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Endowment and event honor Joan Gehrke for her dedication

“Inspirational, faithful, tireless, respected, generous, intelligent, empathetic, role model, committed, passionate...” These are just some of the words in the accolades written about Joan Gehrke to honor the dedicated community leader for her years of volunteer service to St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC).

To carry on Joan’s legacy, her longtime friend and colleague at PVS Chemicals, Inc., Jim Nicholson, and his family, made a generous leadership gift of \$500,000 to establish the Joan Gehrke Endowed Fund in Oncology at SJH&MC. Under the direction of Ayad Al-Katib, MD, Medical Director, East Region Oncology Services, the fund will support new research initiatives, physician education opportunities and additional program specialty areas. To date, more than \$1.32 million has been raised for the endowment.



Joan Gehrke, in front of plaque listing donors who supported the endowment in her name.

A special tribute event was held on July 20 at Robert and Victoria Liggett’s home,

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“...You are the ultimate volunteer, a great leader, an awesome fundraiser...”



Ann and Jim Nicholson

“Your selfless attention to others has been an inspiration...You have always been able to see the possibilities and the opportunities, and your leadership helped accomplish so many goals...”



Ron Lamparter and Bob Liggett

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with more than 100 friends of Joan and SJH&MC in attendance. The event recognized Joan as she ended her six-year reign as Chair of the St. John Health Foundation Board, passing the role to Eugene LoVasco. Joan was the first chair of the current board; she helped recruit members and led efforts to raise over \$57 million for the hospital.

Joan selflessly volunteered her time, talent and expertise to ensure that SJH&MC has the advancements needed to provide excellent health care. Her volunteerism began with the Fontbonne Auxiliary and grew as she served in many leadership roles to raise funds for the hospital over

30 years. Joan continues to serve as a trustee for the Foundation Board.

During the event, Bob Liggett, Foundation trustee; Diane Radloff, SJH&MC President; Susan Burns, President, St. John Providence Health System Foundations; Jim Nicholson, and Gene LoVasco thanked Joan for her contributions, leadership and determination to enhance health care. A donor plaque was unveiled with names of over 100 donors who supported the endowment in Joan's honor. Special recognition was given to the Nicholson family. Other leadership donors included the Liggetts, Gene and Jeanne LoVasco, and Lisa Vallee-Smith and Jeffrey Smith, who established generous



Vicki Liggett, Jane Nugent and Jacqueline Thoreson

planned gifts for the fund, ensuring future support for the Oncology program through a convenient way of giving.

St. John Health Foundation continues to raise funds for the Joan Gehrke Endowed Fund in perpetuity for the Oncology program which helps thousands of patients annually. For information, please call Donna Broderick at 313-343-4658.

"Your leadership and intense commitment to helping our patients has made a remarkable difference..."



Diane Radloff, Nashwa Sawaf, Dr. Hadi Sawaf, Doug and Tracy Blatt

Message from the President

Thank you for helping St. John Providence Health System Foundations surpass our fundraising goal of \$10 million for fiscal year 2011. All of you – our donors, volunteers, board members, physicians, associates, community foundations and corporations – helped make this a reality.

With contributions from the smallest commemorative gift to attendance at a fundraising event, from a planned estate gift to an outright gift of

thousands of dollars or more, philanthropy flourishes at St. John Providence Health System. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

Because economic conditions continue to be a challenge, your support is more important than ever. We have an ambitious goal of raising \$11 million (an increase of \$1 million) in fiscal year 2012 for our hospitals, services and programs, and we have many exciting initiatives in place to help us get there.

We have efforts in gear to raise funds for key areas including Oncology, Neuroscience and Endoscopy, among others.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to deliver the highest quality patient care experience every day, everywhere for every one.



Susan Burns

Neuroscience Center of Excellence renamed to honor generous donor

The Neuroscience program has been renamed to St. John Providence Health System Van Elslander Neuroscience Center of Excellence to honor one of our most generous supporters and one of Michigan's most respected philanthropists – Art Van Elslander.

One of the foundational pillars of the Neuroscience Center of Excellence was a generous gift from Mr. Van Elslander in 2009, making significant investment in technology possible at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. The gift allows us to continue advancements in Neuroscience, benefitting patients in Michigan and from across the country who are seeking advanced care from world-renowned specialists.



