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Key Dates

Sept. 1 - ePerformance staff launch
Sept. 1 - Expanded Preventive Drug List brand drug coverage increased
Sept. 9 - Deadline to complete Commuter Survey from MRMC
Sept. 12 - 25 - Participate in Children’s Employee and Provider Engagement Survey
Sept. 17 - Briggs & Al’s Run & Walk

Children’s in the News

Children’s programs and experts often are featured in the news. Below is a sampling of recent stories about us.

In the News: Twin sisters battle leukemia, help raise money to fund research
Lily and Bailey Dove, 11-year-old twin sisters from Jackson, Wisc., were diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2013 and 2015, respectively. Lily’s treatment at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin ended in 2015, around the same time Bailey was diagnosed. Bailey’s treatment is expected to be complete in 2017. A fundraiser held at their father’s company, West Bend Mutual Insurance Co., raised $644,398 for the MACC Fund.


Flu season approaches
Lyn Ranta, MD, Children’s director of physician affairs, said now is the time to start thinking about the flu shot, especially as kids head back to school. While the first doses of this year’s influenza vaccine have arrived, Ranta said the flu mist vaccine will not be available this year.


Story re-aired on WKOW-TV (ABC 27, Madison), WAOW-TV (ABC 9, Wausau), WQOW-TV (ABC 18, Eau Claire) and WXOW-TV (ABC 19, La Crosse), Aug. 25-26, 2016.

Spriggy helps kids stay safe going back to school
Katie Horrigan, Children’s director of community education and outreach, shared some back-to-school safety information and resources with the help of Spriggy and the Kohl’s Cares Grow Safe & Healthy program.

Patient uses Make-A-Wish to help others

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin patient X’antony (Shariff) Brookens was nominated for a Make-A-Wish by Judyann Olson, MD, Children’s program director for Pediatric Rheumatology. The 18-year-old used his Make-A-Wish to put on a charity fundraiser featuring young local performers. The fundraiser benefited Children’s and three other organizations. Brookens was diagnosed with the chronic vascular disease Takayasu’s arteritis.

Stories aired on WTMJ Radio (620 AM), WDJ T-TV (CBS 58) and WTMJ TV (NBC 4), Aug. 19-20, 2016. See the Aug. 18, 2016 Newsbreak edition for previous media coverage.

Symptom spikes after concussion not believed to be a recovery setback

A new study in JAMA Pediatrics co-authored by Danny Thomas, MD, a Children’s emergency department physician, found that families should not be worried if a child’s concussion symptoms return once resuming day-to-day activities.


DNA sequencing saves Racine girl

Addyson Valley, a 15-month-old from Racine, was unable to eat and was failing to thrive. The girl’s life was saved after genetic sequencing identified an anomaly that made it impossible for her body to absorb fats.


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What our families are saying

See what patients and families are saying about us.

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Becky Petri  ▸ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
August 26 near Menomonee Falls, WI · Edited · 🙌

#toughbreak Thankyou for the excellent care! She loved the popsicles and smiled the whole time😊 tough Dalaney!!
As seen on Bravo!

Appreciation is the glue that holds our organization together. So many of you take time to call out your colleagues through the tools provided on the Bravo! recognition website to thank them for going above and beyond. Below is a submission from Deborah Wallner, health care coordinator, Care4Kids, for Kim Richfield, outreach coordinator, Care4Kids.

“I overheard Kim talk to a mom about her child who had just been placed in foster care. Kim used wonderful language about how Care4Kids is here to ensure her child is receiving medical care and remaining safe while mom is working towards reunification. I think this goes a long way to help the parent feel connected to someone who is looking out for their child. Such a great communication skill and so wonderful for these families.”

