



CEO Russell Becker joins Board of Directors of Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

March 25, 2010 — Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota announced the appointment of **RUSSELL BECKER** to its board of directors. Becker has deep roots in Minnesota. He grew up on the Iron Range in Virginia, Minn., and now lives near the Twin Cities with his wife and three sons. He brings to the board a passion for helping improve the lives of young people.

"We are very happy to welcome Russ Becker to our board," said Alan L. Goldbloom, MD, president and CEO of Children's of Minnesota. "Russ has been involved with Children's for years and he has always been enthusiastic about our mission and role in this community. As a member of our board, he'll play an important role in our continued efforts to provide the best possible care for patients and families in Minnesota."

Becker is president and CEO of **APi Group Inc.**, a parent company to more than 33 independent fire protection, and industrial and specialty construction businesses located throughout North America and the United Kingdom. He says he first became interested in Children's thanks to the late Jim Ryan, the former chair of the Children's board who was a mentor for Becker. Becker says Ryan's passion for Children's was contagious.

"Once I spent time at the hospitals and watched the battles the kids were going through, it became kind of a no-brainer for me to want to get involved," said Becker. "Children's is doing so much right now to improve the quality of life at the hospitals for the kids and families. It's an easy decision for me to get behind their efforts and to do what I can to help."

Becker's wife, Trish, is also a strong supporter of Children's. She serves as co-chair for this year's Thank God for Kids Gala to benefit the Cancer Kids Fund.

In addition to serving on the Children's board, Becker serves on the board of directors of Dunwoody Institute and he is an active member of the Young Presidents Organization. He also has a passion for hockey, coaching youngsters to high school age hockey teams. ❄️



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