Art Van Elslander

Physicians' gift enhances diagnostic services

Philanthropic gifts are often made by grateful patients or family members who wish to make a difference in the care provided by St. John Providence Health System. But many physicians also support our hospitals. Recently physicians from Diagnostic Radiology Consultants, PC, who provide diagnostic imaging services for St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJMOH), contributed a diagnostic system for the hospital to enhance patient services.

Drs. Philip Adler, Michael Edwards, David Fry, Richard Hayes, Allen May, Daniel Macek, Kevin O'Brien, Sanford Wagenberg, Zenon Zarewych, H. Jay Zeskind and Adam Zuckerman personally donated funds to purchase a Mammotome® biopsy system for SJMOH, Macomb Center, to help clinicians accurately

diagnose breast abnormalities without open surgery.

"Many of us are longtime physicians dedicated to St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital and its patients; we saw a need for this important diagnostic system and donated the funds to obtain it," said Dr. O'Brien, Chief of Radiology for SJMOH.

While similar devices are used for stereotactic and ultrasound

biopsies, the donated Mammotome is uniquely suited for MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) biopsies and is a new service offered at SJMOH.

"Some patients need diagnostic capabilities beyond a mammogram or ultrasound. An MRI-guided biopsy using the new Mammotome system can help us make a highly accurate diagnosis of a breast abnormality without open

surgery," said Dr. Hayes, Mammography Section Chief, SJMOH.

Breast biopsies using the Mammotome are performed in an outpatient setting under local anesthesia. A physician guides a small probe into the suspicious area to gently collect abnormal tissue through a 1/4-inch incision. There is minimal pain, scarring and recovery time; the procedure takes under an hour.

"The new system gives us the opportunity to better serve patients, allowing many to stay closer to home for advanced diagnostic services with a minimally invasive option for biopsy," said Dr. O'Brien.

For more information on the Mammotome, call Macomb Center's Radiology department at 586-573-5060.



St. John Hospital receives \$1.2M grant to implement breastfeeding program

A \$1.2 million grant awarded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation allows St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) to implement the St. John Mother Nurture Project, a comprehensive breastfeeding program providing health services and community-based programs. The funds will also assist with the development of best practices and a “Baby-Friendly” designation for the hospital.

“We are so thankful for this grant,” said Paula Schreck, MD, Medical Director,



Baby Riley and her mother Voletta

Breastfeeding Medicine, SJH&MC. “The St. John Mother Nurture Project will strengthen our comprehensive breastfeeding program and allow us to partner with community organizations. It will hopefully become a model for other communities in our city, state and beyond.”

According to Dr. Schreck and the American Academy of Pediatrics, breastfeeding is the first, best preventative medicine, decreasing incidence of infection, asthma, cancer and obesity in children. Breastfeeding also decreases postpartum depression, breast cancer and ovarian cancer in mothers. However, only 65 percent of Michigan women begin breastfeeding; at three months post-birth, rates drop to under 25 percent. The situation is more dire in Detroit, where over half of women never try to breastfeed.

Several cultural misconceptions exist about breastfeeding, along with a generational lack of knowledge on its importance. “We’re trying to change perception,” said Dr. Schreck. “Especially in the African American community, there are cultural barriers to breastfeeding and a less than optimal knowledge base about the benefits.”

The Kellogg grant will help implement the St. John Mother Nurture Project with these initiatives:

- **St. John OB Clinic:** Lactation consultants will provide counseling and breastfeeding support eight hours a week.
- **St. John Mother Nurture Club:** A weekly post-delivery breastfeeding support group will use a breastfeeding peer counselor model.
- **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Follow-up Clinic:** NICU graduates receiving human milk will be seen five days a week.
- **Baby-Friendly Initiative:** SJH&MC will seek “Baby-Friendly” accreditation from WHO and UNICEF for accomplishing 10 initiatives that optimize a pro-breastfeeding environment, focusing on educating doctors, nurses and patients. No hospitals in Michigan have achieved this designation yet.
- **Community Collaboration:** Collaboration with the Urban League of Detroit/WIC, Infant Mortality Project, Parish Nurse program and CareLink will deliver a pro-breastfeeding message and referral network.