Learning and growing

Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Michael Kovnar Memorial Lecture: “Intractable problems in children with neurological impairment: The role of palliative care”
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9
Briggs and Stratton Auditorium, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Educational objective: Utilize palliative care strategies for problems that may become intractable due to the impaired central nervous system.
Speaker: Julie Hauer, MD, medical director, Seven Hills Pediatric Center, Division of General Pediatrics, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Al’s Run: “Pediatric delirium”
(Note earlier start time) 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16
Briggs and Stratton Auditorium, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Educational objectives: Define pediatric delirium, describe its prevalence and associated morbidity, verify that widespread screening is feasible and recognize that delirium is treatable.
Speaker: Chani Traube, MD, associate professor of clinical pediatrics, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

Skimmed breast milk
(Note earlier start time) 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20
Briggs and Stratton Auditorium, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Speaker: Melissa White, MS, RD, CNSC, Children’s cardiac intensive care unit dietitian, will describe skimmed breast milk, how it is prepared and the patients who would benefit from its use. The presentation and PowerPoint will be available on Children’s University.

“Promoting clinical reasoning during patient and family centered rounds”
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23
Briggs and Stratton Auditorium, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Educational objectives:
1. State key principles for effectively combining education and care at the bedside during PFCR
2. Describe the utility of the ESP model for PFCR
3. Identify strategies for optimizing the roles for team members: students, residents and attendings
4. Describe how to coach for presentations that promote reasoning to avoid diagnostic errors

**Speaker:** Mary C. Ottolini MD, MPH, vice chair for medical education, professor of pediatrics, George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC

**Jim Hardy Memorial Lecture in mental health: “If you won’t ask, they won’t tell: Screening and intervention for domestic violence in pediatric settings”**

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Friday, Sept. 30**
Briggs and Stratton Auditorium, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Educational objective: To provide an overview of the epidemiology of domestic violence and its impact on children, and to discuss core components of screening and intervention in a pediatric setting.

**Speaker:** Betsy McAlister Groves, MSW, LICSW, director, Child Advocacy Strand, Human Development & Psychology Program, Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, Boston, Mass.

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**New job postings**

New job postings are current as of Newsbreak's deadline. For the latest information on these and other job opportunities at Children’s, log in to Employee Self Service on the intranet and click on Apply for Jobs under My Recruitment. Refer external candidates to chw.org/jobs.

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Wellness updates

Welcome to Healthy Rewards 2016-2017!
Today is the first day of the new Healthy Rewards program year. This year's Healthy Rewards program features health content and activities that are updated every month.

Be sure to visit the Well-being Center at chwhealthyrewards.org for:
- Information on important health and well-being topics
- Fun "put-into-practice" activities to earn credits
- Great recipe and fitness ideas, and more

September put-into-practice activity: Catch some ZZZs
Sleep is not just about shutting down. It is actually a critical function needed for optimal health and well-being that can help you reach many goals. Proper sleep helps ward off stress and depression, increases mental focus, helps solidify and consolidate memories, improves mood and even helps prevent cravings.

In this activity, set your personal goal for how much sleep you will aim to get each night. Then track the actual number of hours you slept.

You must track at least 14 days in September in order to complete “Catch some ZZZs.”

We’re looking for team captains
Can you help lead the way to well-being in the workplace? Consider being a Healthy Rewards team captain for your unit, department or work group. Here’s what it takes:
- Good communication skills
- Ability to lead by example and actively recruit fellow employees to participate
- Willingness to learn about the Healthy Rewards portal, program components and deadlines
- Desire to be creative and have fun

Learn more here. If you want to be a captain, complete the application.

Straight talk about breastfeeding
Children’s is committed to our vision of having the healthiest kids in the nation – and we fully support our employees who are willing and able to give their babies a healthy start through breastfeeding.

Here are a few examples:
- Children’s offers lactation rooms and other flexible spaces for nursing moms at many locations. If you need different accommodations, talk with your leader.
- Lactation consultants from Children’s Lactation Management Services are available to answer your questions about breast milk pumping and storage, returning to work while nursing and other issues at (414) 266-1757.
- The Baby Steps booklet also offers information about breastfeeding and additional resources.
Upcoming fitness opportunities

Yoga
The next session of Yoga begins Monday, Sept. 12 at 5:15 p.m. in the Corporate Center Suite 215. Join the seven-week session for only $60 (cash or check payable to Santosh Yoga). To register, please complete the registration form and submit with payment to Employee Health and Wellness (C260) by Sept. 8.

