

## **The History of Children's at Scottish Rite**

- 1915** – Scottish Rite Convalescent Home for Crippled Children opened in Decatur, Ga. with 18-beds. Scottish Rite provided indigent, crippled children a place to recover after having surgery at other hospitals.
- 1919** – Scottish Rite opened a new 50-bed building and changed its name to Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children. The new facility was an orthopedic surgical hospital for children whose families could not afford to pay for care.
- 1939** – Hiram Kite, M.D., Scottish Rite's second Medical Director, perfected non-surgical treatment of clubfoot, which became the standard.
- 1966** – Scottish Rite expanded its pediatric care to include children whose families could pay for services.
- 1976** – Scottish Rite moved to its current location and changed its name to Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center, comprising the Foundation, the Meridian Mark Corporation, and the Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Hospital for Children.
- 1984** – The 24-hour emergency room at Scottish Rite became a national standard model that featured a state-of-the-art patient tracking system.
- 1987** – The State of Georgia designated Scottish Rite a Pediatric Trauma Unit.
- 1989** – Scottish Rite performed its first dorsal rhizotomy surgery, which can produce dramatic gains in mobility, posture and movement for some patients who have cerebral palsy.
- 1992** – Scottish Rite implemented a pediatric emergency network, expanding pediatric emergency care to the community.
- Scottish Rite established the School Outreach program to teach illness and injury prevention. The program reached more than 84,000 children in its first two years.
- Scottish Rite opened the Child Advocacy Center to care for children from birth to age 21 who are suspected victims of child sexual abuse.
- 1994** – In a national study of pediatric intensive care units published by *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, patients treated at Scottish Rite's PICU had the best outcomes.
- 1998** – Egleston Children's Health Care System and Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center officially merged to become Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.
- 1999** – Children's at Scottish Rite plastic surgeon Steven Ray Cohen, M.D., invented the modular internal distraction system, a device to correct facial deformities that is less noticeable than existing devices and that cuts down on bleeding, infections and relapsed skulls.
- 2007** – Children's at Scottish Rite opened a new state-of-the-art Pediatric Emergency Facility.