

We are grateful to have the support of donors like you as we strive to provide pediatric care that kids and families can count on—not just today, but for generations to come. Our source of inspiration and motivation is every child who refuses to give up and every parent who faces challenges head-on. It's because of them that we never settle.



We are pleased to share the following report outlining the impact of your generosity—which helps us to provide a wide range of care, from treating pediatric cancer to performing organ transplants, to healing fractures and caring for stomach bugs. With your continued support, we are confident we can do even more to help kids get back to what's most important: being a kid.

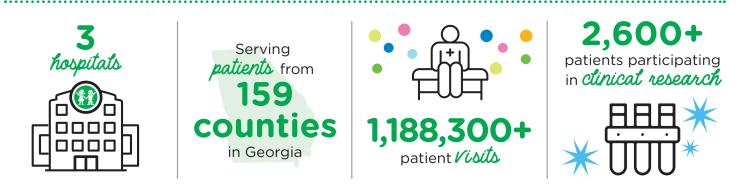
This is a historic year for Children's with the opening of Arthur M. Blank Hospital in September. Thank you for supporting us in our pursuit to do everything possible to make anything possible for Georgia's kids!

With gratitude,

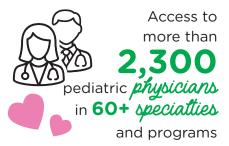
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## Children's Healthcare of Atlanta | 2023 at a glance







Named among the Best Children's Hospitals for 2023-2024 by U.S. News & World Report, with 8 specially areas ranked in the top 20



## Behavioral and Mental Health by the numbers

- Children's cared for over **1,650** unique patients through thousands of visits across all behavioral and mental health clinics.
- Hughes Spalding Hospital completed over **1,160** behavioral and mental health patient consults in the Primary Care Clinic.
- Our behavioral and mental health team completed over
  4,820 mental health assessments in our Emergency Departments.

#### Donor support at work

#### Facilitating Better Coverage for Behavioral and Mental Health Care

With donor support, we have focused on upgrading our clinical informatics infrastructure to best support our model of care. By redesigning documentation in our electronic health records and better classifying behavioral and mental health patients, we can gather quality data and promote the mental health parity law, which requires insurance companies to cover behavioral and mental health conditions like any other medical condition. This is critical to ensuring that all kids' medical needs are being met.

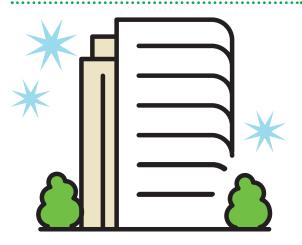
#### Meeting the Needs of Kids in Foster Care

Through the Infant Toddler Court Collaboration with Georgia State University, we are working to address the unmet mental health needs of families of young children in foster care. This collaboration is working to change child welfare practices and improve the early developmental health and well-being of infants, toddlers and their families.

#### **Connecting Patients to Community Resources**

We have equipped our behavioral and mental health team with a new ecosystem resource tool that will allow them to better connect our patients to resources in their communities, including information on early intervention and prevention, emergency and crisis services, family support and more.

### Thanks to philanthropic support



The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

# Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center

officially opened to patients and families, increasing capacity in our community, which has a rising need for pediatric behavioral and mental health services.



We launched the ae Clinic

to provide outpatient crisis recovery care and transition services for kids discharged from Children's. The goal is to provide behavioral and mental health services until ongoing care is established with a community provider.

#### Awards and accomplishments

- Chief of Behavioral and Mental Health, John Constantino, MD, is the inaugural Liz and Frank Blake Chair for Children's Behavioral and Mental Health. He was published in the summer edition of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians: The Georgia Pediatrician. The article, "Putting Historic New Endowment to Work: Behavioral and Mental Health at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta," highlights how Dr. Constantino plans to shape behavioral and mental health care at Children's and how a generous endowment will support these efforts in the absence of mental health parity practices in Georgia.
- Dr. Constantino also represented Children's by sitting on the Senate study committee on foster care and adoption, which provides a platform for improving foster care and adoption policies that impact children and families across Georgia.
- During Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Celebration Week, a member of our consult psychiatry team, Kelsey Pocock, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, won the APP Rising Star Award.
- Our BMH team represented Children's on the State of Georgia's Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, with leadership presence on the Hospital and Short-Term Care Facilities Subcommittee. The subcommittee worked to gather recommendations to help Georgia build capacity, flourish and improve access to behavioral and mental health services.



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The newly launched

# Recovery Care Clinic

provides short-term, suicide-specific psychotherapy and outpatient stabilization to decrease suicidal thoughts and behaviors.



Our frontline hospital staff work compassionately, safely and efficiently to deliver



evidence-based care to kids who come to Children's with a behavioral and mental health concern. Together, they provide clinical expertise across our Emergency Departments (EDs) and outpatient settings.

# We'll never settle until kids have the advanced care they deserve.

During the final year of Never Settle: A Campaign for Kids—the largest fundraising campaign in our 100-year history—we are hopeful and excited as we approach the opening of Arthur M. Blank Hospital on Sept. 29. This new facility will allow us to continue providing advanced pediatric care not just today, but for generations to come.

As the hospital enters its final stage of construction, crews are hard at work landscaping the expanded campus. With 20 acres of green space, including a garden honoring the rich history of Egleston Hospital, it will be a place for respite and healing for patients and employees alike.

None of this would be possible without donors like you, who have made our fundraising effort a success, achieving \$943 million of our \$1 billion goal through 2023. We couldn't be prouder of our community's dedication to our mission. Yet, a project of this magnitude requires a sustained commitment. And there's still work to be done.

We invite you to take part in our Community Campaign, a unique opportunity to sponsor an animal that will appear on a vibrant digital forest inside Arthur M. Blank Hospital. With your gift, you will receive a keepsake print of your animal and a certificate of authenticity.

Don't miss this chance to leave your mark on the future of pediatric care.

