Future of hearing loss programs ensured by endowment support

Moms and babies get enhanced birthing setting

Donations help families with infant loss and financial needs

Innovative technology diagnoses breast cancer earlier
Hearing loss is one of America’s largest and least recognized physical and emotional impairments because it is an “invisible” disability. For those living in a world of silence, the emotional pain can be devastating. However, when hearing loss is detected early and followed by immediate, appropriate intervention, there are many more opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing children and adults to develop appropriate communication skills and optimize their quality of life.

Thanks to the generosity of The Carls Foundation, those with hearing loss and their families will continue benefitting from the specialized services offered through The Holley Institute well into the future. The Carls Foundation gave a $2 million lead gift to The Holley Institute Endowment Campaign to support the existing endowment for the Center for Communication Excellence at St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC) and the Family Village located in Brooklyn, Mich.

In recognition of The Carls Foundation’s generosity, the Holley locations will be renamed The Carls Center for Communication Excellence and The Carls Family Village.

The Holley Institute, a subsidiary of St. John Providence, offers a wide array of audiology services and education, mentoring and support services to assist children and adults who are deaf, deaf/blind or hard of hearing reach their fullest potential. Operating on an annual budget of approximately $400,000, over 60 percent of funding is from donations.

With the grant from The Carls Foundation and support from other generous donors, The Holley Institute is on its way to meeting a goal to grow the endowment to $4 million. Increasing the endowment will enable annual income to cover approximately half of Holley’s yearly expenses and help sustain vital programming for future generations.

Each year, thousands of community members receive services from The Holley Institute. These include newborn hearing screenings at SJHMC, proper fitting of hearing aids at the Center for Communication Excellence, specialized educational and recreational programs at the Family Village, American Sign Language classes and more. Holley is one of only three comprehensive programs in the U.S. serving the deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing; no other organization in the Midwest offers the scope of services available at The Holley Institute.

“Thank you to The Carls Foundation for this exceptional gift,” said Ardis Gardella, President of The Holley Institute, and founder, along with William Rice, MD, a retired otologist. “This significant contribution will ensure we can continue to provide the best, most diversified programs for families for years to come.”

To learn how you can help maintain programming at The Holley Institute, please call Laticia Clemons at 248-465-5005.

Individuals with hearing loss benefit from significant gift

Above: New signage bears the Carls name at the Family Village and Center for Communication Excellence.

Cover photo: Children celebrate their successful experience at The Carls Family Village.
Royal event brings hope to hearing impaired around the world

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Alexander and Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Katherine of Serbia were in Michigan as part of a special trip to learn more about combatting hearing loss and the medical resources available to help deaf children. The royal couple is devoted to charity work and has a special interest in helping children with hearing loss. They collaborate with the Alliance3, a partnership comprised of The Holley Institute, Michigan Ear Institute and Lakeshore Ear Nose Throat (ENT) Center.

The Alliance3 is Michigan’s most prestigious group for providing comprehensive resources for the diagnosis, intervention, treatment, rehabilitation and education of patients with hearing loss or deafness. Because hearing loss affects 360 million people globally, the Alliance works with countries around the world to share research, physician training and program development.

“A Royal Event – An Evening of Hope” was hosted by the Alliance3 in conjunction with the Serbian royalty to benefit international hearing health. The event was held on Sept. 25 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, with a tour of St. John Hospital & Medical Center and a benefactor reception beforehand. Over 300 people attended the royal event, which grossed approximately $175,000 to help the Alliance3 share its expertise across the world.

Lakeshore ENT provides medical care to help in this endeavor, and Michigan Ear Institute offers opportunities for physician training and research in otology, neurotology and skull-based surgery. Proceeds from the event will give physicians from Serbia and Greece the opportunity to observe, train and conduct research with otologists in the U.S. A process will also be established to bring children, parents and teachers from Serbia and Greece to The Carls Family Village to participate in the specialized youth and parental programs. Their newly acquired skills will help the countries establish similar programs. In addition, The Carls Center for Communication Excellence will share equipment for newborn hearing screenings in Serbia and Greece.
Patients, their families, visitors and community members can utilize the new Mohammad and Farhat Qazi Patient and Family Resource Center, which opened at Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield, in September.

In a transformative project that includes the expansion and relocation of the Simulation and Education Center (opening in spring 2017), the existing Helen L. DeRoy Medical Library was moved from the basement of the hospital to a prominent location on the first floor. At the same time, the Mohammad and Farhat Qazi Patient and Family Resource Center was added adjacent to the library. The outdated brick hallway connecting the front of the hospital with the Heart Institute was renovated into a modern, open corridor with tiled flooring and freshly painted walls. The renovated DeRoy Library for medical staff now includes cubicles with computer workstations, free Wi-Fi service and expanded access to electronic resources. Natural light creates a comfortable, welcoming study area.

