

The History of Children's at Hughes Spalding

- 1952** – The Hughes Spalding Pavilion officially opened as a private hospital for paying African-American adult patients.
- 1964** – Asa Yancey, M.D., Chief of Surgery at Hughes Spalding, developed the first accredited surgical training program for African-American physicians in Georgia and Alabama. Dr. Yancey later served as Medical Director of Hughes Spalding from 1972 to 1989.
- 1989** – The Hughes Spalding Pavilion temporarily shut its doors for renovation.
- 1992** – The Hughes Spalding facilities reopened as Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital—an 82-bed, freestanding facility featuring Georgia's only Poison Center and hospital-based dental service.
- 1994** – The Ready-Set-Read program was launched. This program educated parents to the importance of reading to their children early and often and provided free books to children 6 months to 5 years old who visited Hughes Spalding pediatric clinics.
- 1998** – Hughes Spalding opened a cerebral palsy clinic.

Ready-Set-Read was recognized by the state as having made a significant improvement to the well-being of Georgia's children by contributing to school readiness and enhancing the opportunity for academic success.

- 2002** – Hughes Spalding opened an autism clinic.

Hughes Spalding opened a multicultural pediatric clinic.

Hughes Spalding implemented a computerized tracking system designed to send check-up reminders to parents and ease the appointment setting process. This system improved well-child visits by more than 20 percent.

- 2003** – Focus on 4 is launched. This literacy program was designed to help 4-year-olds with mild learning or language difficulties to better prepare for preschool.
- 2004** – Professional Research Consultants (PRC), a health services research firm, named the Hughes Spalding Emergency department a Five Star Patient Satisfaction Award winner.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Grady Health System jointly announced the evaluation of a plan for Children's to provide pediatric services at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital.

- 2005** – An anonymous donor made an \$18 million challenge grant to *The Campaign for Children's* toward the Hughes Spalding initiative.
- 2006** – Children's and Grady Health System jointly announced that an affiliate of Children's would assume responsibility for the management of services at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital beginning in February.