



## CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

IS EXPANDING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF GEORGIA FAMILIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



**P**arenting can be challenging on a good day. But when your child is unwell, you need an ally, someone you can trust to help you make tough decisions about your child's health. That's why — when the fever is too high, the cut looks too deep or something just doesn't seem right — Georgia families continually turn to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

For more than 100 years, Children's has been a pillar of the Atlanta community, providing quality pediatric care that has made them a model of excellence nationwide. They have repeatedly been named a top pediatric hospital by U.S. News & World Report, and were recently ranked in all 10 specialties, with eight in the top 20 nationwide, including cancer and nephrology, neurology and orthopedics.

"I tell everyone that I hope you never have to come to Children's. But I'm glad we're here if you need to," says Donna Hyland, CEO, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. "Our team accomplishes incredible things each and every day for our patients and their families, and I am grateful to have a community that supports us every step of the way. It's what allows us to do what we do."

### UNITING TO GIVE KIDS THE CARE THEY DESERVE

If there is one thing that's become abundantly clear in 2020, it's that it takes all of us to keep our communities safe and well. We each have a role to play. For healthcare organizations like Children's, the onus is great, yet so are the opportunities.

"At Children's, we have an opportunity to improve the lives of children, but to do so, we can't settle for the status quo or be satisfied with what's working today," says Hyland. "The field of medicine is not static. New diseases emerge, procedures change and treatments advance. We have to anticipate how we can best care for kids in the future and adapt to ensure we're always prepared for the next challenge."

The growing demand for specialty pediatric care across the state of Georgia and beyond is that next challenge. That's why Children's has embarked on its most significant endeavor yet to ready its campus, its providers and its facilities to meet this need.

The most visible sign of their progress: the concrete and steel rising from the Georgia red clay at the intersection of Interstate 85 and North Druid Hills. You may have noticed the emergence of the Center for Advanced Pediatrics, which opened in 2018. The site of a variety of outpatient services, this was the first phase of what is quickly becoming a new 70-acre campus devoted entirely to the care and treatment of Georgia's kids.

### PLANNING FOR A GREATER PURPOSE

So what does it take to build the hospital campus of tomorrow? First, it takes a vision, and then rigorous and thoughtful planning: three years of planning, to be exact. Children's sought input from key stakeholders—patients, families, staff, leadership and community members—so that every need was taken into account. They performed smart testing and even created a model using 10,000-square-foot of cardboard so that they could see and experience every room.

Why? Because when you're designing a space where lives are saved and cures are made, you have to look beyond aesthetics. You need a state-of-the-art campus that will empower clinicians to deliver better pediatric care, help researchers bring lifesaving cures to patients faster, and help children heal and live healthy lives.

### INSIDE THE HOSPITAL OF TOMORROW

By combining inviting and innovative, healing and high tech, Children's has designed a hospital and campus especially for kids and their families. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- **More patient beds** – 446 total – allowing Children's to treat more kids and be well-positioned as the region grows.
- **Family-friendly spaces**, including larger, private rooms so parents can comfortably stay with their children during their most challenging times.
- **More than 20 acres of greenspace**, which allow for exposure to nature, miles of walking trails, games like putt-putt and healing views from 70% of patient rooms.
- **More than double the conference and simulation space** than at Eggleston hospital, to help train fellows and allow clinicians to stay current with best practices.



• **Groundbreaking new innovations** in the practice of pediatric medicine, such as a 3D printing lab to design lifesaving treatment options, a special care unit for the treatment of patients with highly-infectious diseases like Coronavirus, three cardiovascular operating rooms and an inpatient dialysis unit.

### QUALITY PEDIATRIC CARE IS HERE TO STAY

When the doors of the new hospital open to patients in 2025, Children's will have a solid foundation in place. They will be better equipped to expand their reach, broaden their research capabilities and grow their clinical services to effectively meet the healthcare needs of Georgia's kids for generations to come.

As a community, we recognize the significance of having one of the nation's leading healthcare organizations right in our own backyard. We appreciate the incredible effort that goes into thoughtful expansion in a city of this size. But as parents, we know the new Children's campus is about more than just convenience, state-of-the-art technology and top-notch amenities. It's a beacon of hope. It's a promise that the unwavering support and quality care we've come to rely on is here to stay. And it's reassurance that no matter what healthcare challenges come our way in the future, someone is looking out for Georgia's kids.

We have proudly partnered with Ansley Atlanta for the past four years. **Ansley Atlanta donates a portion of every home sold to Children's and has donated more than \$245,000.** We know that Ansley Atlanta will continue championing our patients and their families for many years to come.

Learn how you can be a part of transforming the future of pediatric care at [choa.org/give](http://choa.org/give).