

2025 Friends funding goals

Friends
Volunteering Because Every Child Needs a Friend

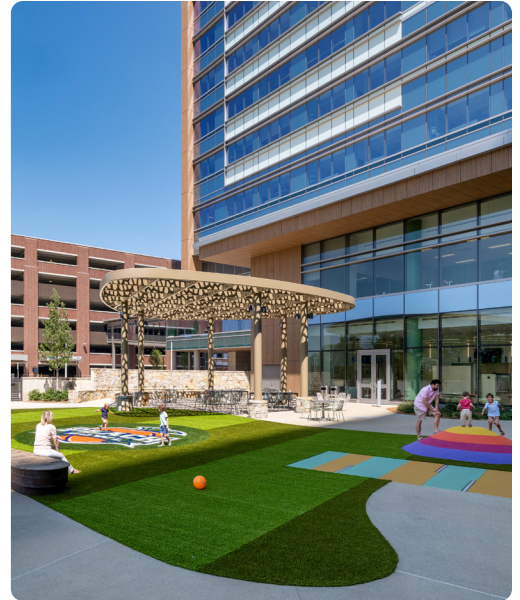
Benefiting



Children's
Healthcare of Atlanta

Friends is a network of community volunteer organizations that provide opportunities to make a difference alongside your friends and neighbors. As a not-for-profit organization, Children's depends on the generosity of community members to help provide specialized pediatric care to kids.

Friends groups plan fundraisers that engage the community, fostering a sense of camaraderie while also supporting the patients at Children's and fulfilling critical needs. This year, funds raised by Friends groups will benefit The Zone and the Greatest Need Fund.



Visit choa.org/friends to learn more and join a Friends group.



There are currently **more than 2,000** Friends volunteers.



Friends groups raised more than **\$4 million** for Children's in the last fundraising year.



The Zone at Arthur M. Blank and Scottish Rite Hospitals are **100% donor-funded**, creating space where patients can be kids.



Friends groups provide support not only through fundraising, but also by participating in **volunteer events** and **special service projects**.

FRIENDS FACTS



The Zone at Children's

The Zone is a place where kids can be kids. Initially gifted by Teammates for Kids, Garth Brooks' foundation, The Zone is now 100% donor-funded and is reliant on contributions from our community. Located at both Arthur M. Blank Hospital and Scottish Rite Hospital, The Zone serves as a hangout, a game center, a place to learn, a place to be the star of your own show and a place to connect. Outdoors at Arthur M. Blank Hospital, The Zone Backyard offers basketball, miniature golf, larger-than-life musical instruments and more.

The Zone is also equipped with a child life program that offers patients and their siblings individual and group therapeutic activities, which help build positive coping techniques and promote optimal development during hospitalization.



Greatest Need Fund

In addition to The Zone, Friends is also contributing to the Greatest Need Fund, which supports the most urgent needs of Children's patients, families and staff that might otherwise go unfilled. These needs may include specialized pediatric services and equipment, lifesaving research and physician training programs as well as many other immediate needs.

