

# 2009-2010 Friends Funding Goals



**Your neighbor's 16-year-old son is critically injured in a car accident.**

**Your 4-year-old daughter falls off the monkey bars and hits her head on the hard ground.**

**While riding his bike, your son, 8, flips over the handlebars and fractures his arm.**

**During soccer practice, your 17-year-old granddaughter suddenly collapses on the field.**

Parents can never predict when their child might require emergency services, but when they do, the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Emergency department is here for them. Thanks to the generosity of our community, Children's can provide the necessary equipment to treat our patients quickly and efficiently.

This year, Friends, the community volunteer organization of Children's, has named Emergency Services as part of its 2009-2010 Friends Funding Goals. With 170,288 visits in 2008, it is essential that the Children's Emergency department stays current with the most advanced equipment needed to treat our most critically ill and injured children.

- **Propaq Monitor:** These small, multifunctional monitors show all the vital statistics on one screen, allowing a doctor or nurse to get all the information needed to treat a child in a glance. Most importantly, the monitors are completely mobile, so doctors can keep track of a child's vitals if he is being rushed from one room to another.
- **LifePak 12 Defibrillator:** These lightweight devices are used to restore a normal heartbeat if a child goes into cardiac arrest.
- **Giraffe Omnibed:** This bed is both a full-featured incubator and a radiant warmer that provides much-needed warmth to premature infants' growing bodies. Its unique three-sided access allows doctors and nurses to perform clinical procedures such as X-rays and other tests without adding extra stress by moving the infant.
- **Glidescope:** These laryngoscopes enable clear views of airways, making the intubation process easier when a child needs help to breathe.

At Children's, the ultimate goal is for children to stay safe and healthy and not have to visit the Emergency department. That is why Friends also supports **Safe Kids Georgia**, which works in 22 counties to spread the word to parents, coaches, teachers and others about keeping kids safe from injury. Children's and Safe Kids Georgia have received national recognition from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for reducing injury statistics in our state during the past several years.

In a continuation of our funding goals, Friends also supports:

- **The Friends Research Fund:** This fund supports clinical research projects conducted by physicians and fellows at Children's.
- **Family Support Services:** These services include chaplaincy, child life specialists, social work and the Children's School program.
- **Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit:** These professional entertainers provide patients and families a much-needed distraction during their clown rounds, when the healing power of humor is the treatment.

Your support can make a difference in a child's life. Visit [www.choa.org/friends](http://www.choa.org/friends) to learn more about how you can get involved with Friends and support Children's.

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