Hey friends! I wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate what an incredible year this has been! We have just celebrated our 100th Anniversary serving the children of our great state. I proudly say “we” because the origins of this great hospital are deeply rooted in volunteer service, and for over 40 years now, the Children’s of Alabama Auxiliary has continued that legacy of outstanding volunteer service. The Auxiliary is on track for a record-breaking year with over 890 different individuals providing volunteer service to date. THANK YOU for always going above and beyond the call of duty and exceeding every expectation. You all are making a huge difference in a child’s life every single day.

Every year the General Auxiliary body elects a slate of officers to provide leadership and direction for the upcoming fiscal year. If you are interested in extending your current level of service and stepping into a leadership role, I want to personally invite you to complete the Nomination Form (https://www.jotform.com/form/12060748170) for the 2012 Children’s of Alabama Auxiliary Board. Please review the following list of elected positions and let us know where you are most interested in serving. In addition to the list of elected positions, we have a number of positions available on various committees. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 PM, Friday, September 30, 2011. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact us at the email address provided below.

One last note- Please join us for the General Auxiliary Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. We will meet at the Bradley Lecture Center where the nominating committee will present a slate of nominees for the 2012 Auxiliary Board Officers and call for a vote. We will even provide food!!...Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Please R.S.V.P. to childrensaux@gmail.com no later than Friday, October 7, 2011.

You are an incredible group of dedicated servants. Thank you for always putting children at the center of your lives!

Keep doing what you do!

Luke McCreless
President
Children’s of Alabama Auxiliary

Our Mission
Put Our Hearts to Work to Enhance the Services and Mission of Children’s Health System by serving the Children, Families and Visitors with Respect, Love and Compassion.
The following Board Officers shall serve a one-year term commencing on the first day of the new Auxiliary year (January 1). Each of the listed offices will be open for nominations and election. All elected officers must be Auxiliary members in good standing at the time of nomination and election, must have completed 48 hours of service or previously held elective office on a non-profit board, and must remain in good standing during their term of office. To submit your nomination go to: https://www.jotform.com/form/12060748170

★ **President**: The President serves as the principal officer exercising general supervision over the interest and welfare of the Auxiliary.

★ **Membership Officer**: The Membership Officer manages all membership related activities, including: the Nominating Committee, Volunteer Information Meetings, and Orientations.

★ **Fundraising Officer**: The Fundraising Officer shall orchestrate Auxiliary fundraising and outreach efforts.

★ **In-Service Officer**: The In-Service Officer shall serve as the primary liaison for all volunteer in-service activities, including: Parent’s Night Out, Auxiliary Fun Night, the Amelia Center, and the Art Gallery.

★ **Communications & Publicity Officer**: The Communications and Publicity Officer shall oversee Auxiliary communications and publicity related activities, including: The Volunteer Voice and Sunshine Committee.

★ **Activities & Special Events Officer**: The Activities & Special Events Officer shall assist in volunteer recognition and outreach activities such as the Annual Holiday Luncheon, the Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet, the Annual Tree Lighting, and Scholarship Fund.

★ **Secretary**: The Secretary shall serve as the official record keeper and historian for the Auxiliary.

**Treasurer**: The Treasurer shall serve as the Chief Financial Officer and shall oversee Auxiliary financial activities under the control and supervision of the Auxiliary Board.
Many of the offices and clinics will be closed for the holiday. Below is a listing of closings we know at this time, please verify your area will be open before coming in to volunteer.

The following departments will be closed on Mon., Sept. 5 for Labor Day:

7th Ave Coffee Corner
Accounting
Accounts Payable
Adolescent Clinic
Allergy Clinic
APASS
Bradley Lecture Center
Budget
Business Office
Cashiers Office
Cell Phone Office (closed 9/2 & 9/5)
CHECK Center
Children’s Behavioral Health - ACC
Children’s Behavioral Health - Shades Creek
Clinic 1
Clinic 2
Clinic 3
Clinic 4
Clinic 5
Clinic 6
Clinic 7
Clinic 8
Clinic 9
Clinic 10
Clinic 11
Corporate Compliance
Day Specialty Clinics - Children’s South
Decision Support
DEXA
Diabetes Clinic
EEG
Endocrine Clinic
Financial Counseling
Gift Shop
Grants and Research
Greenvale Pediatrics - Alabaster
Greenvale Pediatrics - Brook Highland
Greenvale Pediatrics - Hoover
HEAR Center
Hearing and Speech
Immunology Clinic
Infusion Clinic
Internal Audits
Mayfair Medical Group
Medicaid Screening