Boot Camp
Do you like teamwork, fun, meeting new colleagues and getting in shape? If this sounds like you, come and join the next GO FIT BOOT CAMP!
Where: Community Services 76th St. back parking lot by Robyn’s Nest
When: Tuesday nights starting at 4:45 p.m.
Pricing: $60 for eight weeks (the ninth week is a make-up day)

It’s a lot of fun and can be modified for any fitness level. The next session begins Sept. 20 and will run for nine weeks.

Please contact Traci Tims to register. Payment (cash or check) is requested by Sept. 13.

Healthy Rewards credits are available for both of these fitness opportunities and can be logged in the Wellness Class/Series activity.

MOVE GRASS classes - Victory Garden Initiative
The Victory Garden Initiative’s mission is to build communities that grow their own food, creating a community-based, socially just, ecologically sustainable, nutritious food system for all.

Their MOVE GRASS class series runs all year long, teaching new and seasoned gardeners about garden planning, tree care, permaculture, healthy cooking, rainwater harvesting and more. Get a list of upcoming MOVE GRASS classes and information on how to register here. These classes are eligible for health work/community event credits in Healthy Rewards.

Do you have a will?
No one knows what tomorrow holds; a person of any age should have a will. Learn more about the importance of having a will by participating in this month’s Employee Assistance Program webinar.

Importance of Having a Will webinar
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016:
• 11a.m.-12 p.m. CDT
• 2-3 p.m. CDT
Register at: http://www.mylifematters.com/my/webinars

Learning the power of patience
Patience is the capacity to stop before you act so you are clearly able to decide the best course of action or choose the right words to say instead of simply reacting. There are many benefits that come with being patient, including making better decisions, reducing your stress and anger and increasing your peace of mind. LifeMatters, Children’s employee assistance program, suggests several steps to strengthen your patience.
• **Reframe the situation.** Ask yourself one question: How else could I look at this situation that would increase the possibility of a good outcome or greater peace of mind?

• **Remind yourself that change is inevitable.** Doing so gives you the strength, hope and patience needed to carry on.

• **Take yourself on a mental vacation.** Rather than focusing on negative feelings, relish a chance to visualize the most peaceful place you can think of.

• **Ask for help.** Lots of times impatience is caused by overload.

• **Start a patience movement.** Thank others for being patient when you’ve been impatient.

### Access other LifeMatters support services

From financial consultations to stress management resources, LifeMatters offers free, confidential assistance to all employees and their families. A full list of services can be found by searching “employee assistance program” on Children’s Connect. Find support by accessing our online resources at members.mylifematters.com (use the company password **chw1**) or by calling (800) 634-6433, where someone is available to listen 24/7. LifeMatters resources, tools and webinars are also available when you log in at members.mylifematters.com.

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### Viewing medical records: is it a privacy violation?

Policies and laws, including the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, protect private information. Breaking these laws can result in serious consequences. Many hospitals and clinics take a zero tolerance stance on employees who access records for the wrong reasons. Health care providers, including Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, will give corrective action, suspend or terminate employees for inappropriately viewing patient records. In California, a physician was fined $2,000 and sentenced to four months in prison for viewing patient records without a medical purpose. A hospital in Illinois was fined $5.5 million for not protecting patient information.

Audits of our records show that high-profile cases often are looked up at rates higher than normal. While intentions may be innocent, each instance violates patient or client privacy.

The bottom line: Never look at confidential records out of curiosity. Access and view records only as needed to perform your job.

For more information about our internal privacy policies, click the Policies and Procedures quick link button on the home page of Children’s Connect (connect.chw.org), and then search "privacy" on. Log on to Connect from anywhere at login.chw.org. Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin policies cover patient health information, social service client information, financial records, information security and disposal of private records and other aspects of privacy.

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### Kudos: PUP team win featured as FierceHealthcare exclusive

Congratulations to the Children’s Pressure Ulcer Prevention (PUP) Team, who won an excellence in skin safety award in June, on their featured story in FierceHealthcare, a free, daily healthcare newsletter.

FierceHealthcare has a 100,000+ subscriber base and even tweeted a photo of the team with a link to the article.
See the feature here.

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**Temporary removal of lobby artwork**

The David Lenz artwork, Through the Snow, which is front and center at the yellow wall of the R elevators in the Milwaukee Hospital lobby, will be temporarily shared with the Museum of Wisconsin Art (MOWA) beginning in September. MOWA is hosting a David Lenz exhibition from Oct. 8, 2016 – Jan. 22, 2017 featuring artwork throughout his journey as an artist.