The Mohammad and Farhat Qazi Patient and Family Resource Center is open 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The center is dedicated to helping the public find health-related information. Available services include books and journals geared to health consumers, internet kiosks to access electronic healthcare resources, a photocopy machine and a comfortable seating area. Professional library staff is available to assist individuals in locating relevant, accurate healthcare information. In partnership with Community Health, the library will offer courses on topics such as how to find reliable health information on the internet, finding and downloading medical apps and how to sync Bluetooth-enabled medical devices to mobile devices. Future plans include conveying information to patients and families in patient rooms at the Southfield and Novi campuses.

The relocated library and new resource center were funded by philanthropy with a portion of the $3.5 million raised for the Simulation and Education Center project.

New Medical Library and Resource Center easily accessible

Thanks to the Qazi family for funding the new Patient and Family Resource Center.

Above: Yolanda Goodson, a hospital volunteer, enjoys a moment at the open house for the newly opened area.
Cracchiolo family makes lead gift

Birthing Center transformation provides families with enhanced care setting

More than 3,000 babies are born annually in the Birthing Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC), which has grown, thrived and earned an excellent reputation for its quality of care. To better serve mothers, newborns and families well into the future, the Birthing Center will undergo a $6 million renovation in 2017.

With a $2 million capital investment by St. John Providence, a $4 million fundraising goal was set for the Where Families Begin and Grow campaign. The Cracchiolo family, through the Peter J. and Constance M. Cracchiolo Foundation, generously contributed the lead gift.

Peter T. Cracchiolo, President of the Cracchiolo Foundation, and his family, have been dedicated supporters of St. John Providence (SJP), particularly SJHMC, for many years. Their support helped create the Van Elslander Cancer Center, the Van Elslander Pavilion and the Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center. Peter T. has also served as a board member for SJP and St. John Health Foundation.

“St. John Hospital & Medical Center has always been here for me and my family,” Peter T. said. “My sisters and I felt this project was an ideal way to commemorate our late parents who both had a strong faith and commitment to family.”

In recognition of the Cracchiolo Foundation’s gift, the Birthing Center will be named the Cracchiolo Family Birthing Center in memory of the late Peter J. and Connie Cracchiolo.

“The gift from the Cracchiolo family is very special and so important to the hospital. I can’t thank the Cracchiolo family enough for their generosity,” said Bob Hoban, President, SJHMC.

“Their contribution will provide an enhanced care environment for mothers, newborns and their families in our community.”

Donors have contributed $3.25 million to the Birthing Center campaign so far; $750,000 is still needed. To learn how you can help, please call Sherry Augustine at 313-343-7481.

Renovation details

The Birthing Center renovation includes technology upgrades and revitalizing the following:

- 31 private labor/delivery/recovery/post-partum (LDRP) birthing suites
- 16 private rooms on 5-West, an extension of the LDRP suites for ante- and post-partum patients
- Obstetrical Emergency Department
- creation of a dayroom
- family education room
- clinical staff areas
- new fetal monitoring system
- furnishings

The family lounge has already been expanded to nearly double its former size with a gift from the Tersigni Family Foundation.
Sr. Xavier Ballance, DC, passed away on Aug. 26 at age 82 after a short time in hospice care at Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield. She died peacefully, surrounded by friends and loved ones.

A dedicated Daughter of Charity for nearly 60 years, Sr. Xavier held a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a master’s degree in healthcare administration. She had over 45 years of service in healthcare. She served as president, chief executive officer, administrator and assistant administrator at hospitals throughout the country. Developing satellite and outreach programs, monitoring construction projects and developing a Catholic-sponsored network PPO were just a few of her accomplishments.

Sr. Xavier was President of Providence Hospital in Southfield from 1975-1986. She was an early proponent and key driver in helping found Providence Park Hospital in Novi. She helped purchase the land to accommodate the healthcare campus, and her visionary leadership was instrumental in helping Providence-Providence Park Hospital (PPPH), Southfield and Novi, grow into the healthcare leader it is today. While Sister’s ministry took her out of Michigan, she later returned to Providence, where she served as Board Chair from 1999-2010. Most recently, she served as Special Advisor to the President, PPPH.

As Board Chair of the Daughters of Charity National Health System in St. Louis, MO, from 1997-1999, Sr. Xavier was a member of the steering committee that created Ascension, the nation’s largest Catholic and nonprofit health system, of which St. John Providence (SJP) is a member.

