



MEDIA ALERT

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Children's Hospital, Navicent Health Patients will Trick-or-Treat Despite Illnesses *Annual Trick-or-treat Parade to Be Held Friday, October 30*

MACON, GA (Thursday, October 29, 2015) – Halloween is a fun night for children across the U.S., but children with health issues often have to miss the festivities. Patients at Children's Hospital, Navicent Health (CHNH), however, will be able to trick-or-treat during the hospital's annual Trick-or-Treat Parade, despite their illnesses.

“We want to keep life as normal as possible for our patients, and that includes participating in fun holidays. The Trick-or-Treat Parade will allow our patients to dress in costumes and trick-or-treat on a route through the Children's Hospital and the Medical Center, Navicent Health. Our employees and volunteers will provide them with treats,” said Megan McGraw, Child Life Specialist at CHNH.

Children who are unable to walk in the parade may participate via wheelchairs or wagons. Staff members will take treats to those patients who are unable to leave their rooms.

The Trick-or-Treat Parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30. **This is not a public event, but media are cordially invited to attend.** Media wishing to attend should contact Megan Allen for location information.

About Navicent Health

Navicent Health was incorporated on November 17, 1994, as a nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is to coordinate the Medical Center, Navicent Health and other affiliated entities in their mission of providing a comprehensive continuum of high quality, reasonably priced healthcare services to the region. Navicent Health has 830 beds for medical, surgical, rehabilitation and hospice purposes. The health system includes Medical Center, Navicent Health, a nationally recognized tertiary teaching hospital; Children's Hospital, Navicent Health, the region's only dedicated pediatric hospital; Medical Center of Peach County, Navicent Health, a rural critical access hospital; Rehabilitation Hospital, Navicent Health, the region's oldest and most experienced rehabilitation provider; Pine Pointe Hospice, Navicent Health, which provides palliative and hospice care in homes and in its facility; Carlyle Place, Navicent Health, the area's first continuing care retirement community; Navicent Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Navicent Health; as well as diagnostic and home care services.

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