

Dr. Peterson

The Children's Campus Dedication

3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, 10th and Home Apartments, Building F

- Welcome. It is wonderful to hear the four-year-olds sing, and to see the other children enjoying this new center.
- Providing a dedicated center where children of faculty, staff, and students is a dream come true for the Georgia Tech community. It will complement the childcare services offered by the other on-campus day care, the R. Kirk Landon Learning Center.
- There have been many people who have dedicated their vision, time and energies to making this a reality, and we thank them. It would be impossible to name all of the people who had a part in this over the past two decades. We are very grateful for those who came before us who, even in the planning and design phase of our graduate and family housing complex set aside space to serve our community's child care needs.
- Even though we remain in an economically challenging environment, we're continuously working to find ways to make Georgia Tech a great place to work. This is another step towards that goal. It is a privilege to offer another safe, nurturing environment where children can play, rest, learn, and grow, and be very near to where their parents work. It will take tremendous pressure off parents who have to pick their children up by a certain time, and offer opportunities to drop in and visit during lunch hours, or participate in special programs.
- The Children's Campus @ Georgia Tech is a picture of what is possible through partnership. For years, we have partnered with the City of Atlanta on the R. Kirk Landon Center, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Atlanta Chief Operating Officer, Duriya Farooqui for the City of Atlanta's ongoing support not only for this, but also for numerous other initiatives that involve Georgia Tech. Mayor Reed and I were just together at a press conference Friday announcing progress on the city's Bicycle Infrastructure, and in a few weeks we'll be partnering in France-Atlanta.

- We are honored to partner with Bright Horizons, and in particular these teachers, to offer the high caliber of care that parents want for their children. We'll start these children early here, work with them through STEM programs in K-12, and then welcome them full-time to the Tech campus in the years 2025 through 2030. I am 100 percent certain I won't still be in my position at Georgia Tech, but I'll take great satisfaction knowing that we gave them such a great start.
- Thank you.