In recent years, Sr. Xavier continued to advocate for those struggling in our communities. Until her health setback, she maintained board responsibilities for various causes, including Advantage Health Care for the Homeless, Covenant House Michigan, St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center, Detroit Communities Initiative, Guest House, Southeast Michigan Hospital Board, and Ascension’s Michigan Market.

During her time at Providence and SJP, Sr. Xavier was a beloved leader, mentor and friend to countless individuals, including hospital staff, administrators, patients and donors.

“Sr. Xavier was our moral conscience and guiding light,” said Joseph Hurshe, PPPH President. “We always thought about what she would think and whether she would approve. If hospitals had mascots, Sr. Xavier would be ours. She was also a business visionary always thinking of the future and what would be right for generations to follow.”

“Sr. Xavier was the heart and soul of Providence-Providence Park Hospital and a dedicated servant leader for all of us at St. John Providence,” said Jean Meyer, SJP President and CEO. “Sister lived every day making positive contributions to our world, advocating for justice and those who were struggling.”
Community groups help families cope with infant loss

Families at St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC) who experience late-term pregnancy and infant loss have the option to spend more time with their baby through the use of a CuddleCot™, thanks to donations from two nonprofit organizations—Angels Above Baby Gowns and Angel Kisses.

A CuddleCot is an in-room cooling unit, the size of a small humidifier, that extends the time parents and families can spend with their baby after death occurs. It is used with a bassinet or crib so the infant can remain in a hospital room up to five days. This gift of time extends precious hours for bonding, taking pictures, making plaster molds and allowing family members to meet the baby before the natural changes that occur in death become more apparent. This time is an important part of the grief process.

In addition to donating a CuddleCot to the Perinatal Bereavement Program, Angels Above Baby Gowns gave an assortment of beautiful christening gowns handmade from donated wedding dresses for infants who never make it home from the hospital.

Like Angels Above Baby Gowns, Angel Kisses is committed to helping metro Detroit families with infant loss. Over the years, Angel Kisses has donated more than $8,000 raised through special events to the Perinatal Bereavement Program. Donations have helped purchase a high-quality camera and books on loss and grief, funded education programs for staff and contributed toward the purchase of an additional CuddleCot.

Each year, SJHMC’s Birthing Center experiences 80 to 90 infant losses.

Save on taxes by making a gift through your IRA

The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, signed into law by President Obama, allows you to make tax-exempt transfers directly to St. John Providence Foundations from your IRA accounts. To qualify, you must be age 70½ or older at the time of contribution, and the maximum amount you may transfer in one year is $100,000. These gifts count toward your Required Minimum Distribution but do not increase your income. Call Lorraine Owczarek at 313-343-4355 to find out how an IRA gift can be integrated into your charitable giving plan.
St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJMOH), Warren, is celebrating 50 years of caring for the community! A special event was held at Jimmy John’s Field in Utica to commemorate the anniversary. Community friends, local officials, hospital leadership, physicians and associates with more than 40 years of service (current and retired), gathered for music, food and memory sharing. A proclamation honoring SJMOH as a longstanding fixture in Macomb County was submitted by Congressman Sander Levin.

SJMOH’s Warren campus began serving Macomb County as South Macomb Hospital in 1966, opening with 202 beds and 40 bassinets. Over the years, SJMOH has expanded and improved services to meet changing needs. The hospital was renamed Macomb Hospital Center in 1987 to emphasize its geographic reach and broad range of services. Ten years later, it joined St. John Health System, and the name was changed to St. John Macomb Hospital. In 2007, it combined with St. John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights to form St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. Today, SJMOH has 375 beds and is the only hospital in Warren, Michigan’s third largest city.

Community members have supported the hospital since before it was built. Hospital financing included loans from the city of Warren and pledges from the medical staff. Most importantly, hundreds of people contributed to a fund drive to open the facility.

“From the beginning, when volunteers went door-to-door asking for 50 cents or a dollar to help bring a hospital to South Macomb, our hospital has been wonderfully supported by our community and friends,” said Terry Hamilton, President, SJMOH. “We have been blessed by these dedicated friends who have helped us advance healthcare in our area for half a century.”

Projects supported by your gifts over the years include: the Webber Cancer Center, an expanded Emergency Center, the Acute Care of the Elderly Unit, advanced technology including a linear accelerator for precise radiation therapy, a baby grand piano for a comforting ambiance in the hospital, and more.

