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Gretchen Valade donates \$2 million for latest surgical robot

Gretchen C. Valade has donated \$2 million to St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) for the purchase of a da Vinci® Si HD Surgical System, the latest and most advanced robotic surgical device and a key addition to the new Cardiovascular Hybrid Surgical Laboratory. This gift brings Mrs. Valade's contributions to a total of \$5 million over the last year in support of the laboratory.

SJH&MC's generous friend was recognized at a preview event for the Cardiovascular Hybrid Laboratory and Minimally Invasive Structural Heart Program Nov. 2 with donors, physicians, administrators and staff in

attendance. Construction of the lab is under way, with an early spring 2011 completion date expected.

A Grosse Pointe Farms resident, Mrs. Valade is Chair of Carhartt, Inc., a global manufacturer of premium workwear; CEO of Mack Avenue Records; and owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Café. She has supported many projects and programs at SJH&MC over the years, including the expansion and renovation, the Valade Healings Arts Center, The Suites, Hospice and Emergency Center.

Mrs. Valade's latest gift adds the da Vinci Si to the Cardiovascular Hybrid Laboratory, the anchor of the new Minimally Invasive Structural Heart Program where the most advanced non-surgical and minimally invasive surgical cardiovascular procedures will be performed.

"I've always used St. John for my health care and have received wonderful treatment...everyone is so caring and knowledgeable," said Mrs. Valade. "It's a privilege to have a hospital in our community that is a recognized leader in heart care. I want to help ensure the hospital continues to have the most up-to-date technology and capabilities. The new da Vinci system and hybrid laboratory will allow the excellent doctors and staff to provide the best care possible."

"Mrs. Valade has a true interest in the progressive technology that



Gretchen Valade with Dr. Thomas LaLonde, after he presented the plaque in her honor.

will allow us to offer the latest procedures to our patients and uphold our leadership position in cardiac care," said Thomas LaLonde, MD, Chief of Cardiology, SJH&MC. "We are extremely thankful for her foresight and generosity."

Using the da Vinci Si, the heart care team will perform a wide range of complex procedures through minimally invasive 1-2 centimeter incisions. The new robotic system will be used for surgical heart procedures such as minimally invasive heart bypass surgery and mitral-valve repair. It will also be utilized by other clinical services including oncology, gynecology and urology.

While the da Vinci Si is similar to previous versions of the equipment—directed by a surgeon at a console with four interactive

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Gretchen Valade, right, and her good friend, Sharon Burke at the recognition event.

Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center opens

The grand opening of the Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center took place Oct. 27 with a celebration honoring Peter J. Cracchiolo and his family who made a leadership gift in memory of Peter's late wife Connie. The new center features leading-edge gait training and neurorehabilitation technology with therapy provided by the exceptional team from St. John North Shores.



Michael Tindall, Greg DeMars, Leah Kors and Peter T. Cracchiolo Jr.



Rehabilitation Center associates Jeff Berger, Laura Cadieux and Roger Anderson



Foundation President Susan Burns with Peter J. Cracchiolo



Peter J. Cracchiolo's children joined him at the grand opening: (from left) Phyllis DeMars, Bernadette Lindquist, Peter J. Cracchiolo, Grace Cracchiolo and Peter T. Cracchiolo.



Bernadette and Eric Lindquist with Ann Cracchiolo-Caraway



Doug Blatt and David Stephens, board members

Message from the Foundation President

As 2010 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for supporting us as we work to become a more unified health care system. There is a renewed dedication to collaborative efforts across all of St. John Providence Health System (SJPHS), from physicians, associates and volunteers.

Patient care services are becoming more integrated so our patients enjoy a continuum of care without leaving our system. From heart and cancer care to neurosciences and physical rehabilitation, we are working to enhance our services and make care more cohesive. The expertise and technology available through the Van

Elslander Neurosciences Center at Providence Park is available for all our patients. Likewise, the new Minimally Invasive Structural Heart Program, incorporating the Cardiovascular Hybrid Laboratory with the da Vinci Si generously funded by Gretchen Valade, will be located at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, but the entire region will have access to its services.

Even fundraising efforts have become more collaborative. For instance, when Hospice Oktoberfest started eight years ago, it was an eastside-driven fundraiser; but it has since turned into a system-wide effort with east and west region physicians, staff, volunteers and

donors uniting to raise funds for Hospice services which serve patients and families from all over the area. The community has also joined our integrated approach: for instance, Andiamo sponsored "Pasta & Passion" to donate \$2 of every entrée purchased in October to the SJPHS Breast Care Program.

