

Summer 2009 • Information for Friends of St. John's Hospital



## Announcing the Guardian Angel Program

At St. John's Hospital, quality care and compassion go hand in hand. Our patients often express their gratitude for this excellent care in a variety of ways – through their kind words, smiles, letters of thanks and financial contributions to the Friends of St. John's Hospital foundation.

The Guardian Angel Grateful Patient Program was created to provide patients and their families with a meaningful way to express their appreciation for exceptional, quality care and service. Monetary gifts of both large and small amounts help us to help others while also providing a powerful testimony to the significance and value of such care.

Because of generous gifts we are able to perform medical miracles every day here at St. John's Hospital. From purchasing state-of-the-art equipment to providing continuing education for nursing and medical staff, your contribution helps to enhance the outstanding level of care our community has come to expect from St. John's.

When you contribute financially to the Friends of St. John's, you show your appreciation in a way that will help others receive outstanding care. The effects of your kindness are profound and far-reaching. Your gift helps us to change lives.

Gifts from grateful patients and families will:

- Advance and support health care delivery and patient care
- Benefit current programs and services at St. John's Hospital
- Support innovative clinical education programs
- Assist with the cost of patient care services not covered by medical insurance
- Underwrite the cost of new equipment and technology
- Benefit research activity
- And so much more!

It could be as simple as a kind word with an understanding smile or as significant as a life-saving procedure that made your visit to St. John's Hospital

extraordinary. Either way we would love to hear about your experience and what made a difference to you. Sharing appreciation can be very rewarding for everyone involved.

Some of the most emotional moments of our lives have been spent inside St. John's Hospital. If you have experienced exemplary care and wish to show your appreciation, rather than buying a token of appreciation for the physicians, nurses, technicians, Samaritans, housekeepers and staff members, please consider making a gift\* to the Friends of St. John's Hospital in their honor. The investment you make today will benefit our community for years to come and a card and Guardian Angel pin will be presented to the recipient to notify him/her of your kind gift.

If you wish to make a gift to this program, please call (217) 544-6464, ext. 45160 or visit us online at [www.givetosaints.org](http://www.givetosaints.org).

\*\$25 minimum for each honor gift.



**Theresa Vann nominated Linda Myers from St. John's Home Health. Photo by Dave Vann**



## A Note from the Director



**Denise  
Pope,  
CFRE  
Director**

Every day at St. John's Hospital, those of us who are blessed to work here are so fortunate to witness life throughout its continuum. Walking through the Birth Center, I hear brand new miracles crying as they take their first breaths; or on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, I witness the incredible efforts of our healthcare professionals, doing their jobs with not only immense technical skill but with a compassionate and loving heart to help the tiniest and most fragile of our

patients make strides so they are able to go home with their families.

As I pass through the Cancer Institute, I see a woman, my age, leaving from her most recent radiation treatment for her breast cancer diagnosis with a smile on her face as she realizes she is close to beating the disease.

I go through the Prairie Heart Institute and find a family there relieved that they were able to receive care for their father as he needed quick attention for the chest pain that turned out to be a massive heart attack, requiring quadruple bypass surgery.

And finally, I stop by the family waiting room on our Hospice Unit and observe our grief counselors spending time a family whose grandfather was just given last rites by his priest.

Regardless of the type of healthcare you or your family need, St. John's Hospital is here to

provide the best care anywhere to prepare the body, mind and spirit for healing. We at the Friends of St. John's Hospital are proud of our role in connecting donors to the mission of St. John's.

I would love to hear from you about your experience at the Hospital. If we touched your life or helped a friend or neighbor, let me know how our staff and physicians made a difference in your life. I would like to talk with you about how our legacy of remarkable healthcare continues through charitable gifts. There are so many ways to give and so many projects worth supporting. I look forward to hearing from you about your remarkable experience at St. John's Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Pope".

## American Girl Fashion Show® raises nearly \$18,000

The American Girl Fashion Show® event held April 25-27 in Springfield raised nearly \$18,000 for St. John's Children's Hospital. The event was hosted by Friends of St. John's Hospital/Children's Miracle Network.

The weekend's festivities included a gala event and four daytime shows at the Springfield Hilton. Guests enjoyed the five shows that featured 58 local girls modeling American Girl clothing. Attendees also had the opportunity to purchase souvenirs, enter a raffle, visit a doll hair salon and purchase commemorative photos from the event.

