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Reaching out to kids to promote good health

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[Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital](#) and [Children's Health Resource Center](#) in Park Ridge, IL, sponsored a booth February 20 and 21 at the Chicagoland Kid's Expo in Schaumburg, IL. Joining dozens of other organizations and retailers, the event offered a great opportunity to showcase the many programs and services of the hospital to the estimated 8,000 children and families in attendance from around the entire Chicago metro area and surrounding counties.

Kids could spin a prize wheel, sign up to win one of two giant stuffed giraffes (the unofficial mascot for Lutheran General Children's Hospital), learn about bicycle safety or spend some quality time with "Billy," one of the [Canine Therapy Corps](#) dogs used by the hospital in its [pediatrics therapies programs](#).

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Clare Murphy of Palos Heights, IL is delighted by the calming effects of Canine Therapy Corps dog "Billy" and his handler, Julie Fixler, of Riverwoods, IL in the Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital booth at the Chicagoland Kid's Expo.



Robert Hansen of Arlington Heights, IL finds in new friend in Canine Therapy Corps dog "Billy" in the Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital booth at the Chicagoland Kid's Expo.



Eliza Bradshaw of Palatine, IL, tries to measure up to the giant stuffed toy giraffe being raffled off by Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital during the Chicagoland Kid's Expo.



Assisted by teen volunteer Renée Pellicore, of Mount Prospect, IL, Brianna Enright of Elgin, IL tries her chances at the prize wheel in the Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital booth at the Chicagoland Kid's Expo.



Aimee Pagura of Ingleside shows off her prize at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital's booth at the Chicagoland Kid's Expo. Hospital teen volunteers are, from L: Jaime Kowalczyk, Emma Griebenow and Renée Pellicore, all of Mt. Prospect



Natalie Sissac of Montgomery, IL, sports the foam monkey hat she won at the Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital prize wheel, as teen volunteers Jaime Kowalczyk, and Renée Pellicore, both of Mount Prospect, IL, look on.