Save on taxes – make a gift through IRA

Individuals age 70½ and over may make an IRA donation through Dec. 31, 2011, and have it count toward their 2011 minimum required distribution, thus avoiding income taxes on that amount. The maximum amount that may be transferred in one year is \$100,000. This tax-saving method is available because of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance, and Job Creation Act of 2010, signed into law by President Obama last December to provide an extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover. For details, contact Lawrence Ghannam, JD, Planned Giving Director, 248-465-4502 or lawrence.ghannam@stjohn.org. Consultations are free, without obligation.

Kudos

New Board chair and members announced



Eugene LoVasco

Eugene LoVasco, JD, CPA, CLU, is the new Chair for the St. John Health Foundation Board of Trustees. A board member since 2007, Gene is president of Brown and Brown of Detroit, an insurance, financial and employee benefit firm in Sterling Heights.



Dana Camphous-Peterson



Matthew Casey



Paul Mattes

In addition, new members of the St. John Health Foundation Board of Trustees include: **Dana Camphous-Peterson**, co-founder of Care House of Macomb County; **Matthew Casey**, a partner at Warner Norcross & Judd, LLP; **Paul Mattes**, St. John Guild president, and a principal (risk architect) for Sterling Insurance Group, Inc.; **Patricia Stumb**, Fontbonne Auxiliary president, and a volunteer from the Detroit Historical Museum and St. Jude Food Pantry; **Sandra Vandenberghe**, who has a background in human resources/employee relations; and **William Zweng**, a retiree from Consumers Energy and Cottrellville Township, and a longtime community leader.



Patricia Stumb



Sandra Vandenberghe



William Zweng

Providence Health Foundation also has four new board members:

Michael Harris, CFA, CIC, a partner in DeRoy & Devereaux, Private Investment Counsel, Inc., Senior Fixed Income Management Executive; **Jim Hynes**, president of Our Lady of Providence League, retired from a sales position at IBM after 35 years of service;



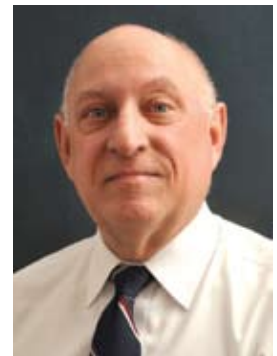
Michael Harris



Jim Hynes



Daniel Oginsky



Dennis Yanachik

Daniel Oginsky, senior vice president and general counsel, ITC Holdings Corp.; and **Dennis Yanachik**, president of Providence Park League, retired as manager of preproduction planning at Ford Motor Company after 35 years of service.

Dr. Maryland honored

Becker's Hospital Review named **Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH**, SJPHS President and CEO, to its annual list of "56 Women Hospital and Health Care Leaders to Know," which highlights their outstanding leadership and accomplishments.



Dr. Patricia Maryland

Major enhancements in progress for Providence Hospital

St. John Providence Health System (SJPHS) and Ascension Health have committed \$18 million dollars to expand and renovate several major areas of Providence Hospital and Medical Center, Southfield, as part of a larger system-wide capital investment to enhance patient services. Philanthropic funds will assist in the projects as well.

Emergency Center

The Providence Emergency Center, originally designed to accommodate 30,000 patient visits a year, is exceeding 60,000 visits annually, a direct correlation to the area's aging population. As a result, the Emergency Center is undergoing a \$5 million expansion and renovation to better serve patients in a more private setting. The Emergency Center will be transformed from 38 patient bays (curtained areas) to 54 private patient rooms to accommodate 70,000 to 80,000 patient visits per year. Major renovation where existing space will be expanded and minor enhancements to remaining treatment and waiting areas are expected to be completed by mid-2012.

Cancer Center

SJPHS is investing \$5 million in the Providence Cancer Center to renovate existing space and expand up to 8,000 square feet. Features include: a new high-dose radiotherapy suite in radiation oncology, a procedure room for gynecologic oncology, a multidisciplinary treatment clinic, multidisciplinary conference room, renovated physician space, an expanded clinical trials and research area, and additional clinical consultation rooms.

Patient rooms

A total of \$8 million is designated toward the first phase of a project to improve the inpatient experience and continue to ensure patient privacy and safety at Providence. Extensive renovation of inpatient rooms will take place on the 5th and 6th floors, including reconfiguration of rooms from semi-private to private and revamping patient restrooms.

