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Here's Why You Think Children's is a Great Place to Work

As you know, Children's was just ranked again as one of *FORTUNE* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For." This honor would not be possible without the amazing people at Children's; in fact, if you were one of those randomly surveyed by *FORTUNE*, your feedback directly impacted our ranking.

And today we're celebrating with Spirit Day. [View the slideshow.](#)

Many of you have already told us why you love working at Children's. Here's what you said:

"I love how everyone greets and smiles at each other. It seems little, but it makes such a big difference." — *Christiane Levine, Quality Manager/Project Manager, Surgical Services, Children's at Scottish Rite*

"Though I've only been an employee for 2 and 1/2 months, I can completely concur that there is no better place to work than Children's! I've had the opportunity to meet with so many of my co-workers—from physicians to nurses to service line administrators to support staff—and everyone exudes the same amazing and energizing spirit. It's truly contagious. My job takes me on the road to promote our hospital system and its services, and I can tell you it does my heart proud to talk about my work-family each and every day. I have an amazing team in my department, and a director that leads us to do our best for our organization. I am truly proud of all that we do each and every day for the children in our community." — *Jennifer Baesman, Physician Outreach Liaison, The Park*

"I really love working for Children's. The management is supportive and helpful with requests, even last minute. This is one of the few places I have worked where I truly enjoy coming into work. The staff is friendly and work together well." — *Teresa Lynch, Staff Nurse, Children's at Scottish Rite*

"Recognition from our leaders is what makes this job rock. Donna Hyland and her co-workers are exceptional at making us feel valued and that we truly make a difference in our patients' lives." — *Margaret Harrison, Staff Nurse, Children's at Scottish Rite*

"This is part of an e-mail I sent to our staff this week post-code white; It gives some examples of why I am so proud to work at children's and within Transplant Services: I cannot say thank you enough for what everyone did last week during our Code White. It has been many years since we have been faced with this level of situation. I was so impressed with everyone's immediate response, always making sure the patients and families were the first priority. Even though we would prefer not to have this situation to deal with, it gives us a chance to witness the extraordinary level of service and dedication everyone has for the children and families. Your flexibility, quick thinking/responses, dedication and commitment were evident in so many ways. I am proud to work at Children's for many reasons, but I am blessed that I get to work with people who are so caring and dedicated to their profession." — *Amy Hauser, Service Line Administrator, Children's at Egleston*

Prepare for Statewide Tornado Drill, Feb. 9
Feb. 7-11 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Georgia. As part of this public safety education effort, Children's will participate in a statewide Tornado Drill Wednesday, Feb. 9.
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Place Your Vote for Our Annual Hope and Will Award Winner
Review the 2010 Hope and Will winners, then nominate one winner for the annual Hope and Will Award by logging into *Celebrations*.
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Ice Can't Rock This House—Watch the Video
During the recent Code White, we heard dozens of stories of dedication by Children's staff and physicians. Every day, all of you are heroes to the patients who depend on you, and during the winter storm, the light of your heroism, caring and strength shined even brighter.
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Find Out What Children's Government Affairs Team is Lobbying for in 2011
Children's biggest issue this year will be preserving full funding of the state Medicaid budget.
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What Erika Has Learned in the Past Year
"On Jan. 26, 2010, I began a journey to change my life. I walked into the Weight Watchers open house with so many hopes and wishes. So much shame and guilt. So much discouragement. So little self-confidence."
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Apply to be a Children's Wellness Ambassador by Feb. 11
Do you love living healthy and motivating others to do the same? If so, you should consider applying to be a Children's Wellness Ambassador.
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"What makes Children's a great place to work is the passion for our children and their families; the high education and skill set across departments; the coordinators and managers who genuinely care about our professional and personal development; the co-workers who are more than just teammates, they are family; the leadership who has our backs; and the appreciation for the work we do." — *Barbara Ingram, Chaplain, Children's at Scottish Rite*

"What has stood out to me since I joined the Children's team is the Strong4Life program. Participating in fitness classes, using the walking paths, and joining Weight Watchers at Work have changed me and my fitness level. I am now healthier than I have been ever been." — *Jeanette Turner, Coding Quality Supervisor, The Park*

