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Children's Celebrates Service Anniversary Superstars

After giving 35, 40 or 45 years of invaluable service, Children's will recognize 11 women across the System this September at the Service Awards Banquet at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead. Before the event, we're giving these special women a day of relaxation at Spa Sydell, and after the banquet, they will spend the night at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead. It's a token of our appreciation for their time, talent and heart, but there is something else that will make that day even more special.



The stories of these women are as varied as their personalities, but there is one common thread: They love Children's and Children's loves them. Take a moment to read about their accomplishments, and feel inspired by their unwavering dedication to our organization.

Emma Allen – 35 years

Reading Room Assistant, Radiology, Children's at Hughes Spalding

Emma Allen is literally and figuratively the lovely "face" of her department. Absolutely everyone who has ever stepped into the Children's at Hughes Spalding Radiology department knows Miss Emma's friendly face. In fact, Emma helped open the doors of the department when Grady established it, so her wonderful spirit has actually become part of the culture. Emma is the first person outpatient families see after they register, and she's the perfect person to hold such an important front-line position. She's always patient-focused and eager to do whatever she can to help—whether it's making patients comfortable, watching siblings for busy parents or making sure physicians and co-workers have everything they need.



Dorothy Horton – 35 years

Unit Secretary, Emergency Department, Children's at Hughes Spalding

Dorothy is quite simply "command central" in the ED. As the unit secretary of a very busy department, Dorothy is constantly on her toes—answering phones, responding to physicians, nurses and stressed parents—and she does it all with a smile. Dorothy is a woman who always keeps her cool, which is a very good thing, given the face-paced environment in which she works. However, she's more than just a major multitasker. Dorothy is deeply nurturing and conscientious. She knows that the families who come through Children's are in the midst of a crisis and she offers them the TLC they really need.



Operation: Prevent Flu—More Than 5,000 Employees Vaccinated So Far

Half of our employees rolled up their sleeves during the first week of Operation: Prevent Flu. If you haven't yet, there's still time to visit a flu clinic before Oct. 14. View the clinic schedules, FAQs, policy and more.

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The Best People Know the Best People

As an employee of Children's, you know exactly what it means to be Strong Enough to Care Enough, and that's why you're our best source for finding and recruiting new employees.

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Resident Therapy Dogs Shine in Latest Careforce Chronicle

There's an indefinable comfort that comes from watching one of our resident therapy dogs amble down the hospital hallway, unaware that, with each step they take, they are leaving an imprint on every patient, staff member and visitor they pass.

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Helping Children: FDA Grant Launches Atlanta Pediatric Device Consortium

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has awarded the Georgia Institute of Technology, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory University a two-year, \$1.8 million grant to foster the development of medical devices focused on the special needs of children.

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International Infection Prevention Week Celebrates 25 Years

Oct. 16–22 is the 25th Anniversary of International Infection Prevention Week—the commemoration of the importance of infection prevention around the globe.

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Children's Recognizes September Catch Me at My Best Winners

Congratulations to the following

Margaret Lambert – 35 years*Staff Nurse, Day Surgery, Children's at Egleston*

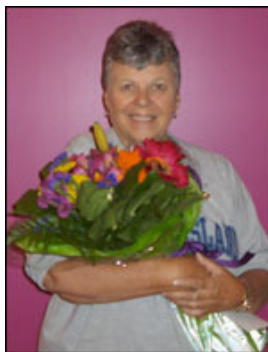
Margaret Lambert's co-workers say she's simply the best of everything—best nurse, best supervisor, best wife and mother, and now the best "Mimi" to her grandkids. They also say that she runs circles around everyone and has been doing it since they've known her. Colleagues describe her as a great critical thinker, conscientious, personable, down to earth and loyal. Not only have these attributes benefitted her patients and their families, they've had a profound impact on the staff around her. Her co-workers don't just like her—they want to be like her—and that says it all.

**Dorothy Lee – 35 years***PT/OT Aid, Children's at Scottish Rite*

When Dorothy joined Children's 35 years ago, we were in for a real treat. She has such a beautiful presence—inside and out. Dorothy is full of calmness and grace, and she exudes a loving warmth that spreads to everyone around her. Dorothy's job is to assist therapists with whatever they need—transporting patients, helping with therapy—and she often knows what people need even before they need it. Dorothy is always willing to go the extra mile for her patients and co-workers, and they love her for it. When Dorothy first started at Children's working in the Radiology dark room, she recalls feeling sad for all of the sick children she saw. However, it didn't take her long to see the bright side—that we're able to help so many of our kids get better. Dorothy certainly plays a key role in making that happen.

