

# GET TO KNOW US



Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is a great place for child life professionals to work – and Philadelphia is a very exciting place to live! We've put together some fun facts about our Child Life, Education and Creative Arts Therapy Department, our city, and our hospital so you can learn more about everything we have to offer.

## ABOUT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

- First pediatric hospital in the United States, founded in 1855
- In 1872, CHOP gained its first resident physician
- Winter and summer playrooms and a rooftop garden were built in 1877
- 564 inpatient beds
- Employs over 16,000 people
- Performed the world's first bilateral hand transplant on a child
- Home of the Garbose Family Special Delivery Unit, the world's first delivery unit for infants with birth defects diagnosed *in utero*

## PHILADELPHIA IS HOME OF THE:

- Best cheesesteaks, water ice, pretzels and Tastykakes!
- Liberty Bell and Independence Hall
- "Rocky Steps" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art
- First zoo in the United States: the Philadelphia Zoo
- Oldest residential street in the United States: Elfreth's Alley
- Third-oldest subway system in the country
- First hospital in America: Pennsylvania Hospital
- Eastern State Penitentiary, a famous prison-turned-museum that once held Al Capone
- Reading Terminal Market, a 118-year-old farmers' market in the heart of the city

## ABOUT THE CHILD LIFE, EDUCATION AND CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY DEPARTMENT

- 140+ employees
- 23 inpatient playrooms
- Pet therapy program with more than 21 breeds of dogs
- Wawa Volunteer Services program includes approximately 600 volunteers who serve CHOP
- Hospital School Program provides services to approximately 300 patients per year from more than 200 schools, for a total of more than 3,500 teaching hours
- Seacrest Studios opened in July 2011
- In 2017, our creative arts therapy program expanded to include dance movement therapy
- Our creative arts therapists, child life specialists and hospital school teachers often present at national conferences
- Department management team of 11

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## CHILD LIFE

- 64 full-time child life specialists, including 9 clinical experts and 2 clinical supervisors
- 6 part-time child life specialists
- 10 per-diem child life specialists
- 12 full-time (and 1 part-time) child activity coordinators
- 1 full-time senior director of Child Life Program and Volunteer Services
- 4 full-time Child Life, Education and Creative Arts Therapy managers
- Professional advancement program
- Services available throughout CHOP's Main Campus, including in the outpatient clinics, Emergency Department, Garbose Family Special Delivery Unit, Harriet and Ronald Lassin Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit and Proton Therapy Center
- Services available at 2 CHOP Specialty Care Centers (King of Prussia, Pa., and Voorhees, N.J.)
- Dedicated part-time child life specialist who advises our ambulatory network staff, including at primary care practices and affiliated hospitals

## CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY

- 6 full-time music therapists
- 2 part-time music therapists
- 1 per-diem music therapist
- 6 full-time art therapists
- 1 per-diem art therapist
- 1 full-time dance movement therapist
- 1 full-time creative arts therapy manager
- Professional advancement program
- Services available throughout CHOP's Main Campus
- 2 dedicated music therapy rooms, plus a one-of-a-kind technology cart for teen and young adult patients

## HOSPITAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

- 7 full-time Pa.-certified teachers
- 2 part-time Pa.-certified teachers
- 2 full-time education coordinators serving our oncology patients
- 1 part-time education coordinator serving our rehab patients
- Billable service
- Provides instruction to inpatients and educational services, such as testing and school re-entry

## PATIENT MEDIA & EVENTS PROGRAM

- 1 full-time patient media and events supervisor
- 1 full-time events and donations associate
- 2 full-time patient media specialists
- Crew of 20+ volunteers, many of whom are former interns
- Seacrest Studios, located in the Main Hospital atrium, features approximately 20 hours of live programming each week
- Comprehensive student internship program with three different crews from various universities each year

## GERALD B. SHREIBER PET THERAPY PROGRAM

- Endowed program
- 1 full-time coordinator
- Involved in research
- Co-treats with Child Life and Occupational/Physical/Speech Therapy
- Approximately 60 volunteer dogs
- Anticipate facility dog program launch in 2020



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