



# 2025 Annual Report

*For Every Milestone, Every Moment*



**Children's**<sup>SM</sup>  
Healthcare of Atlanta



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## Dear Friends,

During my first year as chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees, I've been truly amazed to witness the incredible ways our community shows up for Georgia's kids. Your support is the spark that allows Children's to make miracles happen.

Today, Children's is one of the nation's leading pediatric healthcare systems—serving families from all 159 counties in Georgia and managing more than 1.2 million patient visits each year. From advanced surgical care and groundbreaking research to comprehensive behavioral and mental health services, this not-for-profit healthcare System relies on community support to

deliver specialty care to kids at every stage of life.

In 2025, Children's made great strides in advancing its Mission to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow, achieving a successful first year of operation for Arthur M. Blank Hospital, which has quickly become a place of healing and discovery. Children's also opened the Marcus Center for Cellular Therapy, which provides patients access to some of the most advanced cellular and gene therapies available.

For every major milestone like these, there were countless small gestures that lifted patients' spirits and supported families. Inside this report, you'll see the incredible ways—the big, little and everything in between—this generous community made an impact this year.

Thank you for believing in the Children's Mission and for your unwavering commitment to helping provide every child who walks through our doors the best possible chance at a healthy future.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Hertz Agami".

**Amy Hertz Agami, Chair  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Foundation Board of Trustees**



# CHILDREN'S AT A GLANCE

One of the top-ranked pediatric clinical care providers in the country, our not-for-profit healthcare System is much more than our three hospitals, with multiple locations serving the entire state, including **Marcus Autism Center, the Center for Advanced Pediatrics, the Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center, eight Urgent Care Centers and multiple clinics in counties across Georgia.**



**One million kids** come through Children's doors every year. No one else in Georgia even comes close.



More than half of the **3,000** kids who visit Children's each day need financial assistance.

We provide more than **\$360 million** a year in unreimbursed or subsidized care to kids in Georgia.



Children's has Georgia's **largest** child and adolescent psychiatry team, which cares for more kids facing behavioral and mental health challenges than anyone else in the state.



It costs **\$7.5 million** a day to run Children's, and we can't do it without community support.

# Every gift makes an impact

Our dedicated community of supporters turns compassion into action. From first-time donors to lifelong champions of the Children’s Mission, more than 65,000 people contributed 255,830 gifts to support our not-for-profit organization in 2025. One hundred percent of every donation goes toward our Mission to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow. Every gift allows us to be here for Georgia’s kids when they need us most—for the big things, little things and everything in between.

For a list of our 2025 donors, visit [choa.org/2025donors](https://choa.org/2025donors)

## 2025 FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

**\$38.3 million**  
Greatest Need

Supporting urgent priorities, from new technology to patient family assistance

**\$28.3 million**  
Research and Teaching

Advancing lifesaving treatments and preparing the next generation of pediatric caregivers

**\$25.0 million**  
Autism Spectrum Disorder

Championing the efforts of one of the largest clinical providers of autism care in the country

**\$23.5 million**  
Hematology/Oncology

Fueling the advanced care that has made us one of the nation’s leading pediatric cancer and blood disorders Centers

**\$9.5 million**  
Behavioral and Mental Health

Increasing access to comprehensive behavioral and mental health care to kids across Georgia

**\$670,000**  
Clinical Care Initiatives

Advancing frontline care across our organization

**TOTAL: \$125.3 million**



## JALEN DANCING HIS WAY THROUGH CANCER TREATMENT

At 12 years old, Jalen was enjoying school, playing music and hanging out with friends when an unexpected non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis made him worried about his future. Throughout four difficult cycles of chemotherapy, Jalen kept his spirits up by dancing through treatment, crediting his nurses for keeping him as comfortable as possible.

Two years later, Jalen is cancer-free and back to his favorite activities, like playing music in his high school band. He's president of his school's Beta Club, and recently organized a toy drive for Children's to give back to the Children's community and help other kids going through chemo.



# CHARLOTTE

## A GYMNAST, HER LUCKY FIN AND HER CONFIDENCE TO SOAR

Being born with a limb difference never stopped Charlotte from pursuing her love of gymnastics. When her difference, which she calls her “lucky fin,” started impacting her gymnastics ability, the board-certified orthotics and prosthetics team at Children’s worked with Charlotte to make a specialized prosthetic tailored to her goals. Within three months, she was doing handstands, bridges and other new skills, all with the help of her custom prosthetic.

Today, 11-year-old Charlotte has already won several medals in competitive gymnastics and is working toward her dream of competing in the Paralympics someday.





## MALLORY

### A TEEN NAVIGATING A RARE IMMUNE SYSTEM CONDITION WITH THE HELP OF HER “MAL PALS”

Growing up, Mallory was a soft-spoken kid who loved spending time with her friends, whom she affectionately calls her “Mal Pals,” and her family.