## State Fair tickets

Children's Miracle Network is again selling discounted Illinois State Fair ride tickets to benefit St. John's Children's Hospital. The one-day ticket is \$25 for both adults and children. Price does not include admission, giant slide, tram or sky glide. The discount ride tickets are good from noon until close on August 14, 17-21; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. August 15, 16, 22; and noon to 5 p.m. on August 23. Tickets are available at many area locations, by calling 544-KIDS or online at [www.cmnspringfield.com](http://www.cmnspringfield.com).

# Meet Our Team

## Denise Pope, CFRE Director



Denise Pope joined St. John's Hospital in 1996. She is responsible for the oversight of all philanthropic and development activities of

the Friends of St. John's Hospital Foundation. Denise works closely with Hospital leadership and the Foundation Board of Directors to determine hospital and philanthropic priorities.

Pope earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky. She received a Masters of Arts in communication from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She recently received her CFRE designation. CFRE is the only internationally recognized baseline professional credential for philanthropic fundraising executives.

## Dawn Kuhn Program Coordinator – Children's Miracle Network



Dawn Kuhn joined St. John's Hospital in 2005. As Program Coordinator for St. John's Children's Hospital and Children's

Miracle Network, Dawn oversees all CMN national corporate sponsor relations and national programs.

Kuhn earned her B.A. in communications from Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois. She received the Achievement of Excellence award from CMN National in 2008.

## Kristine Myszka Program Coordinator



Kristine Myszka joined St. John's Hospital in 2003. As Philanthropic Development Program Coordinator for St.

John's Hospital, Kristine oversees all annual giving, direct mail projects and special events.

Myszka earned her B.A. from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. She was named St. John's Hospital Employee of the Month for February 2009.

## Candice Kern, MBA Development Officer



Candice Kern joined St. John's Hospital in 2008. She is a Development Officer for St. John's Hospital, St. John's Children's

Hospital and St. John's College of Nursing. Candice develops fundraising events, works on the annual giving program and with special charitable giving opportunities.

Kern earned her B.A. in management from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She received a Master of Business Administration

degree with a concentration in non-profit management from Marylhurst University in Marylhurst, Oregon.

## Laura Lacci, J.D. Development Officer



Laura Lacci joined St. John's Hospital in 2009. She is a Development Officer for St. John's Hospital, St. John's Children's

Hospital and St. John's College of Nursing. Laura develops fundraising events, works on the annual giving program and with special charitable giving opportunities.

Lacci earned her B.A. in journalism and criminal justice with a minor in psychology from Indiana University. She obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from Loyola University in Chicago. She is currently working towards her Masters in nonprofit administration at North Park University.

## Molly Sorrell Development Officer



Molly Sorrell joined St. John's Hospital in 2008. She is a Development Officer for St. John's Hospital, St. John's

Children's Hospital and St. John's College of Nursing. Molly devel-

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ops fundraising events, works on the annual giving program and with special charitable giving opportunities.

Sorrell earned her B.A. Degree in communications with an emphasis in advertising and public relations from Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky.

**Joan Colangelo**  
**Administrative Assistant**



Joan Colangelo joined St. John's Hospital in 2008. Joan may be the first face you see or the first voice you hear when you

call the Friends of St. John's office. She works closely with the Director and Development staff on special projects.

**Gayla Wingo**  
**Donor Stewardship Facilitator**



Gayla joined St. John's Hospital in 1991. As Donor Stewardship Facilitator, Gayla receives contributions made

to the Hospital. She is responsible for recording the gifts to the fund requested by the donor, writing acknowledgement letters and disbursing the donated funds to different areas of the hospital.

**Tisa Andruskevitch**  
**Donor Stewardship Facilitator**



Tisa Andruskevitch joined St. John's Hospital in 2002. As donor stewardship facilitator, Tisa receives contributions made

to the hospital. She is responsible for recording the gifts to the fund requested by the donor, writing acknowledgement letters and disbursing the donated funds to different areas of the hospital.

## NAB Crystal Radio Award presented to WDBR-FM

**1**03.7 WDBR-FM Springfield, Ill. was recently awarded the National Association of Broadcasters Crystal Radio Award. Since 1987, the NAB Crystal Radio Awards have recognized radio stations for their outstanding year-round commitment to community service.