You can view a video celebrating the 50th anniversary at: www.stjohnprovidence.org/foundation/hospitals/macomb.
Brighton Center for Recovery hosts addiction conference

As the first addiction treatment center to be licensed in Michigan and the second-oldest alcohol and drug treatment facility in the U.S., Brighton Center for Recovery (BCR) has helped people live clean and sober lives for over 60 years. To update healthcare providers and the community on advancements in addiction treatment, BCR coordinated and hosted an educational conference “Addiction Treatment: Moving the Field Forward.”

Gifts from donors helped bring this important educational program to fruition, driving Brighton’s reputation for excellence in treating substance abuse to the forefront. The BCR team recruited regional and national experts to speak on several topics related to addiction and treatment. Keynote addresses were made by Jeb Brown, PhD, President, Center for Clinical Informatics; Craig DeRoche, Executive Director of Justice Fellowship, author and former Michigan Speaker of the House; Andrew Kolodny, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Phoenix House; and Kevin McCauley, MD, co-founder of the Institute for Addiction Study.

Nearly 250 people attended the conference on Oct. 13-14 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Participants included social workers, counselors, educators, nurses, physicians, addictionologists, probation officers, employee assistance program staff, and community members interested in addiction and treatment.

Grateful family thanks hospice for funding father’s funeral

Your gift in support of Reverence Home Health & Hospice helps provide comfort and peace of mind to patients and caregivers right in your own communities. Donations support the needs of hospice patients and their families during treatment and help enhance program needs. Sometimes families have very personal, important needs they cannot afford on their own in such vulnerable times. The following letter was written to a hospice social worker from a grateful family after the St. John Providence Hospice Program Support Fund was used to pay for funeral expenses for the patient.

On behalf of my brothers and I, thank you. We could never thank you enough. You took us under and helped as much as you possibly could. You were a blessing in disguise. You treated my dad with so much respect. You walked us through all of the steps, checked on us as much as you could, and most importantly, helped us with our father’s service. You are an amazing woman, truly. The team you represent is blessed to have you. Reverence will always have a special place in our hearts. Thank you again for everything!

-Sean, Cayla and Nicolai H.
Two families are now riding in reliable, comfortable vehicles thanks to financial assistance from the Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment.

Eboney Williams and Daniel Leonard are parents of three children. Their youngest daughter Jordin was born with alobar holoprosencephaly (HPE), a severe brain malformation where the frontal lobe fails to develop and split properly in early pregnancy. Her condition requires 24-hour care and frequent trips to the hospital to control seizures. The family’s poor-running car caused them to miss medical appointments, meetings and school. It also affected Daniel’s ability to look for a job. A new vehicle purchased with endowment support has taken enormous stress off Jordin’s parents and allowed Daniel to look for work.

Kristen and Justin Gordon have two young children, one who has significant health problems. Lucy was born with nonketotic hyperglycinemia, a rare disorder triggered by abnormally high levels of glycine. Among the symptoms are excessive growth and muscle weakness, so getting Lucy in and out of her family’s small car was increasingly difficult. A new minivan now provides additional space and comfort the family needs to safely transport Lucy to doctor and therapy appointments. It also allows her to experience more places with her family, making lasting memories.

Hundreds of families have benefited from the Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment, established in 1991 by friends of brothers Fred and Karl Nothdurft as a tribute for their acts of charity. It provides financial assistance to pediatric patients and their families for expenses such as mortgage payments, utility bills and gift cards for food and clothing. In addition to necessities, the fund purchases items to enhance a patient’s quality of life.

Special thanks to Joe Faraci, Daren Northup and Jeff Laethem from Ray Laethem Motor Village in Grosse Pointe for helping these families and collaborating with St. John Providence.

Above: The Gordons are happy with their new van.
Underserved communities get increased mental health treatment

A substantial grant from the federal government is allowing St. John Providence (SJP) to expand its utilization of telehealth technology to provide combined alcohol and mental health disorder treatment to underserved populations. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services, awarded the $840,000 grant through a Multi-Region Population Access Initiative. Funds will help SJP serve patients in rural and urban populations who have limited access to mental health services due to geography, care shortages and/or health disparities.

The target population for this initiative is located in three northeastern Michigan counties designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations for mental health providers. These areas also have inadequate access to public transportation. SJP has partnered with three Ascension hospitals including St. Mary’s of Michigan Standish Hospital, St. Joseph Health System-Tawas and St. John River District Hospital for these services. The other population is Detroit residents served by St. John Hospital & Medical Center. A large proportion of these populations are at risk for heavy or binge drinking, depression and other mental health issues.

Grant funds will be used to help provide prompt behavioral health screenings, assessments and treatment via telehealth technology for patients who seek care through emergency centers at the participating hospitals. Telehealth technology is like “facetiming” with your caregiver. It is secured two-way interaction between a patient and a provider using audiovisual technology to deliver healthcare, health information or education at a distance.