We've come together to build and strengthen our services, and we thank you for your part in our efforts to provide the best possible care across southeastern Michigan.



Susan Burns



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robotic arms that hold objects, act as a scalpel and other instruments—benefits of the new system include:

- enhanced high-definition 3-D visualization and an immersive view of the operative field
- wrist instrumentation with enhanced dexterity and range of motion far greater than the human hand
- exceptional motion technology, which replicates the experience of open surgery by preserving natural eye-hand-instrument alignment and intuitive instrument control
- dual-console capability to support training and collaboration

"Mrs. Valade's generous gifts support the further development of St. John Providence Health System's Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence as a nationally recognized cardiac care program," said Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH, President and CEO, SJPHS. "We are very fortunate to be the recipient of her unwavering support which benefits the community."



Gretchen Valade with Dr. Patricia Maryland, who honored the generous benefactor at the event and continually supports the philanthropic activities of SJPHS.



Jeff Chores, Marquita Crawford and James Sharp



Molly Valade, Jennifer Chope, Mark Valade and Bill Chope

Chapel dedicated at Providence Park Hospital

Providence Health Foundation hosted a chapel dedication and liturgy at Providence Park Hospital Sept. 9. Representing the Archdiocese of Detroit, His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Emeritus Archbishop, presided at the liturgy and performed the blessing.

Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH, President and CEO, St. John Providence Health System; other system leadership and board members attended, while inpatients and clinical associates tuned in to the event via the in-house chapel channel, recently added to the TV service.

The chapel was made possible by the generous support of friends like the Helppie Family Foundation (represented at the event by Blake and Priscila Helppie), Gary and Doris Jonna, and Dennis Murphy. Thanks to the Archdiocese of Detroit for providing the ambo, crucifix, processional cross and Stations of the Cross for the service.

The chapel, which includes an interfaith reflection room, is always open, providing a place for patients, families and associates to tend to their spirit. As a Catholic chapel, a tabernacle is present where the Holy Eucharist is contained.



Dr. Michael Wiemann, Executive Vice President, West Region, and President, Providence Hospital; Dr. Patricia Maryland, President/CEO, SJPHS; Adam Cardinal Maida; and Jean Meyer, President, Providence Park Hospital.



Doris and Gary Jonna greet Adam Cardinal Maida after the service.



Blake (left) and Priscila (right) Helppie with Adam Cardinal Maida



Dr. Shukri David with Dr. Patricia Maryland

Providence celebrates at Tiger game

As part of Providence Hospital's 100-Year Anniversary Celebration, a "Providence Day at Comerica Park" was held when the Detroit Tigers took on the Toronto Blue Jays July 23. Over 1,200 associates and their families attended the game in a reserved section while the Providence Health Foundation hosted a VIP gathering of donors, physicians and friends in a party suite. More than 70 people enjoyed

the pre-game reception in the suite with great anticipation for Sr. Xavier Ballance, DC, Immediate Past Chair, Providence Hospital Board, throwing out the first pitch and Dr. Michael Wiemann, Executive Vice President, West Region, and President, Providence Hospital, providing encouragement.

As game time approached, storm clouds rolled in and the game was eventually called due to torrential rain. The group came back to continue the fun on Sunday afternoon, July 25, for the second half of a doubleheader. Sr. Xavier finally got her moment in the spotlight delivering a perfect strike right down the middle of home plate. The Detroit Tigers eventually triumphed over the Toronto Blue Jays, 6-5.



Sr. Xavier Ballance winds up for the first pitch of the game.



Dr. Michael Wiemann



Drs. Vilma and Anibal Drelichman with Sr. Xavier Ballance



Jeanne and Lauren Pfeifer

Caduceus Society supports clinics in Africa

The Caduceus Society, a philanthropic society of Providence and Providence Park Hospital physicians, is granting \$40,000 toward a \$180,000 project to ship \$7 million worth of medicines to three medical clinics in Eritrea, Africa. Run by the Daughters of Charity, the clinics serve patients who are very poor and often come from remote areas where transportation is not readily available and hospitals are rare. With severe poverty prevalent, inadequate health care the norm, and medicines difficult to obtain, patients are cared for without regard for ability to pay. For more information on Daughters of Charity projects, visit www.daughtersips.org.



Patients wait for care at a clinic in Eritrea, Africa.