Your help is needed

While significant capital funds are allowing for the renewal projects, philanthropic support is crucial to improve the patient experience to the fullest extent. For the Emergency Center, donations totaling \$400,000 have already been made, leaving just over \$500,000 more to be raised to add finishing touches.

Providence Health Foundation is also seeking philanthropic funds for the Providence Cancer Center for additional enhancements including: expanded entryway, lobby and reception area; renovated waiting areas; renovated nursing stations; patient/family lounge and vending area; exterior façade and landscaping; space for healing arts; education room with computers, resource materials, etc.

The patient room project needs additional amenities to be funded through gifts as well; naming opportunities are available.

To learn how you can support these projects, please call Providence Health Foundation at 248-849-5744.



The newly expanded Providence Emergency Center private patient treatment rooms are being shelled in for connection to the existing area of the Emergency Center.

West Region donor society rebranded

The West Region is relaunching its donor society, and the rebranding efforts include a name change. The new name is Providence Society, inclusive of both West Region campuses, Providence and Providence Park Hospitals.

The Providence Society was established in memory of Thomas P. Moore II (and originally named after him) to continue the Moore legacy of philanthropy. Thomas Moore was a founding member and longtime Chair of the Providence Health Foundation Board.

Relaunch activities for the Providence Society include an event to honor the West Region physicians recognized as *Hour Magazine's* "Top Docs." The Providence Society will also have new membership cards, an interactive webpage, informative newsletter and, most importantly, unparalleled delivery of its enhanced member benefits.

To deliver excellent service to members, a dedicated full-time donor relations team – Laura Town and Lisa Harrison – are available. For details, call 248-849-5744.



Laura Town



Lisa Harrison

Pocket guides assist nurses in patient care

In collaboration with the Professional Nurse Practice Council, the Providence Health Foundation purchased and hand-delivered 1,500 Nurse Pocket Guides to clinical nursing staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospitals. The 60-page pocket guides provide staff with key support material to reinforce their training and enhance care of patients. This project helps demonstrate the hospitals' dedication to the development of tools to help improve delivery of safe health care. The Nurse Pocket Guide was made possible by generous philanthropic support to Providence Health Foundation.



Providence nurses recently received their Nurse Pocket Guides.

Providence Society "Top Docs" event coming up

Providence Health Foundation will honor *Hour Magazine's* 2011 "Top Docs" of the West Region by hosting a Providence Society event at the Townsend Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Providence Society members will be invited to honor the physicians, recognized by their peers, for both Providence and Providence Park Hospitals.

"Walk With ME" supported by philanthropy

Two years after losing their son, Carolanne and Brian McClelland agreed to serve as honorary co-chairs of the "Walk With Me Event" (with Allan Lengel) because of their family's experience with St. John Providence Hospice during Alex's devastating illness. Inspired by the valiant way Alex handled his disease and death, Carolanne mustered up enough courage to speak about their experience in front of a crowd, something she

never would've considered awhile ago. By doing so, she was fulfilling a promise to Alex, who had loved giving speeches in school and who had bravely faced osteosarcoma, a rare pediatric bone cancer.

The St. John Providence Hospice "Walk With ME" program provides comfort care to children with life-limiting illnesses, including the unborn through those in early adulthood like Alex, who was 19

when diagnosed with cancer. This pediatric and palliative care program is dedicated to providing compassionate, personal medical care to children and practical, spiritual, emotional support to the family. The team includes a certified pediatric registered nurse, board-certified hospice and palliative medicine pediatrician, social worker, chaplain, home health aide and volunteers. Their passion is to enable families to focus

on life, those they love and things they enjoy, making the remaining moments special.

Philanthropic gifts are important to Walk With ME. This year, the Myrtle E. and William G. Hess Charitable Trust awarded \$15,000 to the program. Funds were designated for adaptive equipment for patients whose insurance doesn't provide coverage; educational materials for families; and therapeutic memory-making opportunities, to allow families to work through fears, grief and find comfort in a tangible object after losing a child. Over the years, Walk With ME has received a total of \$70,000 from the trust. Many other St. John Providence Health System services have also benefitted from Hess gifts.

