth Rock, AL! You all did a fantastic job in your creative and fun team names and the Fit4Fall Buddy Challenge!  
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### **New Careforce Connection Will Help You Find Your Way**

Children's is launching a new and improved Careforce Connection Intranet site on **Monday, Dec. 12**. You've shared that it's not always easy to find what you are looking for on the site, so we're making some key changes.  
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### **Learn How to Prevent, Recognize and React Responsibly to Child Sex Abuse with Stewards of Children Training**

Are you outraged by the Penn State case? Find out what YOU can do to protect children!  
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### **All the Small Things: Help Children's Celebrate Holiday Happenings**

"May you enjoy the magic of the holiday season and wishing you the bright and shiny promise of a New Year ahead!" – Gerri

"As a Nurse at Children's I know the difference YOU make to our days. Happy Holidays and thanks for being you!" – Lisa

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From now until Dec. 23, please keep your ears and eyes open for those special happenings with patients and staff. We'd love to share them with the community if possible and appropriate.

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#### **Children's Leader Profile: Brett Lee**

This summer, Brett Lee joined Children's as our new Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations. Now that he's settled in to his new role at Children's, we sat down with him to find out a little more about our newest member of the senior leadership team.

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#### **Children's Share Campaign Will Send Messages of Hope to Patients During Holidays**

We're hoping to gather more than 1, 280 messages for the children that will spend the holidays at our hospitals. Visit

[ShareWithChildrens.org](#).

to learn more about this new campaign.

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#### **Strong4Life Fall into Fitness Individual Steps Competition Starts is Under Way**

The Strong4Life Fall into Fitness Individual Steps Competition is a four-week wellness competition for all employees. The goal of the competition is to encourage you to increase your physical activity before the holidays.

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#### **Nominate a Children's Nurse for the ajcjobs Nursing Excellence Awards**

Our Children's nurses go above and beyond each day. Let's recognize them for it. [Nominate](#) one (or several) of our amazing caregivers for the 7th annual ajcjobs Nursing Excellence Awards.

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#### **It's Not Too Late to Update Your Biometrics and HRA by Dec. 31**

Did you miss a wellness fair this year? If so, it's not too late to submit your biometrics to Atlanta Health Systems and complete your HRA before Dec. 31.

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#### **Strong4Life Announces Participation in the Peachtree City Triathlon**

Strong4Life is excited to announce our participation in the Peachtree City Triathlon on May 19.

Benefitting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, this triathlon offers two options: a sprint distance for the beginner and a longer international distance for the more experienced triathlete.

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Though CCHD does not often present in newborns, when it does, it has the potential to be fatal. The good news is that a simple, inexpensive test can detect CCHD in newborns.

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The next time you get the urge to snack, stop by one of the 175 new vending machines arriving at Children's campus locations this month. You'll quickly see that these are no ordinary vending machines—they're filled with new and healthy snack options.

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On Nov. 9, First Lady of Georgia Sandra Deal and members of her staff—at the request of Children's Government Affairs department—visited Marcus Autism Center.

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Where has the time gone? Just over a year ago, The Voice opened its doors at Children's at Egleston.

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Colleagues of Brenda Kiser recently honored her as one of their heroes!

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The ever-popular Aflac Duck uses his fame for good. Proceeds from <http://www.aflacholidayduck.com/> purchases of the traditional duck directly benefit The Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorder Service of Children's.

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The amazing stories of how Children's made a difference in the lives of patients and their families inspired so many.

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The Health Education Expo recognized Children's Healthcare of Atlanta staff and physicians for outstanding accomplishments in healthcare education during the

month of September.

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**Meet Physical Therapist**

**Suzanne Trumbower**

Physical therapist Suzanne Trumbower covers the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and general medicine floors at Children's at Egleston.

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**Kudos Children's Employees**

Congratulations to several Children's employees who have made remarkable achievements.

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**Children's Recognized for Innovation in Reducing Medication Events**

When Children's launched the "Shh...We're in the MedZone" campaign in 2010 to improve medication safety, we looked to other industries to understand best practices in supporting the reduction of errors. Little did we realize that just a year later, other industries would be looking at us as an example of excellence.

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**Congratulations to You4Life Winner Traci Antes**

You4Life and Weight Watchers at Work have enabled Children's employees to not only meet their wellness goals, but change their lives. By attending daily exercise classes with The Park's resident fitness trainer, Rod Johnson, getting nutritional advice and consultations from The Park's staff dietitian, Mindy Belcher, and attending weekly Weight Watchers meetings at Work, Traci Antes has lost more than 10% of her body weight!

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