A young life lost drives 20 years of fundraising to help others



Stephen Campau

Stephen Campau was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma upon entering his sophomore year of college. Parents, Tom and Carol, and their other three children held on to hope for his recovery while in treatment at St. John Hospital; but within 18 months, Stephen passed away on Jan. 25, 1991, just before his 23rd birthday.

During his illness, Stephen expressed concern that his life would have little meaning if he did not win his battle with cancer. He shared many observations about experiences that might enhance quality of life for patients and their families.

After his passing, good family friends, Marlene and John Boll, created a generous endowment in memory of Stephen at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. "It was an incredible gesture—we were amazed and grateful," said the Campaus. "The Boll endowment was the impetus for the Stephen B. Campau Oncology Endowment, which benefits St. John Hospital patients," Tom added. "We wanted to contribute to what John and Marlene started and support St. John where Stephen received care."

The summer after Stephen died, his brother, Tom Jr., and a few friends were planning a day of golf in memory of Steve and to fund the endowments. What started casually developed into a full-fledged fundraiser, the Skins' Golf Tournament, with over 120 golfers. The Skins event grew into an annual tradition and became a significant source of endowment funding. In Steve's core group of friends, not one has missed the golf outing in 20 years; they shared a good time in his memory while carrying on his hope to assist others.



Carol and Tom Campau

After two decades, the final Skins' Outing was held Sept. 13. The Stephen B. Campau Oncology Endowment, however, continues on...fulfilling Stephen's wish to enhance the quality of life for cancer patients and their families and providing support for research. During Stephen's illness and after his death, it became apparent to the Campaus that "little things mean a lot" for patients and families. Time weighs heavily on a patient waiting for test results and the consequences of a chosen course of action. "An environment of cheerfulness, caring and peacefulness can reduce the anxiety," Carol said.

Through golf outing proceeds and donations from friends and family, the endowment has grown to more than \$500,000. Earnings have funded many needs of patients and families, including:

- a family lounge with a plasmaquarium (a 42-inch plasma TV which plays a simulated aquarium DVD), a laptop with internet/email access so families can stay connected while loved ones are hospitalized, a computer with cancer/treatment information, and comfortable seating
- healing arts services, like chair massages and reflexology
- specialized training for nurses providing oncology care
- entertainment equipment, movies, audio tapes and electronic games to pass the time

"This is what Stephen would have wanted...addressing the needs of patients through body, mind and spirit," said the Campaus.

Kudos



Joan Gehrke

Health Care Hero

Joan Gehrke, St. John Hospital Foundation Chair, was honored as a *Crain's Detroit Business* Health Care Hero winner. She was recognized for her efforts in recruiting the 25-member foundation board and leading the group in raising over \$30 million for the hospital's expansion project. Since then, Joan has led efforts to raise approximately \$10 million a year for the east region hospitals and mobilized volunteers and patrons to support the hospitals.



Teresa Lucido

New board member

Teresa Lucido, Senior Director of Sales-Michigan, Comcast Spotlight, is a new member of the St. John Hospital Foundation Board. She has been in the Detroit media industry for 25 years and is involved in many community efforts, including serving on the Champions for Life Board for the Van Elslander Cancer Center at SJH&MC.



Norbert Ignasiak

Outstanding volunteer

Norbert Ignasiak was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer by Macomb County. He has volunteered at SJMOH, Macomb Center, for more than 25 years, most recently as a patient escort.

Fontbonne scholarships

Through an endowment established by the Fontbonne Auxiliary, the group offered a scholarship opportunity for nursing students in the SJH&MC Nurse Extern Program. A committee including Fontbonne members Peggy Davis, Phyllis DeMars and Patty Stumb, and five nursing representatives reviewed the application packets and interviewed the 11 applicants about their clinical projects before choosing five finalists.



Fontbonne Nursing Scholarships, worth \$3,100 each, were awarded to: Lisa Daily, Kari Beth Hinderliter, Robin Lorway, Katherine Repp and Danielle Sifford, pictured here with Patty Stumb, Fontbonne President-Elect, third from left.

Events enhance patient services

Climb to Beat Breast Cancer ~ Mount Washington Challenge, June 26:

It appealed to their adventurous side. They wanted to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. They challenged themselves, physically and mentally. The St. John Providence Health System Foundations Climb to Beat Breast Cancer ~ Mount Washington Challenge Team reached the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire! Donations totaling \$18,000 in support of the climbers benefitted the SJPHS Breast Care Program, helping women through diagnosis, treatment and recovery of breast cancer. See details and photos at www.stjohnprovidence.org/MountainClimb.



