

# 2021 Friends funding goals

**Friends**  
Volunteering Because Every Child Needs a Friend

Benefiting  
  
**Children's**  
Healthcare of Atlanta



Friends is the community volunteer organization that supports Children's Healthcare of Atlanta by raising funds to fulfill critical needs. Friends groups plan fundraisers that engage the community by fostering interaction between friends and neighbors while also supporting the patients at Children's. As a not-for-profit organization, Children's depends on the generosity of community members to help provide high-quality medical care to kids.

This year, funds raised by Friends groups will benefit the **family support team at the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's**, the **Chaplaincy General Fund**, and the **Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children**. In addition, **Marcus Autism Center** will receive ongoing support from Friends groups.

Visit [choa.org/friends](https://choa.org/friends) to create or join a Friends group.

## Friends facts

There are currently **more than 2,500** Friends volunteers.



Friends groups raised **\$2.9 million** for Children's in the last fundraising year.



With support from Friends volunteers, **Marcus Autism Center** is able to help **children with autism reach their full potential.**

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



Funds raised by Friends also benefit **our behavioral and mental health initiatives.**

# Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center

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## Family support services at the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center

Due to the nature of their treatment, patients at the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center spend more time in the hospital than many other patients at Children's. Time in treatment is time away from their friends, their schools, their faith communities and sometimes even their families. The Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center family support team helps fill this time with enriching services and surrounds the center's patients with an extra layer of protection. Because these services are not reimbursed by insurance, philanthropic support is fundamental to the maintenance of the program, which is 100% donor funded.



**School teachers**



**Music therapists**



**Nondenominational chaplains**



**Child life specialists**



**Social workers**



**Clinical psychologists**

## Chaplaincy General Fund

Our chaplains are trained to provide spiritual support and guidance to patients and families in our hospitals as they seek healing, meaning and hope in the face of injury or illness. They make rounds with caregivers, sit at a patient's bedside and respond to traumas in the Emergency Department, and they're available for spiritual support 24/7.



## Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children

The Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children provides social services and prevention education as well as medical and psychological services for victims of sexual and physical abuse and neglect. Our team conducts forensic medical examinations, forensic interviews and medical clearance examinations and provides trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.

Visit [choa.org/cpc](http://choa.org/cpc) to learn more about the center.