This is a beautiful and large piece of art that has been in the lobby since the opening of the West Tower in March 2009. It will be removed on Sept. 12 for transfer to MOWA and returned to us in February. After its removal, Facilities will repaint the wall and find artwork to hang temporarily.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Family Services at (414) 266-3350.

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**ePerformance now available to all employees**

The wait is over! Today, Sept. 1, marks the official launch of ePerformance to all staff.

**Get started now!**

Visit the ePerformance Children’s Connect page for login instructions, to watch a short introduction video and more.

**Questions?**

Please contact the IMS Service Center at (414) 337-4357 with technical questions and any issues you may encounter when using ePerformance. All other questions can be directed to your leader.

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**Personalized 2015 Total Rewards statements now available**

At Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, one of the biggest investments we make is in you, our employees. We value the contribution you make every day to help us achieve our vision of Wisconsin kids being the healthiest kids in the nation. Because of this, we are committed to providing a Total Rewards package that will contribute to your overall personal and financial health and well-being. I am pleased to share that personalized 2015 Total Rewards statements are now available for all employees who worked at Children’s in 2015. If you were hired in 2016, you will not receive a Total Rewards statement until 2016 statements are generated next year.

**What is my Total Rewards statement?**

Your Total Rewards statement illustrates our investment in you by detailing contributions both you and Children’s made toward your Total Rewards package in 2015. It provides the value of your compensation, benefits, paid time off and retirement benefits. Be sure to review your statement so you understand the value of all that Children’s offers you. Keep in mind that this statement reflects the entire year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015), even if you made changes to your position or benefits in 2015.
View your statement now
If you were a Children’s employee last year, you can access your personalized statement through Employee Self Service by selecting “Total Rewards Statement” under the My Benefits section on the home page. If you want to print or save your statement, click the “printer friendly version” button on the upper right side of your statement. A free paper copy is available upon request by contacting the Children’s benefits team at (414) 266-3130.

Learn more about Total Rewards
Search “Total Rewards” on Children’s Connect to access resources, including two videos that highlight the benefits of Children’s Total Rewards package and explain the statement. If you have questions about your statement, please reply to this email or call the Benefits team at (414) 266-3130.

Expanded Preventive Drug List brand drug coverage increase
In 2015, we demonstrated our value of Health by introducing the Expanded Preventive Drug List for anyone enrolled in a Children’s high deductible health plan (HDHP). The Expanded Preventive Drug List includes prescriptions that, when filled at Children’s Employee Prescription Center, are covered at either 100 percent (for generic drugs) or 70 percent (for brand drugs), even if the patient’s plan deductible has not been met. These prescriptions help HDHP-enrolled employees and/or their dependents maintain health conditions such as asthma, depression, diabetes, cholesterol and high blood pressure.

To continue this cost savings effort, we are pleased to announce that effective Sept. 1, 2016, coverage for eligible brand drugs on the Expanded Preventive Drug List that are filled at the Employee Prescription Center is increasing to 90 percent coverage! Generic drugs on the list will continue to be covered at 100 percent.

Keep in mind that you must fill prescriptions from the list at Children’s Employee Prescription Center to take advantage of the coverage savings detailed above. If you have questions, please contact UMR/Optum at (888) 201-4287, Children’s Employee Prescription Center at (414) 266-3303 or the Benefits team at (414) 266-3130 or benefits@chw.org.

Take the MRMC commuter survey: Help determine the programs and incentives that may be offered
Most of us have experienced traffic and parking challenges on and near the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center (MRMC) campus. The MRMC Transportation, Traffic, Transit and Parking Committee is considering some programs and incentives to lessen the congestion by encouraging staff and student commuters to use alternative forms of transportation. As a member of MRMC, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin is a participant on the committee.

The committee would like your input regarding the likelihood you would use the programs and incentives being considered. You can provide input by taking a few minutes to complete the survey at: http://survey.mrmccampus.org
There is an opportunity at the end of the survey to enter a raffle for prizes, such as a roadside assistance kit. The survey will be available through Friday, Sept. 9.