The Mount Washington Challenge Team: (back row, standing) Pamela Maddox, Paul Nappi, Dr. Narendra Gohel, Marty Owczarek, Pat Karwan, Dr. Robert Riccardi, Danielle Nappi, Julie Frost, John Castro, Lorraine Owczarek and Francesco Lucarelli; and (front row, kneeling) Nishant Gohel, Marcia Owczarek, Amy Owczarek, Melony Johnson and Lynette Moser stop for a break.



Amy Owczarek and Melony Johnson, a SJPHS associate, climb Mount Washington.

“FORE” the benefit of St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital Golf Outing, Aug. 16:

The event, held at Plum Hollow Golf and Country Club, Southfield, raised \$42,000 for high-tech surgical equipment for the hospital. For the first time, the Caduceus Cup Challenge took place between teams consisting of two or more physicians. A perpetual trophy for low score was awarded to the team of Drs. Tony Bonfiglio, Todd Peterson and Tony Southall.



Drs. Luis Camero, Roberto Barretto (Golf Outing Chair) and Paul Chuba



Terry Hamilton, Senior Vice President, Operations, SJPHS; and Drs. Dennis Kelly, Sidney Simonian and Barry Braver

St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing, Sept. 13:

The 5th annual outing, held at the Lochmoor Club, raised over \$30,000 for SJH&MC. A portion of the proceeds will support the Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center. Dr. Ed Schervish, chaired the event; Ben Capp and Don Mattes were vice chairs. See photos at www.stjohnguild.org.



Drs. David Colosimo, Thomas LaLonde, Ed Schervish and Sanjay Batra

St. John Providence Hospice Oktoberfest, Oct. 22:

Held at the Detroit Athletic Club, the 8th annual event raised over \$65,000 to assist with the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of patients, from infants through adults, with life-limiting illnesses.



Dr. Pierre and Mrs. Nawal Zayat

Josie Sosa and Dr. Freddy Sosa

Community Corner

Detroit Red Wings support breast cancer patients

The Liggett Breast Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) was selected as the beneficiary of the Detroit Red Wings Breast Cancer Awareness Night at the hockey game Oct. 21. As part of the National Hockey League's Hockey Fights Cancer month, Joe Louis Arena was home to fundraising activities, including a silent auction, a drawing for autographed game pucks from Red Wing goals, a 50/50 raffle and a sale of pink winter hats, to assist with the costs of breast cancer care for uninsured and underinsured women.

A banner autographed by the Red Wings was available for fans to sign to provide encouragement to breast cancer patients. The banner was presented by Red Wings player Chris Chelios at the Liggett Breast Center Oct. 25, along with a check for nearly \$17,000 from the Detroit Red Wings Foundation. The total included proceeds from the fundraising activities and \$5 from each game ticket purchased by St. John Providence Health System associates in a special offer. The National Hockey League Foundation also presented the Liggett Breast Center with a \$10,000 check.

Christine Watt, MD, Director of Breast Imaging, Liggett Breast Center; and Section Chief of Breast Imaging, SJH&MC, and Bekki Nill, one of her grateful patients, were instrumental in getting the Liggett Breast Center selected as beneficiary of the Red Wings Breast Cancer Awareness Night due to their advocacy efforts for awareness of the disease. The pair also hosted 40 breast cancer patients and survivors in two suites during the game.

Community business supports cancer center

Next Level Health & Fitness hosted its 4th annual Stamp Out Cancer 5K Walk/Run on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores Sept. 12 with more than 300 people participating. Proceeds of \$8,000 benefitted cancer patients at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, SJH&MC. Thank you!



Dr. Christine Watt; Diane Radloff, President, SJH&MC; Chris Chelios; Susan Burns, President, SJPHS Foundations; and Bekki Nill, at the check presentation.

Family honors loved ones on Tree of Life

Joan Hickey's family celebrated her birthday by making a donation in her honor to St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital's Tree of Life. A dedication tribute was held Sept. 17 as a silver leaf was placed on the tree to recognize Joan and her late husband, Paul.

Joan has volunteered at the hospital for 17 years; she is currently a patient escort.

Located in the Macomb Center main lobby, the Tree of Life is a thoughtful way to honor loved ones on milestones like birthdays,

anniversaries, the birth of a child, or memorialize or recognize someone special. Gifts to the Tree of Life benefit patients by helping the hospital provide high quality care. For more details, call 313-343-7480.



