



**Topic: Platinum for Windows**

**Company: The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh**

***Company Background:***

The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh is dedicated to promoting the well-being of children, young people and their families and to providing services that meet their special needs. Simply stated, their goal is to enable children and young adults with special needs to realize their fullest potential. The Children's Institute provides them with every opportunity to achieve their own personal miracle.

***Drive to Change Systems:***

The Children's Institute planned to replace their DOS-based accounting system with a Windows based system. Their DOS accounting software required billing data and payroll data to be filtered through a repository before integrating with the general ledger. This often caused delays during the monthly closing process. Many steps of the monthly process were re-entered at the end of the month, causing duplication of work for the accounting staff. In addition, a separate system was used to create budget reports. Like the other systems, the budget system did not link to the accounting system and required manual effort.

***The Solution:***

Platinum for Windows, along with FRx Financial Reporting, was implemented as a solution. In addition to being Windows-based and user friendly, Platinum for Windows offered The Children's Institute a completely integrated system for all their accounting needs. Client billing and payroll data are integrated directly into the general ledger system using a simple Microsoft Access routine. The time needed to close their books on a monthly basis has been dramatically reduced. The time reduction is due, in part, to the elimination of duplicate data entry. In addition, budget reporting is easily handled in FRx.