Funds will also allow health information technology to be enhanced and expanded at SJP and Brighton Center for Recovery, including upgrading the medical record system with primary focus on the patient portal, improving the telehealth face-to-face (video) system, and implementing new methods of clinical outreach.

A physician assesses a patient for behavioral health issues using telehealth technology.

Ascension rebrands hospitals to reflect collaboration

Ascension, the national health system St. John Providence is a member of, is rebranding all sites of care using the Ascension name and logo. The change is intended to make it clearer and easier for you to access care and navigate your health throughout the entire Ascension system. The ministries in Michigan and Wisconsin are beginning to co-brand—adding the Ascension name and logo to current hospital and health system names and logos to start connecting Ascension with the names you know and trust. Your dedicated physicians and the hospitals you are familiar with remain the same in your community. Please know that the gifts you make to St. John Providence always stay within the local hospital or program you choose to support.
Friends of St. John River District Hospital (SJRDH) gathered at a “Sunset Serenade” on the St. Clair River for beautiful music, delicious food and to learn about an important cause...a campaign to raise funds for innovative technology for diagnosing breast cancer earlier.

Thank you to longtime supporters Bill Haener, who hosted the event at his home on Sept. 24, and Vicki Lock and Patti Manley, who co-chaired. The evening included a concert by members of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra, fireworks and an afterglow.

During a brief program, Lee Bacheldor, DO, Chief Medical Officer, SJRDH, explained that digital breast tomosynthesis, or 3D mammography, is a breakthrough in imaging that provides higher rates of breast cancer detection. It is similar to routine digital mammography but allows radiologists to view thinner slices of breast tissue, provides clearer images of dense breast tissue and greatly improves earlier detection of small tumors.

Patti Manley shared her personal story on how early detection made a world of difference when she was treated for breast cancer in 2011. Because she was diagnosed early, she was able to avoid radiation and chemotherapy. According to the American Cancer Society, if breast cancer is not in the lymph nodes, the five-year survival rate is 99 percent; 3D tomosynthesis helps with early detection.

SJRDH needs this tomosynthesis technology to provide the most advanced care to patients in its service area. The total cost for the equipment and renovation of the imaging area is $600,000. With a commitment of capital funds, early gifts and anticipated event proceeds, the fundraising goal is $450,000. For more information, please call Donna Broderick-Narva at 313-343-4658.

St. John River District Hospital Golf Outing: The 39th annual event, chaired by Bill Zweng, was held on June 14 at St. Clair Golf Club. The outing raised $47,925 with net proceeds of $25,515 supporting the purchase of a minimally invasive video system to improve visualization of a patient’s anatomy during surgical procedures.

Right: Terri MacIntosh and Dee Cole head out to the course.

Above: Guests enjoy a beautiful evening.
Cancer survivor creates foundation to help other patients

Pam Daniele, a St. John Providence associate, cancer survivor and volunteer fundraiser created a new foundation: Colors of Hope-MI. The foundation’s mission is raising funds to provide financial assistance to cancer patients at the Van Elslander Cancer Center (VECC) at St. John Hospital & Medical Center and the Webber Cancer Center at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. Pam, who works in Radiation Oncology at the VECC and St. John Medical Center - Macomb Township, recruited colleagues and community members to help with her cause and serve in leadership roles. The foundation’s inaugural event, a 5K run/walk, was held at Stony Creek Metropark in June.

Gifts make big impact on cancer patients’ daily lives

Every day, you touch lives with your gifts to St. John Providence. At Providence-Providence Park Hospital (PPPH), the Believe in Miracles Fund is supported by your donations and proceeds from the Providence Health Foundation Friends’ Ball and Golf Classic. The fund helps patients in financial crisis as a result of their cancer diagnosis. It assists families with transportation costs, rent/mortgage assistance, utility bills and more.

Recently, your support of Believe in Miracles helped the following patients (full names not used to retain patient confidentiality):

Mr. J., a 40-year-old prostate cancer patient, was evicted from his apartment because he was unable to pay his rent when he could not work due to his cancer treatment. He was staying at a homeless shelter when the oncology social worker at PPPH was contacted by Mr. J.’s physician regarding his situation. The patient had applied for assistance but was not eligible for financial help for living expenses. Mr. J.’s landlord agreed to allow him to return to the apartment if he received rent payment for two months. Believe in Miracles paid the rent, and the patient was able to return home, complete his cancer treatment and resume working full time.