"This year I will celebrate 15 years of working for Children's. I love working for Children's because this company allows me to balance my work like and family life. I have five children, ages 7 to 18, with all kinds of schedules to juggle. There is no way I could be so successful at balancing the details of my life if I did not work for such a great company and with such great co-workers. Thank you Children's for 15 great years!" — *Suzanne Mason, Advice Line Nurse, The Park*

"I think the number one thing that makes Children's the best place to work is the teamwork. I have worked at several places in Atlanta, and Children's has the best teamwork I have seen by far. You are never alone! I love being part of this great team." — *Tamra Prieur, Clinical Educator, Children's at Egleston*

"My work family on 4E—that includes cleaning and stocking staff, PCTs, engineers, managers, nurses, child life specialists, case managers, nutritionists, even the sweet people who bring the meals from the kitchen. In case you thought I forgot, that also includes the patients, their families and the physicians. What do you know? I think I just took my hat off to the people! That's what makes my work at CHOA as a nurse the best!!" — *Chris Introna, Staff Nurse, Children's at Egleston*

Last but not least, one of our talented employees even composed a poem:

"My heart is filled with gratitude
To work at such a place
Filled with positive attitude
A boon to the human race!

At the end of every day
Enhanced children's lives have been
Dedication and hard work do pay
With rewards that can not be seen!

Thanks for making me a member of this team!
It's the best I've ever played on
I look forward to staying 'on the beam'
And know each day that we have won!!!"

— *Maria King, Access Specialist, Children's at Meridian Park*

Thank you again for participating in the survey and making the celebration possible. We hope you like your new T-shirt and, when you wear it, you're reminded that we're thankful for all you do each and every day to contribute to making Children's a great place to work.

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Today, Children's is celebrating Spirit Day in honor of our *FORTUNE* ranking on the "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. It's your feedback that decides if we make the *FORTUNE* list, so thank you for making the celebration possible.

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Considering Biking to Work? Get Advice from Our Pedaling Park Employee

If you're considering changing it up and biking to work, see what Laura has to say about the benefits and challenges of opting for two wheels instead of four.

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Alcohol Pad Recall Expands, Now Includes More Products

In addition to Cardinal Health's recall of individual alcohol pads, Children's has learned that the recall now includes alcohol pads in central line dressing kits.

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Pizza is Giving Hope and Wellness to Patients at Children's

Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint kicks off pizza recipe to support pediatric research at Children's.

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Children's Fairy Godmother Grants Wishes and Hope to Our Kids

Jackie Varner, better known as the Fairy Godmother, has been a very special volunteer at Children's at Egleston for more than 30 years. Jackie was recently featured on Fox 5 News for all the special things she is doing for the children at Children's at Egleston.

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Mobile Mammography Makes Screening Easy—Make an Appointment Today

Children's has partnered with ScreenAtlanta, Northside Hospital's mobile mammography screening van, to offer employees convenient options to receive mammograms.

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Sign Up to Receive Your W-2 Form Electronically

All employees can receive their 2010 W-2 forms electronically through eHR.

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***FORTUNE* Names Children's to "100 Best Companies to Work For" List for Sixth Year**

Six years running, Children's

has earned a spot on *FORTUNE* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. Help us celebrate this special recognition by wearing your favorite Children's shirt on Spirit Day, Friday, Jan. 28.

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Children's Recognizes January 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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Sign Up for the First Strong4Life Challenges of the Year

Last year, Children's employees exceeded our Systemwide goals by losing more than 10,000 pounds and logging more than 1 billion steps. We worked hard to meet our 2010 goals—can we do it again this year?

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Children's Recognized for Service to Haitian Earthquake Victims

The Haitian Ministry Theophile Church in Christ held a "Remember Haiti" ceremony at its Atlanta chapter Jan. 16 to commemorate community individuals and organizations that assisted the victims of last year's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

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Check Out the New Choa.org—Tell Us What You Think

Children's has redesigned our external website, and Jan. 19, www.choa.org relaunched with a new look.

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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 Receives \$154,000 Grant from Department of Community Health to Prevent Perinatal Hepatitis B

Congratulations to the Children's Infection Prevention and Epidemiology department for receiving a grant from the Georgia Department of Community Health for a new project.

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Start the Year Off Right with You4Life and Weight Watchers

Your New Year's resolution to eat healthier and get fit just got easier! Strong4Life, in partnership with Weight Watchers at Work, can teach you about portion control, how to eat your favorite foods in moderation and how to maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle.

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