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"When a child is given an autism diagnosis, it can be a very confusing time for families; there's a lot of information to take in at once. We want to make sure families feel supported and can access information in a way that makes it easier for them to get what they need. The development and growth of all our programs, including Care Coordination, are only possible with donor support."



Cheryl Rhodes, MS, LMFT Director, Care Coordination Program, Marcus Autism Center

A portion of funds raised by the 1998 Society in 2013 benefited the Marcus Autism Center Care Coordination Program.

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1998 Society

Established in 2001 and named for the year Egleston Children's Healthcare System and Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center merged to form Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the 1998 Society is made up of doctors who embody that same spirit of unity by pledging their financial support to Children's.

What does the 1998 Society do?

- Fundraises and advocates for Children's.
- Provides funding through grants for innovative and unique doctor-led programs.
- Honors physician peers at The Big Deal fundraiser each year.

Since its inception 17 years ago, the 1998 Society has raised more than \$8.4 million for our patients and families by funding a number of programs and services, including:

- Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children
- Hughes Spalding librarian
- Palliative Care Program
- Diabetes Education Program
- Health Law Partnership Program
- Marcus Autism Center Care Coordination Program
- BME HealthReach Program



"The new Center for Advanced Pediatrics has made coordinating Isabella's care so easy. My husband and I will do whatever it takes to make sure she gets better—even if that means driving back and forth to make multiple appointments, but being able to visit this building has been so helpful. As parents, that takes some unnecessary stress off our plates."

Paola, mother of Isabella

A portion of funds raised by the 1998 Society in 2017 benefited the Center for Advanced Pediatrics.

Donations to the 1998 Society can be made to a donor-designated area or 1998 Society-supported areas, which are chosen carefully and thoughtfully by the society's board.

The 1998 Society Board set a fundraising goal of \$600,000 in 2018, a portion of which will benefit the following areas:

Health Law Partnership (HeLP)—A community collaboration among the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia State University College of Law serving low-income children who have a relationship with Children's.

Telepsychiatry in Primary Care—A pilot program aimed toward helping patients with mental health disorders, who suffer because of the stigma associated with those conditions, the goal of which is to lower depression and suicide rates.

Behavioral Health Services at Stephanie V. Blank
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