Like all of us at St. John's, 103.7 WDBR believes in miracles. As the heritage leader of community service in Springfield, WDBR maintains devotion to listeners by volunteering countless hours of live remote broadcasts and staff participation to spread the word about important lifesaving miracles for over 55 different organizations. The WDBR team of 10 shared these miracles with our neighbors through smiles, tears, hand-shakes, laughter and contagious passion. WDBR supports local events by donating 10,000 Public

## St. John's College receives bequests

**S**t. John's College, Department of Nursing recently received two alumni estate gifts. Helen G. Young, class of 1946, bequested \$10,000 to St. John's College and Eulana M. Bastone, class of 1948, bequested \$20,000 to St. John's College to be used for student scholarships.

The generous gifts from Mrs. Young and Mrs. Bastone demonstrate their commitment to the College and their passion for nursing. We are grateful for their support of our academic and scholarship programs. These gifts will benefit the College and many nursing students by helping to ensure they can continue to pursue their academic and professional dreams.

For information on making a deferred gift to benefit St. John's please contact us at (217) 544-6464, ext. 45160 or if you have made provisions for a deferred gift please let us know so we may thank you.

Service Announcements worth more than \$500,000 in our community of 116,000 people. WDBR actively sought to bring miracles to others by giving away 40,000 chocolate-filled eggs, more than 550 CDs to overseas troops, 360 books to kids, 600 presents during "Christmas is for Children," registering 126 blood donors and washing 200 neighborhood dogs. Miraculously, WDBR collected more than \$260,000 to touch the lives of citizen's right here in central Illinois. Miracles don't stop there; WDBR raised \$95,000 for Children's Miracle Network during the "Cares for Kids" radiothon for children showing us that miracles happen every day at St. John's Children's Hospital. You can feel it in their voices - the priority of making miracles happen for families and children in our community, one smile at a time.

# Family raises \$10,000 for St. John's Hospital Hospice

Carrie Balderson and her family were so touched by the care her father received at St. John's Hospital they decided to host a Poker Run to benefit the Hospice Program. Balderson's father, Thomas Daywalt, was a cancer patient who spent three months in Hospice before passing away in July 2006. "The Hospice staff were so wonderful to my father and us when he was a patient, so we wanted to support the important work they do," said Balderson, owner of the Riverside Rock-n-Roll in Riverton, IL. "I wanted to do something for our family too."

The first ever Riverside Rock-n-Roll Poker Run was held on May 31 and raised \$10,000. More than 160 bikes participated, and fundraising activities included the poker run as well as 50/50 tickets, auctions and a raffle for a flat screen television. "Anything we could do to raise money, we did," said Balderson. Balderson said she and three friends, Char Poteet, Leanna Ward and Susan Thompson, met weekly for four months to prepare for the event. Poteet had a special interest in the event, as she too had lost a friend to cancer and wished to honor her memory.

Riders on more than 160 Harley motorcycles and many individuals participated in Poker Run. "We had so many people who donated their time and resources, I can't begin to list them all," said Balderson. "It's overwhelming to think about everyone coming together and helping for something like this. We were so thrilled with the turnout and the generosity of so many people and businesses."

Balderson said the poker run was so successful she intends to make it an annual event. St. John's Hospice Unit has 13

inpatient beds, as well as provides hospice nurse care in the home. More than 500 patients are cared for in hospice annually.

"St. John's Hospital is very thankful to not only the organizers of this fundraiser, but all of the bikers and other supporters who not only participated in the event the day of, but all of the donors who gave donations for the silent and live auction and to the proprietors of the various 'poker stops' along the way," said Denise Pope, director of Philanthropic Development for the Friends of St. John's Hospital Foundation.



**Roxanne Harling, (center, top) accepts a check on behalf of St. John's Hospice from (Top L-R) Dan and Leanna Ward and (Bottom L-R) Char Poteet and Carrie Balderson.**

## Calling All Summer Birthdays!

Facebook has an exciting new "Birthday Wish" feature which allows users to "donate" their birthday to any cause. Users are messaged two weeks before their birthdays to let them know that they can create a Birthday Wish to ask friends to give money to their favorite cause instead of giving them another paperweight or coffee gift card. Candice Kern, Development Officer for the Friends of St. John's, donated her birthday in April and raised \$125 for St. John's Children's Hospital using this feature. We would like to encourage everyone with an upcoming birthday to **donate their birthday** to our cause.