**Janet McCants – 35 years***Resource Nurse, CICU, Children's at Egleston*

Janet has been a bedside nurse at Children's for 35 years, which is a rare and wonderful thing. Being at the bedside is very physically demanding, so after a certain number of years, some opt for a more "joint-friendly" job. Not Janet—she simply had her knees redone and went right back to her patients. The role of resource nurse is actually a great description for Janet. She has such expertise in her area. People seek her out for her expert clinical opinion and her ability to take care of absolutely anything going on in the unit. Generosity is also something Janet is known for. Her co-workers say that not only would she give someone the shirt off her back, she would run out and grab her slacks, shoes, a purse and even some medical supplies if they needed it! Janet is constantly organizing drives to gather donations for those less fortunate, from book bags, to children's clothing, even care packages for families on the unit.

**Kay Parker – 35 years***Muscular Dystrophy Clinic Nurse Coordinator, Judson L. Hawk Clinic, Children's at Scottish Rite*

On Day 1 of Kay's job, at what was then Scottish Rite Medical Center, the facility picked up and moved to a new site. She knew then that life at Children's would never be dull! Now, as the muscular dystrophy clinic nurse coordinator, Kay basically makes sure everything that needs to get done, gets done. From coordinating patient visits and test results to prescriptions and equipment, Kay is always on the move. Her co-workers also look to her as a mentor and a "keeper of all



employees for winning this month's [Catch Me at My Best](#) drawing for a Children's duffel bag.

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Pop singer Joe Jonas has been on tour since early September, but this week, he made one stop that was not included on his tour schedule.

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Children's, in partnership with the National Park Service, hosted Strong4Life Atlanta Saturday, Oct. 8, at Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site. The event was a free community festival promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

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The countdown to our Magnet site visit is on, and we wanted to share a few firsthand accounts of the excellent care you provide every day to remind you that you're already "Magnet worthy."

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Learn how to create and nurture a support network with the help of Children's.

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Epic's clinical tools are now being utilized in the outpatient services for the Aflac Cancer Centers at Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Egleston. For support, please use these established methods...

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If you're curious about yoga, consider attending one of these classes as an introduction.

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A crew from WXIA-TV 11Alive captured firsthand how our employees are supporting the Brody's Playground fundraising campaign. [Watch the story](#) and see several Children's at Scottish Rite staffers share their

historical knowledge" about the clinic. Kay's passion for her job—and her patients—is evident to everyone who knows her. Her patients often come back to visit her, even though many are now grown with kids of their own.

Nancy Wagner – 35 years

Staff Nurse Leader, Neonatal Services, Children's at Egleston

Nancy's co-workers say that she is one of the most intelligent, passionate, professional and uplifting nurses they know. No job is too big or too small for her to tackle. She pitches in where her co-workers need her and always does an outstanding job. Nancy is also a lifelong learner; she is always curious and always finds ways to expand her mind. From her work with developmental care to her dedication to breastfeeding, she has helped set the standard for quality neonatal care—not just at Children's, but across the nation. Now, with her typical enthusiasm, she's diving into the world of equipment and technology, making sure her co-workers have the best tools to do their jobs.



Jennifer Williams – 35 years

Apnea Center Technician, Children's at Egleston

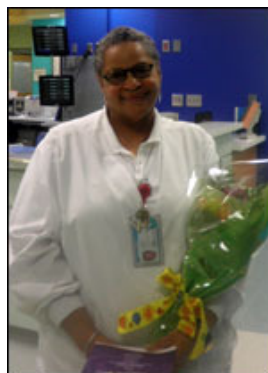
As an apnea center tech, so much of what Jennifer does is customer-service focused. She talks with parents and coaches them through monitor set up and use. Jennifer knows these are parents whose babies are sick, so they're definitely under stress. However, her calm, persistent demeanor never wavers, which is exactly why parents respond to her so well. Jennifer hasn't always worked in her current role. She was a respiratory tech for years, then went back to school while continuing to work so she could further her career and stay with Children's. However, her roots with Children's go back much farther than her 35 years of service. Her sister needed medical care, so she spent plenty of time getting to know Children's during her own childhood—and she is now giving back in such a wonderful way.



