

Vision, mission and strategy

At Children's Hospital Boston, our vision is to be the worldwide leader in improving children's health by providing the highest quality health care, being the leading source of research and discovery, educating the next generation of leaders in child health, and enhancing the health and well-being of the children and families in our local community. To support this mission, the hospital has developed a list of strategic objectives, which you'll see on these pages, with examples of how they are incorporated into the work we do every day.

care research teach community



Workplace of choice

Hundreds of Children's employees gathered to celebrate the completion of Main South last summer at two baseball-themed employee events—just two of the many events the hospital hosts throughout the year to show appreciation for employees.

State-of-the-art environment



Children's Intraoperative Magnetic Resonance Imaging system is but one example of the technology that helps us provide the most cutting-edge care to our patients.

Aa2

Moody's Investors Service—one of the nation's top independent credit rating firms—assigned a credit rating of Aa2 to Children's, a sign of excellent fiscal performance. This rating is one of the highest you can achieve and allows the hospital to maintain a lower borrowing rate to help finance our buildings and equipment. Children's is one of only 17 health care entities nationally to obtain this rating, and the only one in Massachusetts.

Financial strength

Safety first



The Program for Patient Safety and Quality has rolled out a hospital-wide ad campaign reminding patients, families and employees of the hospital's commitment to patient safety.

Frontiers of knowledge



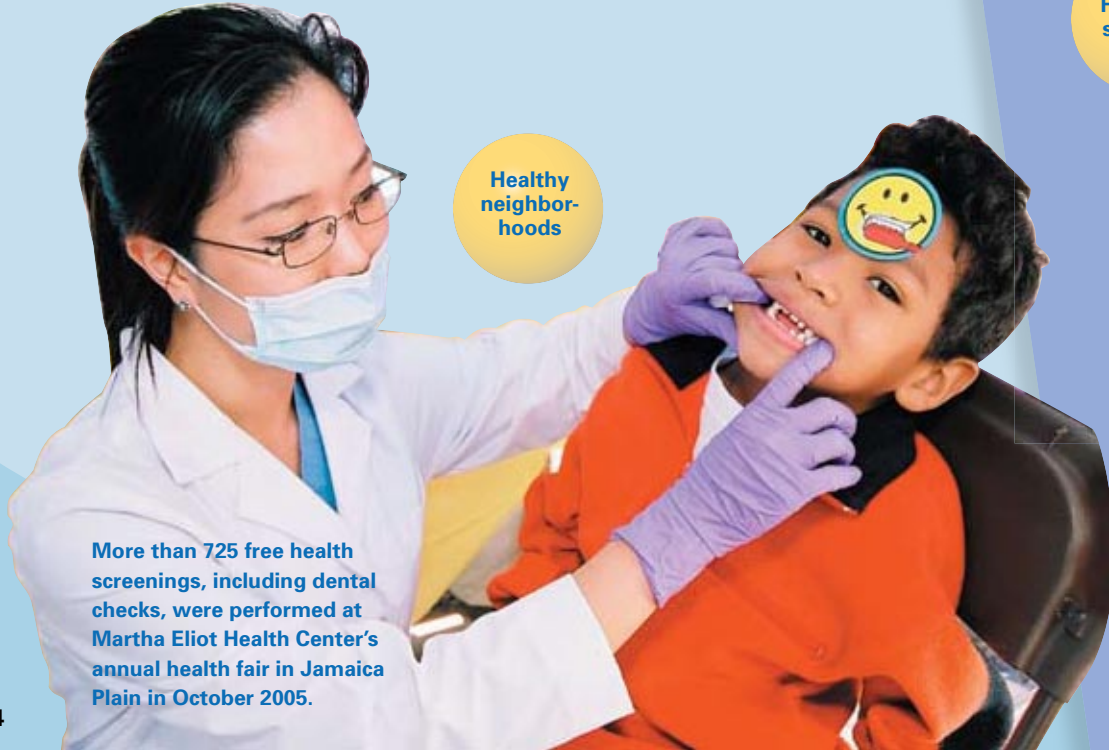
1,500 Children's researchers seek answers to everything from autism to Alzheimer's disease every day.

Leaders of tomorrow



Fred Lovejoy, MD (left), has directed the Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics at Children's and Boston Medical Center for the last 25 years, helping mold future health care leaders, like Rheumatology fellow Mary Beth Son, MD (center), and second-year medical resident Carl Eriksson, MD (right).

Healthy neighborhoods



More than 725 free health screenings, including dental checks, were performed at Martha Eliot Health Center's annual health fair in Jamaica Plain in October 2005.



The Center for Families is dedicated to helping families find the information and resources they need to understand their child's medical condition and take part in their care.

Satisfied families

To view Children's vision, mission and values online, visit: www.childrenshospital.org/mission.