At 13, Mallory’s mom noticed she wasn’t growing and she was getting sick all the time. Her parents turned to Children’s, where she was diagnosed with ICF syndrome, a rare condition affecting the immune system. Mallory underwent a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy to help new cells

grow to fight infections, getting through her treatment by making bracelets for her Mal Pals and her family, and getting snuggles from her favorite facility dog, Aries.

Now, at 16 years old, Mallory is balancing life and treatment. She still travels to Children’s for dialysis as part of her ongoing treatment, but it doesn’t slow her down—going from dialysis in the morning to cheerleading for her high school team in the evening.



## EVAN

### A TBI SURVIVOR LEARNING TO WALK AGAIN AND GETTING BACK ON THE SOCCER FIELD

Evan was an athletic kid who loved playing soccer. He was 10 years old when a car accident on the way to soccer practice caused Evan to experience a traumatic brain injury and several broken bones.

When he arrived at the Emergency Department at Children's, Evan had a brain pressure monitor placed into his brain and had surgery to repair his broken bones. Once his condition was stable, Evan was moved to the

rehabilitation floor and spent two months in inpatient rehabilitation, learning how to walk and talk again.

Just 14 months after the car accident, Evan is back in action, walking, talking and preparing to relearn how to play soccer through a special adaptive soccer program.





LOUISE AT HER ACCOUNTING JOB AT IBM

## Demonstrating her love for kids, one woman leaves part of her estate to Children's

David McKenna remembers Louise Weyer as a sincere and selfless person. "Louise and her mom, Marie, lived across the street from my wife's parents in Marietta. Because she lived by herself after her mom died, we included her in all family gatherings and for holidays throughout the year, and she adored my grandkids," says David, the executor of Louise's estate.

Louise was a woman of many talents. She was a supervisor in the accounting department at IBM in Atlanta, a Master Gardener and an avid traveler.

Although she never had children of her own, she loved visiting local schools and sharing her knowledge of native flowers and plants with students.

Upon Louise's passing in 2021, David learned that she had left a large portion of her estate to Children's, totaling over \$3 million in contributions to date. "Louise never told us why she designated this gift, but I know she lived very frugally and only spent money on things that were a good investment," he says.



LOUISE, RIGHT, AND HER MOTHER, MARIE



TOMICA HOLMES

## From nurse to donor to volunteer, Tomica Holmes has shown her dedication to better and her passion for kids

Throughout her 20-year career at Children’s, Tomica Holmes has been motivated by the Children’s Mission, not just professionally, but personally. “I’ve always had a heart and mind for service in the community. This part of my spirit was cultivated by the love, care and guidance I received from my grandparents,” she says.

In 2022, Holmes made a major gift to Children’s in honor of her grandparents, Elder Roger and Susie Bell Young, who have been recognized with a plaque placed outside of a mother’s room at Arthur M. Blank Hospital. This is just one of many contributions Holmes has made to Children’s. She’s also been involved in fundraising and volunteering at events like the Superhero Sprint. She contributes to our employee giving program and has become a legacy donor, which means her kindness will live on, benefiting future generations.



TOMICA'S GRANDMOTHER,  
SUSIE BELL YOUNG



TOMICA'S GRANDFATHER,  
ELDER ROGER



## A family committed to giving back, the Noells make a major gift to advance TBI research

"All of a sudden, he was rushed into brain surgery," shares Davis Noell, whose 14-year-old son, Wilson, fell 12 feet from his back porch onto a stone patio below. Wilson broke three out of four wrist bones, fractured his eye socket and skull, and when he arrived at Children's via ambulance, an MRI revealed he also had a traumatic brain injury (TBI).



THE NOELL FAMILY

It took Wilson's care team 12 hours to stop the bleeding in his brain, but finally, Davis and his wife, Stacey, got the good news that Wilson was out of surgery and he was talking. "He spent several days in the ICU [Intensive Care Unit] and it took him months to fully recover. But Wilson is so resilient and he had a great attitude through it all," says Stacey. "Today, he is thriving. He's now 16, back to playing lacrosse, and he just got his driver's license. We credit his neurosurgeon, Dr. [Andrew] Reisner, and the entire Children's team for this incredible gift."

It's a gift the Noell family is now paying forward in honor of Wilson and another family member who did not have access to this level of advanced care. Davis's younger sister Eleanor experienced a TBI in 2009 that caused serious side effects, and she passed away 10 years ago. "Her outcome would have been very different if she had the kind of care that Wilson had," says Davis.

In 2025, the Noell family contributed \$1 million to Children's to advance research led by Dr. Reisner that aims to make it easier and faster for doctors to determine the severity of a brain injury by using a blood test. "I hope that my family's contributions to [Children's] can help make sure that other kids who experience the same trauma are able to receive the same help that I was, and that they can go back to living their lives completely normally as I have been able to," says Wilson.