Ms. N., age 34, a single mother of a 5-year-old daughter, was diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently in treatment. As a result, she is unable to work and lost her job. Her car was in need of repair, and she could not afford it. The Believe in Miracles Fund paid for the car repair and provided a Target gift card for shoes, clothing and school supplies for Ms. N.’s daughter.

To support Believe in Miracles, call 248-465-5000 or visit www.stjohnprovidence.org/donations.
Providence Health Foundation Friends’ Ball: The masquerade event raised $204,354 with net proceeds of $113,118. The first $50,000 will enhance Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum services. Remaining proceeds were split between the Medical Education, Orthopedics, Heart & Vascular, Oncology and Neuroscience service lines. William Sharp, MD, was honored as Caduceus Society Physician of the Year, and the Warren Rose family received the Order of Charity award. Karen Gabrys and Christa Williams co-chaired the event held on April 16 at MGM Grand Detroit; Carolyn Clifford was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Honorees Dr. Sharp and Warren Rose

St. John Macomb–Oakland Hospital Taste Fest: The 15th annual event on May 16 raised $72,473 with net proceeds of $40,901 designated for the Behavioral Health Unit renovation at the Warren campus. Over 600 attendees sampled food from 30 restaurants and took part in free health screenings and services. Denise Hubbard and Joann Lademan co-chaired the event, held at San Marino Club, Troy.

Honorary Co-chairs Anthony Petrilli, MD, and Bal Gupta, MD

GUILD Dinner: The 56th annual event on May 18 raised $83,000 in net proceeds for the Cracchiolo Family Birthing Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC). Comedian Paul Reiser entertained 862 guests at MGM Grand Detroit. Honorees were Thomas LaLonde, MD, Physician of the Year; Gene LoVasco, Philanthropic Services; John Adamo, Lifetime Achievement; and Beth Carter, Sr. Verenice McQuade Distinguished Service. Joseph Paluzzi III was Event Chair; Dominic Paluzzi was Vice Chair.

Members of the Guild Dinner Committee

Providence Health Foundation Golf Classic: The 37th annual outing on June 6 raised $180,526 with $109,934 in net proceeds going to Care of the Poor programs including Infant Mortality and Believe in Miracles. Dave Imesch chaired the event at Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Lake Orion.

Dave Imesch (center) enjoys time with a few of the golfers.

Climb to Beat Breast Cancer–Mt. LeConte Challenge: The 10th anniversary climb to raise awareness of and funds for SJP breast cancer programs achieved records, raising over $91,000. Net proceeds of $74,058 supported The Maria R. Lucarelli Endowment. Fifty-one climbers ascended Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains near Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on June 25. Melony Johnson chaired the climb.

Members of the Mt. LeConte Challenge Team

St. John Macomb–Oakland Hospital Golf Outing: The 17th annual event raised $89,680; net proceeds of $50,633 benefitted renovations to cardiovascular service areas and the purchase of state-of-the-art technology for heart and vascular patients. Pete Seilo chaired the outing held on Aug. 15 at Plum Hollow Golf and Country Club, Southfield.

Tony Bonfiglio, MD; David Domino, MD; Chris Karrumi, MD; and Vito Rocco, MD, were winners of the 2016 Caduceus Cup.
Jerry Williams Shootout for the Cure Golf Outing:
The 2nd annual event raised $33,890 with $19,324 in net proceeds going toward the Jerome F. Williams Gastric Cancer Program at SJHMC. The program was founded by Jerry’s wife Anne Marie and their children to fulfill his dream of ensuring other gastric cancer patients receive the care they need and do not endure the struggles of cancer care alone. The outing, held on Aug. 19 at St. Clair Golf Club, received support from individuals and corporations, including a generous sponsorship from PRISM Plastics, the company Jerry co-founded.

St. John Medical Staff/GUILD Golf Outing: The 11th annual outing raised approximately $36,000 in net proceeds for new monitoring equipment and specialty comfort items for patients undergoing infusion treatments at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at SJHMC. Edward Schervish, MD, was Chair; Ben Capp and Don Mattes were Co-chairs of the event held on Sept. 21 at the Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods. Robert Danforth Jr., MD, was the Medical Staff winner; Rich Renko was the non-medical staff winner.

Run for a Reason: THE GUILD, Fontbonne Auxiliary and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club co-sponsored the 5k Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Walk on Sept. 25. Net proceeds of $7,500 will support the SJHMC Birthing Center renovation. Rhonda Schervish chaired the event; 370 participated. Brandon Bastianelli and Alexandria Vintevoghel were the overall race winners.