Joan Hickey (holding flowers) with her family in front of the Tree of Life.

Grant provides enhanced audiology screenings for babies

Two to four of every 1,000 children in the United States are born deaf or hard of hearing, yet many are not diagnosed until age 3 or older. When hearing loss is not identified early and treatment readily administered, a child's ability to develop speech, language and other cognitive skills is significantly impeded.

To assist in screening more newborns, Providence and Providence Park Hospitals will soon have new audiology equipment to provide vital hearing testing. Thanks to a generous grant of \$44,880 from the Carls Foundation, Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) and Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) testing will be able to detect a baby's hearing loss resulting from damage to the inner ear or the neural pathways from the ear to the brain.

While the OAE screenings currently performed assess the integrity of the inner ear, they are unable to detect problems in the neural pathways (auditory neuropathy), which can also produce hearing loss. "Those with auditory neuropathy have functioning inner ears; however, the neural transmission to the brain is impaired," explained Lead Audiologist Charlene Gordon, MA, CCC-A.

ABR testing can detect auditory neuropathy (neural hearing loss) prior to hospital discharge or as follow-up testing during the first year of life to immediately identify the need for appropriate intervention, from hearing aids to educational placement.

If the ABR equipment had been available when one associate's son was born at Providence in 2003, his hearing impairment could have been diagnosed much earlier and support services initiated sooner. As it was, the problem went unrecognized until Antonio was 3 years old; to date, aggressive steps of remediation still remain in order for him to catch up socially and academically to his peers.

Because of the Carls Foundation, children like Antonio can now be diagnosed and treated sooner at St. John Providence Health System. The foundation has also supported programs for The Holley Institute, a division of the health system.

A great solution for that perfect holiday gift!

The **Holiday Blessings** gift giving program is a gift from the heart that helps those in need. Sending a Holiday Blessings is a great way to *honor* friends, family, co-workers or anyone special on your holiday shopping list. **Holiday Blessings** may also be made in *memory* of a friend or loved one. Your gift will make a difference to those who turn to St. John Providence Health System (SJPHS) for health care.

Now through December 20, you may go to www.stjohnprovidence.org/foundation/donateonline.asp to complete the online donation form. Select the area you wish to support and indicate "**Holiday Blessings**" in the box titled "Other: Restrict my gift to the following department or purpose." If you are a SJPHS associate, you can find the donation form on the "**Holiday Blessings**" banner scrolling at the top of the associate intranet main page (payroll deduction available). Forms are also available from the Volunteer Services office or Gift Shop at the following hospitals: St. John, St. John Macomb-Oakland, St. John River District, Providence and Providence Park. Please use a separate form for each blessing and send to the SJPHS Foundations.

Once your form is received, a special **Holiday Blessings** card will be sent to those you have recognized. The card explains that a donation was made by you and indicates the area supported (gift amount not disclosed). Your gift is recognized with gratitude, signifying it is a true blessing for those in need. You will also receive a tax-deductible receipt. For more details, call Heidi Crisman at 313-343-7572.

On behalf of St. John Providence Health System Foundations, we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season.

Mark your calendar

Fontbonne White Christmas Ball, Dec. 10
"A Michigan Winter Wonderland" Ball, at The Henry (formerly Ritz-Carlton), Dearborn

The 57th annual event honors Joan Gehrke. Proceeds will benefit a Pediatric Burn Room at SJH&MC. Tickets \$300 each. Visit www.stjohnfontbonne.org or contact Raegan Movinski at 313-343-3675 or raegan.movinski@stjohn.org.



JoAnn Miller, Ball Chair, and Joan Gehrke, Honorary Chair

St. John River District Hospital Dinner Dance,
Feb. 11, 2011

Alexander's, Marysville

Call Lorraine Owczarek at 313-343-7582.

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Associates support one another in trying times

The Associate Hardship Fund helps St. John Providence Health System associates who are struggling financially. Created in April 2009, more than 176 associates have received assistance. The ability to offer this program depends on the generosity of others through donations to the fund. On behalf of the families who have received help, thank you!

On associate wrote, "...you stepped in and helped me in my time of need. You showed understanding, caring, compassion, and loyalty; for that I am grateful. The kindness you have shown me will never be forgotten. Thank you."

At this time, additional help is needed to keep the Associate Hardship Fund available for those facing foreclosure, utility shut-off, back taxes, unexpected funeral expenses, etc. For more details or to make a gift, contact Heidi Crisman at 313-343-7572 or heidi.crisman@stjohn.org.