Your input is valuable, and by taking the survey you can help shape the programming and incentives that may be offered.

**School nurses keep kids’ health on course**

As bells ring to mark the start of a new school year, Children’s will roll out another resource to help students stay healthy, safe and ready to learn. Through a partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), the School Nurse Program is placing full-time nurse at 10 central-city schools at no cost to MPS or the students or families they serve.

Studies show that healthy kids learn better and spend more time in the classroom. Schools with a full-time school nurse have about half the number of student illness- or injury-related early releases than schools without a nurse. Students also miss fewer days due to asthma, the leading cause of school absenteeism, accounting for more than 14 million missed days annually.

While the impact school nurses make is great, so is the need for their services. A 2011 report by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction ranked Wisconsin 36th for school nurse to pupil ratio, logging only one nurse for every 1,625 students.

School nurses help prevent health problems, deliver care, provide wellness services, dispense medications, promote safety, counsel students about physical and emotional issues, connect kids and families to needed resources and educate staff, students and families on health maintenance and preventive care.

Through the partnership with MPS schools, Children’s nurses also have the opportunity to shine a light on specific issues. At Starms Discovery School, Andrea Velic, RN, BSN – a former Children’s emergency department nurse – plans to educate parents about preventive care and help them understand how to make good care choices. Edith Rowe, RNC – who studied childhood obesity while pursuing a master’s degree in nursing – will focus on exercise and nutrition and hopes to start a garden program at Bethune Academy.

Children’s School Nurse Program partners closely with the Community Education team to support the Whole School Community Child model, which calls for collaboration between education and health to support each child’s mental, physical, social and emotional development and enhance learning.

“We’re striving to meet the needs of students, families and communities through school services, advocacy, policy development and by looking at the child as a whole to support overall well-being,” said Nicholas Herrick, BSN, RN, school health nurse supervisor. “We are working to meet this goal by collaborating with Community Navigators and Project Ujima staff within the Children’s umbrella, and with outside community organizations that service the neighborhoods in which we have a presence.”

Building on Children’s values of Collaboration and Purpose, the School Nurse Program is strengthening the link between learning and helping Wisconsin kids be the healthiest in the nation.
“Our goal is to empower children to be the best they can be so they can live well and succeed academically,” said Herrick. “By bringing health care and educators together on their behalf, Children’s is helping kids stay well so they can perform better at school – and live long, healthy lives.”

Blast from the past: Enjoying the wait
An inside view of our outdoor waiting room

When Children’s moved to a new building at 17th St. and Wisconsin Ave. in 1923, a grassy plot at the rear of the hospital was used as an outdoor waiting room. It was stocked with playpens and sandboxes for active kids and offered benches and patio tables where parents and families could relax.

While Children’s waiting rooms look a bit different today, we’ve continued to create innovative spaces where kids can enjoy the wait. In 2015, Children’s opened a state-of-the-art sibling care room, Playroom of Hope, on the second floor of the Milwaukee hospital’s west tower. This new space features a host of kid-friendly activities, including a smart board where children can create, print or download artwork, several reading nooks and a quiet room for one-on-one interactions. Learn more.

Opt in for LGBT Chamber of Commerce information and events

In June, Children’s Hospital joined the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce as a corporate member.

Programs offered by the LGBT Chamber include opportunities for education and networking for employees and providers, as well as engagement opportunities for Children’s initiatives, including recruitment of foster parents and advocacy efforts. Examples of recent programming include a monthly business leaders’ breakfast, social events in Green Bay, Appleton and Milwaukee, and annual business expos.

Are you interested in receiving information about events or learning more about the chamber? Contact Tricia Geraghty, Children’s corporate vice president for marketing and communication and member of the Chamber’s Leadership Advisory Council, at TGeraghty@chw.org.

Parenting corner: Tips from our blog

Back-to-school checklist should include safety lessons

In the midst of the back-to-school rush, while you’re reviewing your schedules and getting supplies and backpacks ready, remember to review safety as well. Parents and caregivers should keep in mind that the relevant safety topics for kids change with every year and every grade. What you were teaching them about safety last year may not be the same as what they should know now, especially if there is a transition to middle school or high school involved.