Fontbonne Auxiliary Fashion Show: Amy Danna, Tammy Haney and Alysia Laethem chaired a sold-out Fashion Show to benefit the SJHMC Birthing Center. Guests enjoyed the show featuring fall fashions of the Somerset Collection and commentated by Cheryl Hall-Lindsay on Sept. 28 at The Westin Book Cadillac.

Flew Shot: The 5th annual sporting clay invitational was once again a sell-out with 72 shooters and 20 volunteers spending a cool fall day outside at Fox Hollow Farms in Metamora. The event on Oct. 21 raised $131,800 with net proceeds of more than $104,000 benefitting the Where Families Begin and Grow campaign for the new Cracchiolo Family Birthing Center at SJHMC.
Thank you to our event sponsors

The sponsors listed below supported the following events benefitting St. John Providence patients and community members: Providence Health Foundation’s Friends’ Ball and Golf Classic, St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital’s Taste Fest and Golf Outing, the Climb to Beat Breast Cancer~Mt. LeConte Challenge, St. John River District Hospital’s Golf Outing, the Jerry Williams Shootout for the Cure Golf Outing and Flew Shot. Thank you for your generosity!

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Medilodge of St. Clair
Medstar Ambulance Corp.
Mendelson Kornblum Orthopedic and Spine Surgeons
Merge Healthcare Solutions, Inc.
Meridian Health Plan
MGM Grand Detroit
Michigan Ear Institute, PLLC
Michigan Endoscopy Center
Michigan Head & Spine Institute
Michigan Precision Swiss Parts Co., Inc.
Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons, PLLC
Michigan State University - College of Human Medicine
Michigan State University - College of Osteopathic Medicine
Midwest Resin, Inc.
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, LLC
Nelson Mill Co.
Northern Electrical Testing, Inc.
The Oakland Medical Group - Consultants in Internal Medicine
The Oakland Medical Group - Paul Benson, DO
Oakland Primary Care
Oakland University School of Nursing
Our Lady of Providence League
PACE Custom Printing
The Physician Alliance
Plante Moran, PLLC
Pomeroy Living, LLC
Port Huron ENT, PC
ProAssurance Co.
Protojet, LLC
Providence Medical Group, PC
Providence Park League
PVS Chemicals
Radiation Oncology Specialists, PC
Raymond Excavating Co.
Residential Home Health
Reverence Home Health & Hospice
River District Family Practice - East China - Dawn Lambrecht, MD
The Rivers Assisted Living, LLC
The Rivers Independent Living, LLC
Rose Senior Living
SEMCO
Serving Seniors
Shelby Crossing Health Campus and Orchard Grove Health Campus
Simply Pearls, LLC
Site Development, Inc.
Southfield Radiology Associates, PLLC
St. Clair Chevrolet Buick GMC
St. Clair Chrysler Jeep Dodge
St. Clair Realty, Inc.
St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital Medical Staff
St. John Providence Center for Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine
St. John Providence Osteopathic Division
St. John River District Hospital Auxiliary
St. John River District Hospital Medical Staff
Suburban Collection Show Place
Takata Corp.
Mr. and Mrs. Ely Tama
Mr. Michael Taylor
TeamHealth Emergency Medicine
Total Health Care
Tri-Hospital EMS
Trilogy OpCo, LLC
Universal-Macomb Ambulance Service, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Vallee
Varsity Lincoln, Inc.
The Village of East Harbor
Vintage Wine Co.
Warner, Norcross and Judd, LLP
Webber Development Co., LLC
WellBridge of Rochester Hills, LLC
WellBridge of Romeo, LLC
Whitehall Real Estate Interests
Ms. Lisa Whittlesey
Mrs. Anne Marie Williams
Windemere Park Senior Community
The World Heritage Foundation
The Law Office of Douglas C. Wozniak, PLC
X-Ray Associates of Port Huron, PC
New Foundation President announced

Scott Smith has been named President of St. John Providence (SJP) Foundations. He has been with SJP since 2009, serving as Chief Development Officer for St. John Health Foundation, which serves the East Region. In his new role, Scott leads philanthropic efforts and donor relations for the entire health system.

Before coming to SJP, Scott had extensive fundraising experience with HELP USA and Mentoring USA, Michigan State University and Lake Superior State University Foundation. He also worked in the Michigan House of Representatives Speaker’s Office as a senior computer analyst for 11 years. Scott has a bachelor’s degree in data processing from Saginaw Valley State University and a master of management degree from Aquinas College.

Annual Fund Endeavors

The generosity from those within St. John Providence (SJP) is a testament of their dedication to their workplace and to helping others. In fiscal year 2016, SJP received $1.65 million in support from 1,491 associates and physicians who collectively supported our hospitals, services and community programs.