In addition, a Walk With Me Event is held each fall to support the program. Proceeds from ticket sales and silent/live auctions help provide services to families of patients like Alex, whose parents will be forever grateful for the care by Walk With ME during their most difficult journey.

To support Walk With ME, please call 313-343-7480. For program details, call 1-800-248-2298.



Alex's last wish was to propose to Kiley (both seated); standing behind are his brother Austin, sister Chelsey and parents Carolanne and Brian, on the day his wish came true.

Artwork donated to VECC

A contemporary wall sculpture by artist Glen Michaels hangs in the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) in the gynecologic oncology area on the third floor thanks to the family of the late Margaret Borden. Margaret was a philanthropic donor of St. John Hospital and Medical Center and a patient of Dr. Robert Morris, gynecological oncologist.

Margaret became an advocate for ovarian cancer education after she was diagnosed with the disease in 2008. She, her daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Cary Silver, donated funds to help create a website about gynecologic cancers.

After Margaret's passing, her family donated the artwork to the VECC in her honor. The piece is one of hundreds by the Troy artist, who is well-known throughout the country.



Donated artwork is on display in the VECC.

Fontbonne funds nursing scholarships for 22nd year



Through an endowment established by the Fontbonne Auxiliary, scholarships are offered annually for students in the SJH&MC Nurse Extern Program. A committee including Fontbonne members Peggy Davis, Phyllis DeMars, Wendy Koster Relich and Patty Stumb, Fontbonne President, along with Education Specialist Debbie Wayne and nurse managers, reviewed the application packets and selected four finalists who each received a \$2,600 scholarship. Recipients were: Ann Marie Srodon, Elizabeth Browning, Nicole Stieber and Ashley Zimmerman (1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th from left), with Phyllis DeMars, Patty Stumb and Wendy Koster Relich (3rd, 4th and 5th from left).

SJPHS leaders, associates and physicians make a difference

Philanthropic support of St. John Providence Health System (SJPHS) makes a positive difference to those who turn to us for their health care and for those in the communities we serve.

In fiscal year 2011, leaders, associates, physicians and medical practices

contributed a total of \$868,952 in new gifts supporting our hospitals, services and community health programs. This spirit of giving is a testament of their dedication to living the values of SJPHS to provide the best health care experience possible. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to help make SJPHS a

destination of choice for health care and for making a difference to our community.

For more information on making a gift, please contact Heidi Crisman at 313-343-7572 or heidi.crisman@stjohn.org.

Successful events enhance patient care

Fontbonne Girls Night Out, Apr. 6: Casino Night, held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church & Cultural Center, raised nearly \$11,000 to benefit the Oncology department at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC). The event honored Carrie Dul, MD, Principal Investigator for clinical cancer trials, SJH&MC.

Visit www.stjohnfontbonne.org.



Aspa Raptis, Fontbonne President at time of event, with Amy Danna and Liz Bsharah, Girls Night Out Chairs

Women of the World, Apr. 28:

Approximately 160 women attended this special Providence Park Hospital event celebrating women, health and cultural diversity. Women's health focus groups were formed to engage female stakeholders on how SJPHS can enhance itself as a premier provider of comprehensive, coordinated and accessible service to women and their families.



Some of the guests dressed in cultural attire.

St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital Taste Fest, May 25: The 10th annual event, held at the American Polish Century Club, Sterling Heights, featured 20 area restaurants, free health screenings, a raffle and entertainment. Proceeds of over \$24,000 benefitted equipment and service needs of the hospital.



Terry Hamilton, Madison Heights Mayor Edward Swanson, Honorary Co-chair, and his wife Elaine, Lori Wickersham and Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham, Honorary Co-chair (photo by DBusiness)

Providence Golf Classic, June 6: Held at Indianwood Golf & Country Club, Lake Orion, the 32nd annual outing raised nearly \$80,000 for the Care of the Poor Fund to assist uninsured and underinsured Emergency Center patients.



Independent Emergency Physicians had many golfers at the Providence Golf Classic.