Medical Review
Midtown Pediatrics
North Alabama Children’s Specialist
Nuclear Medicine
Nursing Education & Research
One Day Surgery
Outpatient Radiology
Over the Mountain Pediatrics
PACU (call only)
Pager Office - Park Place
Payroll
Pediatric ENT - Children's South
Pediatrics West
Peds East - Deerfoot
Peds East - Trussville
Pell City Pediatrics
Physicians to Children
PIC (Pediatric Imaging Center) - Children's South
Pre-Admit Screening
Pre-Registration
Primary Care Clinic - Park Place
PT & OT - Children's on 3rd
Pulmonary Function Lab
Purchasing
Receiving
Referred Testing
Rehabilitation Medicine
Rheumatology Clinic
Scheduling
Sleep Disorders Center
Surgery - Children’s South
Surgery Scheduling
Utilization Management
Volunteer Services
Warehouse
Radiothon Volunteers Needed
Saturday September 10 - 12:00-4:00 No more than 3 volunteers needed
Saturday September 10 - 4:00-6:00 No more than 3 volunteers needed
Friday September 16 - 6:00a.m.-10:00 a.m. No more than 5 volunteers needed
Friday September 16 - 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. No more than 3 volunteers needed
Friday September 16 - 2:00p.m.-6:00p.m. No more than 3 volunteers needed
Friday September 17 - 6:00a.m.-10:00 a.m. No more than 5 volunteers needed
Friday September 17 - 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. No more than 5 volunteers needed
Saturday September 17 - 2:00-6:00p.m. No more than 5 volunteers needed

If anyone is interested, they can contact me and I will get them set up! Thanks so much for your help!
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In the Spotlight!

The Tri-County Links Organization sponsored Fun Night at Children's Harbor during August. Everyone enjoyed a lot of singing and dancing. Bill Thomas and Marsha Yarbrough also painted a lot of kids faces.

Naphcare Medical sponsored Parents Night Out during August. This was the largest PNO of the year with over 90 meals served.
Thankful for SUMMER TEENS

Amber Duncan is a teen volunteer that assisted in the Gift Shop this summer. She is hard at work assisting customers with their purchases.

Jennifer Jackson, Gift Shop employee with teen volunteer Leah Vason on her last day to volunteer for the summer program.

Vashali Nijampatnam is one of the dedicated teen volunteers that helped the patients, families, and staff in One Day Surgery this summer. Thank you for your dedication!

These are just a few of our college and teen volunteers that have done such a great job this summer. Thanks for an awesome job! Pictured from L to R, Rachel Brown, Katie Glosemeyer, Hannah McKee, and Shea McCord.
Linda Henry is an Auburn graduate and a huge fan. It brought a huge smile to Linda’s face to have her picture made with Aubie. You will not find a more devoted fan. Linda is also a huge fan of Children’s of Alabama. She is one of our great Nursery Nanny’s and has served over 6,000 volunteer hours. Thanks Linda for all the smiles and love you have given at Children’s!

DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER AWARD

This year we had two special recipients of the Distinguished Volunteer Award. Sharleta Stamps and Mrs. Dorthea Gray. Sharleta has moved to Atlanta, but is still an active volunteer with Children’s of Alabama, assisting us with editing and formatting the Volunteer Voice. Mrs. Gray has retired from her many years of volunteering at Children's. Please see the recipients receiving their award, Sharleta is on the left. Mrs. Gray is seen with Kathleen Thompson, Howard Holmes, Vivian Allen, and Frank Hrabe. Thank you both for all your tireless work! Despite the fact that you are not with us on a regular basis, you both are still in our hearts!

