

COMMUNITY BENEFIT OVERVIEW



In 2023, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta provided **\$412.4 million** to the community through benefits to our patients and their families. The services and programs offered are broken down into seven areas:



Unreimbursed clinical care

In 2023, approximately 57% of our unique patients, or more than 258,000 kids, were on Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids or unable to cover the cost of their care. Children's has a generous Financial Assistance Policy, allowing families with incomes up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to receive a 100% discount, with a sliding discount scale for families with incomes up to 600% of the Federal Policy Guidelines. While the delivery of unreimbursed care is one way that we meet our community's needs, we also offer extensive programs and subsidized health services to augment care.



Subsidized health services

In an effort to ensure quality care for children of all ages in Georgia, we provided \$51.5 million in subsidized health services despite a financial loss to our organization. These services include, among others, the Trauma Program, Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children, Center for Cleft and Craniofacial Disorders and our clinical behavioral and mental health programs, including services offered at the Zalik Behavioral and Mental Health Center and at Marcus Autism Center. Without Children's, these services could likely be unavailable in the community.



Lifesaving research

We collaborate with Emory University School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology and other academic institutions to advance pediatric medicine and pursue answers to perplexing medical conditions. In 2023, Children's opened 125 new clinical studies and more than 2,600 patients enrolled in clinical research. Throughout 2023, Children's provided \$43.4 million for lifesaving research in pediatric diseases and tracked 1,986 visit hours in the Children's Pediatric Research Unit.



Specialty pediatric services

Our healthcare system goes well beyond traditional medicine to create healing environments specially designed for kids. In 2023, Children's provided \$21.9 million in specialty pediatric services, including child life specialists, family libraries, play areas and hospital-based classrooms that are important components to the care and healing of kids and their families.



Wellness and community impact

We are committed to impacting the health and wellness of children both within and outside of our walls. Since Strong4Life was created in 2011 to fight childhood obesity, we've expanded our mission for child advocacy to include injury and illness prevention, child protection and preventative behavioral and mental health programs. In 2023, these efforts reached and served 814,000 Georgia children including work with more than 906 schools and early childhood education centers. In addition, we are working with Mercer University School of Medicine and the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center to build pediatric capacity in rural counties across Georgia. We committed \$16.0 million to support children's wellness in our state.



Physician training programs

As the primary pediatric teaching site for Emory University School of Medicine and Morehouse School of Medicine, we provided \$13.1 million to train the next generation of caregivers, which included 546 residents and 225 fellows during the 2023-2024 academic year. There is a growing shortage of pediatric physicians and by training more in Georgia, more will likely stay in the state to practice and care for our growing needs. Of the trainees who completed one of our fellowship programs in 2023, 52% have remained in Georgia. Children's also trains other pediatric healthcare professionals, including nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and psychosocial experts. To increase the number of pediatricians working in rural Georgia, Children's funded 10 full scholarships for medical students at Mercer University School of Medicine who commit to serving a rural community for four years post training.



Cash and in-kind donations

The life-changing care provided at Children's is not limited to an exam room. In 2023, we committed \$0.5 million in cash and in-kind donations to the community. These represent contributions, supplies and compensation paid to our employees away from normal job duties at Children's. This included time spent volunteering as camp counselors, logistics staff and medical providers at Camp Twin Lakes, which offers overnight summer camps for children facing serious illnesses, challenges and disabilities.