St. John Guild Dinner, June 8: The 51st annual event featured John Pinette, comedian, TV and movie personality. Proceeds of \$125,000 benefitted the Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center. Gretchen Valade was honored with the Philanthropic Services award, Daniel Megler, MD, was named Physician of the Year, Anthony Giorgio received the Lifetime Achievement award, and Joseph Vicari was recognized with the Sr. Verenice McQuade Distinguished Service award.

Visit www.stjohnguild.org.



Ed Deeb, Guild President at time of event, with honorees Anthony Diorgio, Gretchen Valade (seated), Joseph Vicari and Dr. Daniel Meglar.

St. John River District Hospital Golf Outing, June 4: Held at St. Clair River Country Club, the 34th annual event raised over \$31,000 for an infant protection electronic security system to enhance infant safety in the Obstetrics department.



Drs. Mark Hamilton and Lee Bachelord



Dennis Benvenuti, Dr. Cheryl Canto, Dave Koschnitzke and Dana Westphal

Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic, Aug. 8: Held at Lakelands Golf and Country Club, the event raised over \$50,000 for the free Brighton Hospital Children's Addiction Prevention program and the Brighton Patient Extended Care fund.



Accepting plaques at the Brighton golf event are (left to right): Bill Cullinan, Governor Business Solutions; Kevin Foley, Foley's Promotional Products; Becky Nightwine, TCF Bank; John Utter, Livingston Press & Argus, and committee chair; Wendy Collins; Adam Kennedy, Osprey, SA; Jeffrey Bauer; Chris King, Westside Forestry; Mike Needles; and Anita Penta.

St. John Macomb-Oakland FORE! Golf Benefit, Aug. 15: The 12th annual event, at Plum Hollow Country Club, Southfield, raised \$38,000 for anesthesia machines for the hospital.



The team of Anthony Bonfiglio, MD; Todd Peterson, DO; Wesley Martus, MD; and Anthony Southall, MD, won the Caduceus Cup Challenge.

St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing, Sept. 12: The 6th annual outing, held at Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, raised \$32,000 for the Patient Safety and Simulation Laboratory. Steven Rotter, MD, was the medical staff winner, and Carl Graham was the non-medical staff winner.

Visit www.stjohnguild.org.



Dr. Ed Schervish, Chair of St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing

Mark your calendar

Fontbonne Auxiliary's 58th annual White Christmas Ball, "Starry, Starry Night," Saturday, Dec. 10: At the Detroit Institute of Arts. Thomas LaLonde, MD, Chief of Cardiology, SJH&MC, and Mary Jane LaLonde will be honored. Yvette Bing, Detroit's first lady, is Honorary Celebrity Chair. Proceeds will go toward a digital echocardiography reporting system for the Pediatric and Cardiology departments. Tickets are \$300; visit www.stjohnfontbonne.org or contact Raegan Movinski at 313-343-3675 or raegan.movinski@stjohn.org.

St. John River District Hospital Dinner Dance, "An Evening to Share," Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012: At Alexander's, Marysville. The theme will be "Putting on the Ritz."

Providence Friends' Ball, Saturday, May 5, 2012: At the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.

Watch for more information at www.stjohnprovidence.org/foundation.

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Holiday Blessings...a perfect holiday gift

The Holiday Blessings gift giving program is a great way to honor special people in your life or the memory of a loved one while supporting our health system. Through December 19, you may go to www.stjohnprovidence.org/foundation/donateonline.asp to complete the online donation form.

Select an area to support and indicate "Holiday Blessings" in the box titled "Other: Restrict my gift to the following department or purpose."

A Holiday Blessings card is sent to those you recognize, explaining that a donation was made by you and

indicating the area supported (amount not disclosed). You receive a gift acknowledgement and tax-deductible receipt. Your gift will make a difference to those who turn to us for health care. For more information, call Heidi Crisman at 313-343-7572.

Climb to Beat Breast Cancer ~ Ben Lomond Challenge, June 25

A team of 25 climbers challenged themselves physically, mentally and emotionally by climbing Ben Lomond Peak in the Wasatch Mountains, Ogden, Utah, to raise funds for early detection of breast cancer and financial assistance for high-risk patients too young to qualify for other aid. Over \$50,000 was raised in honor of the climbers who each know someone who survived breast cancer or died from the disease.



A climber spends a contemplative moment among prayer flags placed by climbers on Ben Lomond in honor or memory of loved ones.