Through the SJP Association Hardship Fund, associates and physicians continue to help each other during tough economic times. Nearly $550,000 has been received in donations since the fund was created in 2009. As gifts come into the fund, they are disbursed to help many associates facing difficult circumstances.

Holiday Blessings: SJP Foundations is again offering this special form of giving—a perfect way to show you care. If you sent a Holiday Blessing in the past, you will receive an invitation to do so again. For associates, information will also be on the SJP Intranet. If you have questions or wish to make your gift over the phone, please call Heidi Crisman at 248-465-4511.

Ways you can help

You make a difference to St. John Providence in many ways with your donations. Gifts of any size help us provide the best care to our patients.

We are continually enhancing services in our Centers of Excellence:

- Cancer Care
- Heart & Vascular
- Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Neuroscience
- Orthopedics
- Weight Loss

For information on how you can support these areas or to talk with us about an area of special meaning to you, please call 313-343-7480.
Kudos

Volunteers honored for commitment to St. John Providence

Congratulations to the St. John Providence (SJP) “Distinguished Volunteers” honored by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the National Philanthropy Day event on Nov. 10.

Karen Gabrys’ commitment to and belief in Providence-Providence Park Hospital (PPPH) is admirable. For the past three years, she enthusiastically co-chaired the Friends’ Ball committee, leading the group in raising over $300,000 for equipment and programs for the hospital. Karen’s passion is evident in everything she does, from leading the committee and organizing the auction to exceeding fundraising goals.

Jimmie Garland is a lifesaver! When The Holley Institute’s Carls Family Village lost its chef, former chef Jimmie came to the rescue, rescinding retirement to resume chef duties. He assisted in the search process for a replacement whom he helped train. Jimmie donated countless hours prepping food for events and daily ensured details were covered and guests properly fed. His signature smile is renowned for making guests feel welcome.

Courtenay Kotas was recruited to the SJP “Hospice Walk With Me Event” committee in 2012; she co-chaired the event for two years. Her enthusiastic nature makes her a great asset. Her persistence and focus on growing the event and raising funds for hospice and palliative care programs are commendable. Courtenay participates in every possible way to raise funds for these programs.

Maryann Muller has been employed as facility coordinator of The Carls Family Village for 15 years during which time she also volunteered countless hours. She goes above and beyond, assisting everyone and resolving issues that arise after hours. With her constant presence and willingness to help program participants, she is the go-to person everyone depends on.

Robert Riccardi, MD, joined the SJP Climb to Beat Breast Cancer Challenge Team in 2010. He is an active member of the committee and team, participating in the past seven mountain climbs. In memory of his sister who lost her battle with breast cancer, Robert was instrumental in establishing The Maria R. Lucarelli Endowment. His ability to see the world through others’ eyes has a profound impact upon everyone he encounters.

Edward Schervish, MD, and Rhonda Schervish are dedicated fundraisers for THE GUILD and St. John Hospital & Medical Center. Dr. Schervish has contributed many hours on the Guild Board of Directors. He brought the medical staff and Guild together to create an annual golf fundraiser and has chaired the event for 11 years. He and his committee have made this a successful, prestigious event. His leadership is valued by all. Rhonda began energetically volunteering as soon as she became a Guild member. She assisted with the joint fundraiser, “Run for a Reason,” and now chairs this event. Her ideas, organizational skills and charisma elevated the event beyond expectation.

Christa Williams is a professional businesswoman whose fresh ideas and knowledge of executing events were welcomed when she joined the PPPH Friends’ Ball dinner dance committee in 2012. Because her belief in the hospital and the community is so strong, Christa eagerly committed to co-chairing the event in 2015. Her dedication and expertise will continue to add to the success of fundraising efforts for the hospital.
Save the Date

December 10, 2016
Fontbonne Auxiliary White Christmas Ball

January 21, 2017
St. John River District Hospital Dinner Dance

May 6, 2017
Providence Health Foundation Friends’ Ball

May 22, 2017
St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital Taste Fest

June 24, 2017
Climb to Beat Breast Cancer ~ Brasstown Bald Challenge

How to make your year-end gifts to St. John Providence

While the year is coming to a close, you still have time to make a charitable contribution to St. John Providence Foundations for the hospital or program of your choice. If you wish to make a donation over the telephone for calendar year 2016, please call the Foundation office, weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at 313-343-7480 or 248-465-5000 now through Friday, Dec. 30. Credit card gifts may be made online at any time; please visit: www.stjohnprovidence.org/donations. Please note that the Foundation office will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 for the holidays. Thank you for your generosity!