Maxine Dunn – 40 years

Unit Secretary, Inpatient, Children's at Hughes Spalding

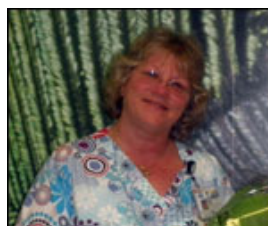
As soon as Maxine's name was mentioned to her co-workers, every one of them broke into a big smile and was eager to share the things that make her special. They said that she is passionate about being an outstanding unit secretary. She's earned many attendance awards, and she never takes her eyes off what needs to be done to keep her floor running smoothly. When she's working, her co-workers know that physicians' orders will be in the right place, labs will be put in efficiently, special diets will be ordered and patient call bells will be answered promptly. Sometimes, all those things happen at once! However, it's not just her efficiency and ability to juggle tasks that everyone admires. They love her sense of humor, her pleasant spirit and the way she cares for everyone in her world—from the staff and families at Children's to her own nieces and nephews.



Eddie Robertson – 40 years

Clinical Educator, Children's at Hughes Spalding

Eddie is the quintessential nurse; she is an expert in the care of critically ill children. Many go to her for guidance and everyone considers her their "go to" resource. Eddie is also a quintessential "mama" to her patients. She's genuinely concerned about their well-being and pays close attention to their every



memories of Brody and what he meant to the hospital.

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View the Photo Galleries of Our Service Awards Events

Congratulations to Children's employees with milestone service anniversaries who were honored during Service Awards Week.

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ESGR Honors Children's at Hughes Spalding Employee with Patriot Award

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Bigger, Better, Faster

The new Children's MRI scanner will improve patient comfort and enable new procedures

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Memorial Service Oct. 19 for Egleston Nurse Claudette Knibb-Hamilton

Staff are welcome to attend a memorial service for Children's nurse Claudette Knibb-Hamilton Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Children's at Egleston Chapel.

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Congratulations DAISY Award Winners

Congratulations to DAISY Award winners **Karen Cohen** and **Lisa Egan**. 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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Telemedicine Saves the Day—Children's Expands the Reach of Specialty Care

With just a few quick clicks, children in Georgia's rural communities can experience healthcare like they never have before: online.

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An 'Epic' Amount of Preparation for Aflac Cancer Centers

On Oct. 4, the outpatient clinics for the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's at Scottish Rite and Children's at Egleston will be the next site for Epic's outpatient clinical tools. But, the transition from paper charts to electronic records is not a simple one.

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Epic Tools Make Immediate Impact at Marcus Autism Center

Not only did the Marcus Autism

need. She focuses on the little things she can do to make them more comfortable. Edie is also one to pay attention to the big picture; she is involved in various activities throughout our System, representing her campus very effectively and communicating System information back to her team. It helps that Edie is a real "people person." She's never met a stranger and can put anyone at ease within seconds of saying her first hello. She's also an amazing educator with an intuitive understanding of how adults learn. But mostly, Edie is a contributor, putting her sharp intellect and nurturing nature to work wherever it's needed.

Barbara Powers – 45 years

Coding Auditor, Sibley Heart Center, Children's at Egleston

If there's one thing everyone says about Barbara, it's that she's a woman on the go. She is an amazing multitasker, she knows where to go for anything anyone needs and she is truly a team player. She makes sure all charges are correct, takes care of supplies and she even keeps herself in shape by running in her spare time. Her co-workers also say she's a true friend. She's always there for them with a listening ear, a tender heart and a helping hand. Co-workers have also said that if she ever retires, they're going to leave with her—so she'll just have to stay forever!



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Center staff make the Epic transition with flying colors, but they are also already seeing the benefit to the delivery of care to the children they serve.

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Sign Up a Team for Kids II Strong Legs Run, Nov. 5

Get geared up for the 27th Annual [Kids II Strong Legs Run](#) that will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Turner Field.

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Patients, Families and Staff Find Comfort in Weekly Interfaith Chapel Service

The Sunday morning interfaith chapel service in the Clay Futch Chapel has become a place where people of all faiths, backgrounds and lives come together to lift each other up in a time of need.

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Stepping Up to the Challenge: First Place Team Averages More Than One Million Steps

This summer, teams from across the System literally "stepped up" to the 6-week Strong4Life Challenge. Read how the top three teams stayed motivated to average more than 600,000 steps each. The first place team, M&M, averaged more than one million!

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Tune In to Por Los Niños Radiothon, Oct. 13-14

Tune in to the Por Los Niños Radiothon—which benefits Children's—from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and Friday, Oct. 14.

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