

# Atlanta's 2017 guide to giving back



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**WELLSTAR HEALTH SYSTEM AND THE WELLSTAR FOUNDATION**



*Candice L. Saunders*  
 President & CEO, WellStar Health System

WellStar Health System and the WellStar Foundation are proud to sponsor the 2017-2018 Giving Guide. As a not-for-profit, we are honored to stand alongside other Atlanta-area organizations whose missions are to make our city – and our world – a better place for this and future generations. It takes a great deal of support to meet the needs of our growing communities, which is why the WellStar Foundation proudly partners with thousands of local businesses, philanthropists and organizations to ensure rapid, high-quality care when you need it most.

Often times, the need for medical services comes when you least expect it. That is why we are committed to exceeding the expectations of our patients and team members in all health scenarios. As the largest healthcare system in Georgia, we thank you for trusting us to deliver on our brand promise of excellence in emergency and trauma, cardiac, cancer, family health and other essential services.

Since starting my career as a critical care nurse, I have personally witnessed the phenomenal outcomes that can be achieved when combining skill with benevolence. These experiences drive me, and our more than 20,000 team members, to believe that together we can continue to enhance healthcare services for everyone across the state of Georgia.



## Communities In Schools

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## Mission

Communities In Schools surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

## Goals

Our goal is to support youth by providing needed resources to overcome barriers and struggles that will allow them to improve graduation rates, academic achievement and job and post-secondary school readiness.

## Services

We facilitate and champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help students successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life. By bringing caring adults into the schools to address children's unmet needs, we provide the link between educators and the community. The result: teachers are free to teach, and students – many in jeopardy of dropping out – have the opportunity to focus on learning.

## Year Founded

CIS Atlanta: 1972  
CIS Georgia: 1989



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

On March 15, 2018, CIS of Atlanta will host its annual **Choose Success Awards** to celebrate students for making a difference in their communities through service projects and recognize students who have made significant improvements in school. Additionally, CIS will present the Anne Cox Chambers Champion for Kids Award to Neil Shorthouse and Patty Pflum. For more information please contact Joe Vella at [jvella@cisatlanta.org](mailto:jvella@cisatlanta.org).

**Dine Out For Kids** Oct. 19, 2017 when local restaurants pledge a percentage of their sales on a designated day to help high-needs students. **CIS of Georgia Champions Awards Ceremony**, Feb 19, 2018. This event recognizes students from across the state of Georgia who have overcome obstacles and shown improvement in attendance, behavior and academics. Champions also honors an adult or organization who has been a Champion for Children. For sponsorships, tickets or information, contact Cindy Morley at [cmorley@cisgeorgia.org](mailto:cmorley@cisgeorgia.org)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

One caring adult can make a difference in a child's life. And, volunteering with Communities In Schools is an excellent way to give back. You can make a difference in the lives of children with the greatest needs. If you have just one hour to share during the week, you can help by mentoring and/or tutoring a child at one of our Metro Atlanta sites. For more information please contact Wakeeta Rosser at [wrosser@cisatlanta.org](mailto:wrosser@cisatlanta.org)

CIS Georgia employs a community development approach to unifying the existing resources of communities around children, families and schools. If you are interested in volunteering in the AmeriCorps tutorial project, contact: [elittle@cisgeorgia.org](mailto:elittle@cisgeorgia.org), or to volunteer as a tutor or mentor in your community, contact your local affiliate.



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

A 2015 CIS of Georgia performance audit conducted by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, based on current funding levels, indicated the state's return on investment is estimated to be \$18-\$1 for a high school graduate over his or her lifetime. The donations we receive are used to provide resources and connections to school supplies and food, clothing, housing, mental health services, mentoring and tutoring services. Your tax-deductible gift to Communities In Schools will help connect at-risk students with caring adults, community resources and support systems to keep them in school and on the path to graduation.

Honor a friend, loved one, mentor or teacher with a special gift in his or her name. These thoughtful contributions are a truly special way to show respect for friends and loved ones, and help memorialize those who have passed. When you make your gift we will send a note on your behalf to a family or recipient of your choosing.

**For Communities in Schools of Atlanta:**  
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## COMMUNITY IMPACT: (2016-2017 school year)

Across the state of Georgia:

- Students served: 128,293
- Elementary school promotion rate: 94%
- Middle school promotion rate: 93.8%
- Graduation rate: 88%
- Community volunteers: 5,938
- Parents served: 24,681

Metro Atlanta:

- Students Served: 30,000
- Students on Intensive Case Load: 4,500
- Case load students stayed in school: 92%
- Case load students were promoted or graduated: 92%
- School districts; Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton County schools.



# In schools to help kids stay in school.

Homelessness. Hunger. Trauma. Kids bring a lot more to school than you may realize. That's why our staff is in schools every day, making sure kids get the support and resources they need. We partner with teachers, so what happens outside the classroom doesn't impact students' learning inside the classroom.

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