TRACY AND KENNY DEMMERLE WITH THEIR DAUGHTERS, CHARLOTTE AND KAYLA

## One family finds a creative way to spread kindness and honor their daughter

Tracy and Kenny Demmerle turned to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Children's during the family's most difficult moments. This team's incredible compassion and tireless dedication were not only a comfort and source of support for the Demmerles after their daughter Reagan's passing, it inspired them to give back in meaningful ways to help others. Last year, Reagan's older sisters, Charlotte and Kayla, put their creativity to work, making and selling friendship bracelets, which allowed them to raise \$3,000 for Children's. Through their kindness and generosity, the Demmerle family is ensuring that Reagan's memory lives on.



ZACHARY RUBIN WITH REGGIE THE FACILITY DOG

## Young musician hosted a concert with a paw-sitive purpose

Zachary Rubin is a 12-year-old who used his love of music to show his support for one of his other favorite things: dogs. Specifically, the lovable facility dogs who make up the Children's Canines for Kids Program. Zachary discovered the comfort our facility dogs provide during his time as a patient at Scottish Rite Hospital, and he wanted to be sure other patients in the hospital got to experience the benefits of animal-assisted therapy. Zachary hosted a backyard concert and collected donations, raising \$1,275 that will go directly to support this donor-funded program. To express their gratitude, Reggie the facility dog and Canines for Kids Senior Program Coordinator Kara Klein met Zachary at Arthur M. Blank Hospital with a special thanks.



AMY BOE'S KIDS

## Mom and kids adopt sweet summer tradition of giving back

Friends, the community volunteer organization of Children's, hosts annual lemonade stands across metro Atlanta to kick off the summer season and raise funds for Children's. In 2025, Amy Boe's kids participated to honor their baby brother, Parker, who passed away at Children's in 2023. The Boe family had such a meaningful experience and great success—raising over \$250 for Children's—they decided to make this a summer tradition. In a few years, their baby sister will join in on this annual event. With every cup of lemonade sold, the Boe family is turning lemons into hope for healthier futures for our patients and their families.



ABBY AND ELIJAH BLUM

## Twins unite to spread joy to patients one bear at a time

Born at 33 weeks with a rare, chronic illness, Elijah Blum was transferred to Children's for emergency surgery on his first day of life. What followed was a long, difficult road of treatment, including nearly a year of intensive care. Waiting for Elijah when he returned home was his twin sister, Abby. Now 11 years old, the siblings decided to do something special to show their appreciation for the Critical Care Services team who helped Elijah and their entire family through some of their most difficult times. In addition to a gift of \$600 from the Blum family, Elijah and Abby donated Build-A-Bears to spread the love to other patients navigating complex illnesses.



## Kilcor Construction event honors one child's memory by helping other kids with hearing loss

The annual Kilcor Construction Crawfish Boil unites hundreds of the company's employees, their friends and family members to raise funds for the Brady Corbett Fund. Launched by Kilcor's co-owner, Jeremy Corbett, and his wife, Becky, this fund began as one small way for the couple to honor the son they lost, but it has made a big impact on the lives of other kids like Brady. "Brady had hearing loss, so as we looked for ways to honor him, supporting pediatric audiology at Children's felt like a natural fit—a way to keep Brady's spirit alive and to support other families navigating their own challenges," says Jeremy.

With contributions from the Crawfish Boil, the Corbett family was able to make a \$50,000 donation in 2025 to support an audiology externship at Children's. "A future pediatric audiologist will receive specialized training to care for children with hearing loss, from initial diagnosis through lifelong follow-up," says Jeremy. "It has been incredibly meaningful to help ensure that kids across Georgia receive the expert hearing care they deserve."



## Ace Tree Farm brings holiday magic to kids in the hospital

Since 2022, Ace Hardware's Ace Tree Farm has helped spread holiday cheer at Children's by providing patients trees to decorate and display in their rooms. With over \$17,000 raised by Ace Hardware and sponsors in 2025, The Zone was transformed into a Christmas tree farm, with more than 300 patients stopping by to pick out an artificial tree, sip hot chocolate and spend time with Santa Claus.

"At Ace Hardware, service and relationship-building are at the heart of everything we do. Supporting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta through our partnership with Children's Miracle Network gives us a meaningful way to extend those values beyond our stores and into the community we love," says Intown Ace Hardware owner Dave Jones. "Our involvement allows us to do more than simply serve customers. It allows us to support our neighbors, strengthen our community and help bring comfort and joy to families when they need it most."



# Be part of the moment that changes everything for a child

Every day, a child arrives at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta needing care that can’t wait. In that moment, what matters most is that we can act immediately to address their specific need. We invite you to be part of the Circle of Impact as a member of our Founding 100—a trusted inner circle of visionary supporters, like you, who can support Children’s with unrestricted funds to be directed to the areas of greatest need, so we can respond to the most urgent healthcare challenges children are facing in Georgia.



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**Thank you.**