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Kudos Children's Employees

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

Children's Marketing and Communications Team Wins Big at Annual Awards Ceremonies

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) hosted their annual Golden Flame Awards. Children's took home an impressive 13 awards—more than any other attendees. These awards included five gold flames, two silver flames and six bronze flames. Read more about the awards ceremony [here](#).

Additionally, the Georgia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) hosts the Phoenix Awards annually to recognize achievement in media relations and for exemplary community service. During the awards ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 3, Children's won four Phoenix Awards (first place) and four Certificates of Excellence (second place).

Phoenix Award winners:

- PR campaign to raise age requirement for booster seats in the category of Media Relations – Government
- Bringing light to a heavy issue: Childhood obesity crisis provokes stakeholder involvement (fundraising booklet) in the category of Publications (Single Issue Newsletters, Booklets or Calendars)
- Casting light on a heavy issue: Childhood obesity video builds awareness and partnerships in the category of External Video Programs
- Launching a wellness brand: Strong4Life comes to life in Macon and Columbus in the category of Events or Observances (Seven or Fewer Days) – Associations/Nonprofit Organizations

Certificates of Excellence awarded to:

- MedClips in the category of Newsletters Fewer Than 17 Pages
- Donor book special issue of Small Wonders in the category of Annual Reports for Nonprofit Organizations
- PR campaign for The VOICE launch in the category of Events or Observances (Seven or Fewer Days) – Associations/Nonprofit Organizations
- Challenging perceptions to stop childhood obesity in Georgia (public awareness campaign) in the category of Public Service – Associations/Nonprofit Organizations

Julie Haarbauer-Krupa Wins 2011 Pathfinder Award

Congratulations to Julie Haarbauer-Krupa, PhD, Research Speech Language Pathologist, Children's at Scottish Rite, for winning the 2011 Pathfinder Award by the Georgia Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission. This prestigious award recognizes individuals for their advocacy work for people with traumatic brain and spinal injuries. We applaud Julie for her dedication to the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission and the work she does advocating for pediatric rehabilitation.

Kinsey Herrin Wins First Place in Resident Research Competition

Congratulations to 

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! [View Full Story >](#)

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. [View Full Story >](#)

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. [View Full Story >](#)

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! [View Full Story >](#)

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. [View Full Story >](#)

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! [View Full Story >](#)

All the Small Things: Help Children's Celebrate Holiday Happenings

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Kinsey Herrin, Orthotist/Prosthetist, Orthotics, Children's at Meridian Mark Plaza, for winning a prize in excellence in Orthotics and Prosthetics Resident research, which was offered by a North Carolina-based orthopaedic practice. Kinsey was a finalist and presented in October at the North Carolina state conference. Her project on idiopathic toe walking won first place!

Children's Campuses Recognize a Job Well Done with Weldon Awards

Weldon ("well done") serves as a Service Excellence Ambassador for Children's at Egleston, Children's at Scottish Rite and the Marcus Autism Center. The award is given to a particular unit, department or area that displays exceptional customer service to our patients and families. Weldon is not based solely on customer service scores, but on overall delivery of seamless, consistent and special customer service. The department that receives the award decides the next recipient based on who provided the best customer service to their department or to our patients and families.



At Children's at Scottish Rite the Aflac Cancer Center chose the Blood Bank to show appreciation for their fabulous staff of team players. Thanks for everything you do!

The Sterile Processing Department at Children's at Egleston also won a Weldon Award. They were nominated by the Engineering Department, because they always deliver excellent customer service.



The Marcus Autism Center presented their first Weldon Award to Adam Williamson, Field Services Technician, IS&T, The Park for his tireless work on the Marcus Electronic Medical Record implementation. Weldon—a penguin—will be presented on a quarterly basis at the Marcus Autism Center.

Emmanuel King Receives 2011 Biomedical Equipment Technician of the Year Award

Congratulations to Emmanuel King, Clinical Engineering Supervisor, Clinical Engineering, Children's at Scottish Rite, for winning the Georgia Biomedical Instrumentation Society (GBIS) 2011 Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) of the Year Award. Emmanuel received the award in August.

Lisha Bell Turns Recyclable Items into Wearable Art

Every bit of recycling makes a difference. Just ask Children's employee Lisha Bell Unit Secretary, Neonatal Services, Children's at



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.

Egleston. She has found a way to turn what most people consider trash into beautiful pieces of jewelry. With the help of her sister-in-law, Lisha has launched recyclefreaks.com, a website that features one-of-a-kind creations using can tabs, bottle caps, old records, game pieces and even candy.

"Recycling benefits both the economy and the environment, and what benefits the economy and environment benefits us all...plus we love fashion," says Lisha.

For more information or to support the cause by donating your recyclable items, [email Lisha](#).

Students Work Together to Benefit Children's Patient with Disability

Law and medical students recently teamed up through the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic to advocate on behalf of a high school student with cerebral palsy. The program facilitates interdisciplinary learning for students at Morehouse College of Medicine, residents at Emory University and law students at Georgia State University. HeLP Legal Services has locations in Children's at Egleston, Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Hughes Spalding to remove legal barriers to healthcare access for low-income families. The high school student—a Children's patient—had made no progress on his Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals in almost two years. The HeLP clinic's student staff successfully fought for more specific and measurable goals in the IEP, as well as specialized help to ensure success. Kudos to these hard workers! [Read the full story](#) on the Georgia State University Center for Law, Health and Society website.



NICU Benefits from the IS&T Stitch "N" Snack Club

The IS&T Stitch "N" Snack club was started earlier this year by the IS&T Smile Committee. This committee is dedicated to uplifting spirits and bringing smiles to department employees as well as the children and parents in our facilities. The men and women of the Stitch "N" Snack group meet each Thursday during the

lunch hour—when not supporting system go lives—and produce beautifully knitted and crocheted articles for the NICU infants and mothers. Here in this picture is Janean Nichols (right), founder of the club and lead knitting instructor along with knitter Linda Robert. The group has produced over 50 articles now that will soon be delivered to the NICU.

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Matters of the Heart: A Small Change Can Play a Big Role in Improving Infant Care

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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Hungry for a Snack? Check out Children's New Vending Machines

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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First Lady of Georgia Sandra Deal Visits Marcus Autism Center

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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They Grow Up So Fast: The Voice Turns One

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

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A Hero Amongst Us: Celebrating Breast Cancer Survivor Brenda Kiser

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

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Purchase the Aflac Holiday Duck to Benefit Children's

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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Radiothon Raises \$417,953 for Children's

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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Health Education Expo a Wonderful Success

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