For 25 years, Donna W. Hyland has helped shape the delivery of healthcare to children in Georgia and beyond. First as Chief Financial Officer, then Chief Operating Officer and now as President and Chief Executive Officer, Hyland has overseen monumental growth and achievement at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.

She was an instrumental player during the 1998 merger of Egleston Children’s Health Care System and Scottish Rite Children’s Medical Center that led to the formation of what is now one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country. Today, Children’s is consistently ranked as a Top Pediatric Hospital by U.S. News & World Report and one of FORTUNE magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For.

In 2007, realizing that Georgia’s pediatric population was significantly growing, Hyland led the development of the Children’s Vision 2018 Strategy, which defines the organization’s journey to achieve clinical excellence by focusing on three areas: research, teaching and wellness.

For all her work in pediatric healthcare, Hyland was named Georgia Trend magazine’s Most Respected Business Leader in 2011 and one of Business to Business magazine’s 2007 Women of Excellence. Hyland has the distinct honor of being the only female CEO among the top 25 hospitals in Atlanta, making her a role model for women throughout Children’s and the state.

Hyland’s dedication to the community extends outside of Children’s, where she serves on the boards of: Ronald McDonald House Charities; Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce as chair of the Bioscience Leadership Council; Georgia Tech Advisory Board; SunTrust Bank Atlanta Advisory Board; Agnes Scott College Board of Visitors; and Stone Mountain Industrial Park, Inc. Hyland was also recently asked to serve on Governor Deal’s Georgia Competitiveness Initiative, an effort focused on developing a next-generation strategy for economic development.