Editors Note: ahhh! Thanks, but it’s really an honor to continue to work with a great group of people and wonderful organization! ~Sharleta
PROFILE

This Magic Moment

Lineman enjoys performing at hospitals as much as creating illusions for Harrah’s Casino audiences

For Kevin Sanderson, the wonder he sees in a child’s eyes when he performs magic is the reward he most treasures.

Although working as a magician has become a second job for Sanderson, he especially looks forward to his weekly volunteer visits to Children’s Hospital in Birmingham. Sanderson and several clowns make the rounds to each child’s room to do tricks and bring a smile.

“It has changed my life,” said Sanderson, local operations lineman, Patton Chapel Crew Headquarters. “When I perform in a room where a kid may not have had a guest for a couple of weeks, it just makes me feel good. If I have had a bad day at work or a bad week, it makes all that stuff feel insignificant.”

Sanderson, who has volunteered at the hospital for three years, said his visits at times tear at his heartstrings. One of those experiences involved a little boy who always looked forward to Sanderson’s magic tricks.

But because of brain surgery, the child didn’t recognize Sanderson as the magician who had performed for him the prior week. After the boy’s death, his mother wrote Sanderson to thank him for making a difference in her son’s life during his final days.

“I realized then that I was a role model for these children, and I need to be appreciative of that,” he said.

A professional magician for more than five years, Sanderson presents at least two shows a week and practices his art about four hours a day. Along with performing at parties and weddings statewide, one of Sanderson’s regular venues is Harrah’s Casino Hotel in New Orleans.

Oddly enough, his big entertainment break came making repairs with his Alabama Power crew in the Big Easy after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. While there, Sanderson met with Harrah’s entertainment manager to demonstrate his magical illusions. Since then, he has performed at the casino one weekend each month.

He recently went on hiatus to prepare for an even bigger gig as one of the entertainers invited on a United Services Organization (USO) summer tour for soldiers in Europe.

Sanderson, who was named Close-Up Magician of the Year for Alabama in 2008 by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, has been developing his skill since he was a boy.

“When I was about 8 or 9 years old, my uncle Eddie who lived in Mississippi taught me a magic trick and that got me hooked,” Sanderson said. “Then, every year, when we went to Mississippi to visit my uncle and for family reunions, he would show me a different trick, and I would go home and practice it.”

Sanderson continued learning from his uncle for the next nine years and performed magic at school and friends’ birthday parties. After his uncle’s death, Sanderson lost interest but the passion was rekindled upon finding a photo of his mentor 10 years ago.

Since then, he has learned hundreds of tricks and illusions through magic books, CDs and DVDs.

“I’m living out my dream,” Sanderson said. “It makes me humble when somebody says, ‘I’ve heard you’re a great magician.’”

Along with magic, another longtime hobby is writing poetry. He has written a book of poetry slated for publication this summer.

Sanderson combines his two interests by weaving stories and poems into his show and around his illusions. For instance, he describes the awe he felt seeing his first snowfall as a small boy. With the audience hanging on every word, suddenly snowflakes fall from his hands.

“A lot of people think magic is tricks with cards, rings or silveryware. But that’s not really magic,” Sanderson said. “Magic is when you take people away from reality and give them a sense of wonderment. When you can make somebody laugh, that’s magic.”

For more information or to schedule a show, check Sanderson’s website at www.alabamaillusions.com.

By Carla Davis
Reminder

If you fail to sign out at the end of your volunteer service, you will only receive one hour credit for that day. This is also a concern to us because we are accountable for knowing every volunteer in the building and if you don’t sign out we could be looking for you when you are not here.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**September 2011**
- 8th  Parent’s Night Out, 6pm, Bradley Lecture Center
- 16th  Auxiliary Fun Night at the Harbor, 6pm, Children’s Harbor

**October 2011**
- 13th  Parent’s Night Out, 6pm, Bradley Lecture Center
- 24th  Auxiliary Fun Night at the Harbor, 6pm, Children’s Harbor
- 25th  Auxiliary Board Meeting, 5:30pm

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