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Discover why Belle is now a thriving 11-year-old.



Margaret Kleiman is an active volunteer who recently included a gift to Children's in her will to help recruit and retain pediatric physicians.

## A passion for finding cures

More than 30 years ago, Margaret Kleiman joined other runners for an inaugural fundraising road race. Margaret instantly knew she would like to be part of the enthusiastic staff and could make a bigger difference behind the registration table than she could behind the race's start line.

This November, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta will host the 32nd annual Associated Credit Union Strong Legs Run/Walk. More than 3,000 runners will lace up their shoes in support of the children in their community. And Margaret will be there—as she has been for the last 32 years—to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Lydia George, a Children's Program Coordinator who oversees the Associated Credit Union Strong Legs Run/Walk, said she and her team are indebted to Margaret for her extraordinary dedication.

"It's not every day that you have a volunteer like Margaret who has helped out at an event since its beginning. Margaret is a vital member of the planning committee for the race and

oversees registration," Lydia says. "Registration is a huge undertaking and Margaret does a wonderful job helping runners with any questions and problems they may have. The race would not be as successful as it has been for all these years without her help."

Margaret has never been a stranger to volunteerism. Beginning in college, she found ways to volunteer wherever she lived and worked, including 40-plus years in the corporate world at companies like IBM and Northern Trust Corporations.

"Volunteering provides me with a natural high—I definitely get back more than I give," Margaret says. "Volunteering has provided me with amazing experiences and lasting friendships. There is nothing more rewarding than knowing you have made a difference."

Her realization of the importance of volunteering was reinforced when Margaret served as the Senior Director of the Athletes' Village for the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, overseeing a staff of 11 and more than 1,100 volunteers.

But it was that first Strong Legs Run that began a relationship between Margaret and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta which has spanned decades. That relationship is not limited to the run. Margaret volunteers her time

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta depends on the generosity of donors and volunteers to be one of the best children's hospitals in the nation.

# s leads to a legacy gift

for dozens of activities and events that benefit Children's, including Swim Across America, the Children's Strong4Life Superhero Sprint, UGA Countdown to Kickoff and the John Smoltz Celebrity-Am Golf Tournament. Whether gathering or purchasing items for auction, serving on planning committees or managing registration or organizing silent auction tables at events, Margaret estimates that she dedicates a day or two a week to Children's.

"Through the years I have also introduced many of my friends to Children's volunteering and they enthusiastically join me at a variety of activities," she says. "Like me, they keep coming back because they feel like they are valued by Children's and are delighted that they are able to contribute to the success of these

fundraising activities. It is an honor and a pleasure to be a Children's volunteer."

To take her commitment even further, Margaret has made a legacy gift by naming Children's in her will. Her gift will create an endowment to recruit and retain pediatric physicians.

"I have been so impressed with the doctors I've met and their passion for finding cures and helping children that I decided I wanted to establish a program to help recruit and retain the best and the brightest," she says. "By providing support for research and clinical delivery of care, I hope my endowment program to support research, innovation and care to make kids better today and healthier tomorrow will be a difference maker in attracting talented, dedicated doctors to Children's. I see my endowment as a way to raise money for Children's for decades to come."



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## Join the Legacy Circle

Together, we can accomplish more

On behalf of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation, we are pleased to introduce our legacy-giving society—Legacy Circle. This group recognizes donors who have made planned gifts to Children's.

To start your membership, please contact Mary McCormack at 404-785-9481 or [mary.mccormack@choa.org](mailto:mary.mccormack@choa.org) to let her know that you have included Children's in your estate plan.

## Make a tax-free gift from your IRA

Are you 70½ or older? Congress has reinstated a law that allows you to give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Children's without having to pay income taxes on the money. Contact us today to learn more about this tax-smart way to make an impact at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.



# Leading the way to miracles

Born in November 2004, Belle Helton was diagnosed just a month later with congenital nephrotic syndrome, in which case an abnormal protein in the urine causes the body to swell. Belle's parents, Kyle and Michelle, were told their daughter's kidneys would not last longer than 18 months.



To watch and learn more about Belle's inspiring story, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOp9IZ7sGIY!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOp9IZ7sGIY!)

As the Heltons approached the first anniversary of Belle's diagnosis, doctors said she showed unexplained improvement—while she still had the disease, it was not damaging her kidneys. Then, in March 2010, 5-year-old Belle experienced renal failure and started dialysis. Though both parents were a perfect match, they decided Michelle would donate her kidney.

Before moving forward, however, Michelle had to undergo a mammogram. She learned she had two malignant tumors in her left breast—something that could have gone undiagnosed for years if her daughter had not needed a transplant. Belle's surgery was put on hold as Michelle received aggressive doses of radiation and chemotherapy. In February 2012, Kyle gave his kidney to his daughter.

Thanks to the life-saving care at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Belle is now a thriving 11-year-old. Legacy gifts to Children's lead the way to miracles every day. Contact us today to learn how you can help save children's lives.

## It's your move: three steps to take today

**VISIT** [choa.org/legacygiving](http://choa.org/legacygiving) to see how you can make an impact on the children we serve.

**RETURN** the enclosed reply card to request the complimentary brochure, *Your personal planning road map*.

**CONTACT** Mary McCormack to determine the type of gift that fits your charitable goals.



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