

**The Community Physician Leadership Award 2022**  
**Present by the 1998 Society of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**

In 1998, Egleston Children's Health Care System and Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center merged to form Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. In honor of that merger, whose objective was to strengthen the healthcare provided to all of Georgia's children, the 1998 Society was formed. Comprised of physicians who are members of Children's medical staff, the 1998 Society is a non-profit organization that raises money through annual, personal contributions and fundraisers for Children's patients and families. Since its beginning, the Society has raised more than \$9 million dollars and supported multiple projects and programs to support the more than 350,000 patients that Children's cares for each year.

In addition, each year the 1998 Society provides grants to physician-led programs and honors physicians at the *Big Deal* fundraising event. These awards include the Community Leadership Award, the Rising Star Award, the Pediatric Pioneer Award and the 1998 Society Award.

This year's *Big Deal* event, presented by Pediatric Emergency Medicine Associates (PEMA) awarded the Community Physician Leadership Award to our very own Roy Benaroch, M.D.

Roy Benaroch, M.D., a general pediatrician with Pediatric Physicians, PC in Roswell, completed his residency through the Emory University Affiliated Hospitals in 1997 and has continued his involvement on the Emory faculty as an adjunct professor of pediatrics.

However, he is more than just a pediatrician. He is also an author and an educator, reaching out to the community through multiple channels by providing information and guidance to parents, peer professionals, and individuals. He regularly provides information on parenting and health topics through his blog, *The Pediatric Insider*. He is active on social media and his videos on COVID topics made him a reliable "go-to source" for families throughout the country during the pandemic. In addition, he helps teach medical students, residents and fellow pediatricians through a monthly CME podcast with HIPPO Education. Dr. Benaroch also serves on the Board of The Children's Care Network and is their immediate past chair.

When asked about his philosophy in working with children and their families, he stated, "Our practice provides solid, science-based support and information to help families make the best decisions for their children. We love to help families keep their children happy, healthy and safe."

This award recognizes a community-based pediatrician who is a leader in his field as evidenced by his selfless contributions, passion, mentorship and delivery of pediatric care. Voted on by his peers, he embraces the importance of quality care to all children in partnership with Children's Health Care of Atlanta and his colleagues. These attributes clearly define Roy Benaroch—a well-deserving recipient of the Community Physician Leadership Award.

Congratulations to Roy Benaroch, M.D., in achieving this recognition from Children's and the 1998 Society. Kids Health First is proud to have you as our colleague and friend. We look forward to many more years of your contributions to pediatric healthcare, to pediatric providers, and to the children and families we serve.