I recently spoke about school safety on The Morning Blend, and am able to share some great safety resources available through the Kohl’s Cares Grow Safe & Healthy program. Here is a helpful way to approach age-appropriate safety topics for kids:
All ages

**Family safety planning:** Do your kids know what to do in an emergency, and how to reach you if necessary? Do you have an alternate contact when you are not available? What should they do if they come home and you’re not there? Learn more about **family safety planning**.

**Pedestrian and passenger safety:** It’s never too early to learn some lessons, such as crossing the street safely, wearing a helmet when riding a bike or on wheels, wearing a seatbelt while riding in a car, being a safe and distraction-free passenger. Learn more about **pedestrian and passenger safety**.

**Sports safety:** Regardless of their skill level, it’s important to reinforce messages like wearing a helmet, staying hydrated and following the rules of the game, just to name a few. Learn more about **sports safety**.

**Keep Spriggy Safe Game app:** Helping Spriggy avoid danger helps teach kids safety lessons in a fun and engaging way. **Download the Keep Spriggy Safe Game app.**

**Younger kids**

**Playground safety:** Kids can learn how they can do their part to stay safe and keep others safe while at play. Learn more about **playground safety**.

**Older kids**

**Staying home alone:** Are they ready, and what do they need to know to stay safe? Learn more about **kids staying home alone**.

**Teens in the kitchen:** Set the rules for what they can cook on their own and when, while reviewing kitchen and microwave safety. Learn more about **teens in the kitchen**.

— Katie Horrigan, director of community education and outreach, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

**Community Services**

*Former Children’s patients to compete in 2016 Paralympic Games*

As kids, Hailey and Nate successfully battled cancer at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Later this month, they will battle some of the top athletes in the world when they represent the United States in the 2016 Paralympic Games.

While the paths they took to get to Rio may have differed, their journeys began in the same place.

“I’m so thankful I was at Children’s,” Nate said. “The thing I remember most is the amazing staff. They do become your family.”

Hailey, too, fondly remembers the strong bond she developed with her care team. “They became such a big part of the journey,” she said. “They saw me at my worst and years later were able to be a part of my best. I’m so grateful for them all.”
The 2016 Paralympic Games will take place Sept. 7-18. Approximately 4,300 athletes from more than 160 countries will compete in 528 medal events in 22 different sports.

Read more about Nate and Hailey’s journeys from Children’s to Rio here.

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**Swap Shop: Children’s office equipment and supply exchange program**

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin produces about 102 tons of waste per month – that’s 2.4 MILLION pounds a year! While much of that is made of items you’d expect to find in a landfill – wrappers, tissues, medical gloves, etc. – some of what ends up in our garbage may surprise you: unused pens and binders, gently used office chairs, file cabinets and more. To lessen the amount of Children’s-owned equipment, supplies and furniture that are in good working condition but are thrown out because there is too much of it, it’s no longer needed or storage is a concern, the Children’s Hospital Sustainability Committee has created a new system-wide supply and furniture reuse program called Swap Shop.

Swap Shop focuses on re-purposing surplus property generated by any department within Children’s. With the goal of reducing Children’s environmental footprint, the program finds new homes for equipment and furniture through redistribution to other units or departments within the organization.

**How it works**

Employees or departments that have non-medical equipment, supplies or furniture they no longer need can offer it to others via Swap Shop instead of disposing of it or paying to store it. Donating unwanted items to the Swap Shop is easy! Fill out the electronic submission form located on the Swap Shop webpage.

Swap Shop will operate similarly to buy/sell/trade websites such as Craigslist, with the exception of payment. The “Swap Shop items” Connect page will list a picture and description of each available item so that employees can browse the list to see if what they’re looking for is available before they secure funds to purchase the item new. This helps our organization financially as well.

**Donate an item for a chance to win**

The first 10 people to donate an item to Swap Shop via the submission form will receive a Children’s branded reusable tote bag!

Participating in Swap Shop will help us meet our Sustainability Committee’s goal to recycle at least 24 percent of our waste in 2016.

If you have questions about Swap Shop, or want to become a member of our Sustainability Committee, please contact Lauren Giuliani at LGiuliani@chw.org.

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