To learn more about Facebook Causes, please contact the Friends of St. John's at [friends@st-johns.org](mailto:friends@st-johns.org) or 217/ 544-6464, ext. 45160. To create a birthday wish, go to <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/birthdays/new>

You can help us spread the word and support the mission of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis by joining the following Facebook causes:

- Support the Friends of St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois
- Support St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois
- Support St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois
- Support Children's Miracle Network at St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois
- Support St. John's College, Department of Nursing in Springfield, Illinois

# Record Breaking Ticket Sales for 2009 Big Raffle

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fifth Annual St. John's College BIG Raffle. More than \$39,000 was raised this year. For the first time ever and with help from our distinguished alumni, employees and community, we were able to sell all 1,000 tickets.

**Kimee Armour, RN, MA, MSN** won this year's \$10,000 Grand Prize. Kimee, a St. John's employee since 2000, is a Recovery Room Nurse in PACU. She has participated in the BIG Raffle every year and knew when she woke up on the day of the drawing that it was going to be her lucky day. While she wasn't able to attend the drawing ceremony, a co-worker informed her that she had won something, but did not disclose the amount. Kimee began recounting the prizes, but didn't know what to expect. She was moved beyond words when the Friends of St. John's staff called to share the good news. Through the tears of joy, she reflected on something a coworker told her when she started here over nine years ago; "It doesn't matter if you have any money when you come here because God will provide for you". Kimee plans to share this prize with her family and celebrate this win with a family vacation to the Grand Canyon.

The funds raised through the raffle will be used for scholarships for nursing students. Each year, St. John's College awards scholarships to student nurses to help them achieve their goal of becoming a caring, competent, baccalaureate-prepared nurse. Being able to provide financial assistance to future nurses helps ensure we can maintain the needed nursing population at St. John's Hospital and in our healthcare community.

Kimee, who received tuition reimbursement assistance from St.

John's Hospital to complete her Master of Science in nursing, understands and appreciates the value that tuition assistance and scholarships provide. Participating in the St. John's College BIG Raffle each year is just one of the ways that Kimee gives back to others.

It's true, "God will provide for you". Congratulations to all of our 2009 BIG Raffle Prize Winners and the students of St. John's College, Department of Nursing.

Again, a BIG thank you to all who supported the 2009 BIG Raffle, making this BIG Raffle the most successful one yet.

## **Congratulations to all the winners:**

### **\$10,000 Winner**

Kimee Armour

### **\$2,000 Winner**

Howard Rogers

### **\$1,000 Winner**

Frank Katalinich

### **\$100 Winners**

Ben Burke  
Blanche Catteau  
Sherry Day  
Bill Flannigan  
Barbara Germann  
Wes King  
Ruby Laurenzana  
Kay Meneghetti  
Toni McKee  
Paul and Deb Turner

### **\$50 Winners**

Steve and Cindy Bowers  
Jack and Barb Bux  
Shain Ford  
Dolores Frank  
Francis Fromme  
Gene Froschauer  
Carolyn Hall  
Sharon Jenkins  
Janice Joyce  
Dorothy Kanllakan  
Paula Minwegen  
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Frances Twitty  
Frank Vala

Special thanks to our gracious corporate donors for underwriting a portion of the prize money. The 2009 BIG Raffle Sponsors were:

### **Benefactors (\$1,000)**

**Prairie Cardiovascular, The Doctors of Prairie**



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### **Sponsors (\$750)**

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### **Friends (\$500)**

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## Josh Dog: A pedi patient's best friend

Josh Dog is a sick child's best friend. He's a happy-go-lucky retriever, but that wasn't always the case. Not long ago, this playful pup faced serious surgery. He shares his story in the book, "I'll Be OK." He talks about hospital visits, tests and surgery from a dog's point of view -- a perspective shared by children.

You can give a pediatric patient this kind of comfort by becoming a member of the Children's Miracle Network Miracle Maker Club. Your contribution of \$25 a month for 12 months will help support children's healthcare programs, services and research at St. John's Children's

Hospital. With each Miracle Maker Club contribution, CMN can present a Josh Dog set to a child who is in the Pediatrics Unit, Emergency Department, Pedi Rehab or Surgery. Josh Dog stays with them throughout their procedures, tests and stay in the hospital. The Josh Dog set includes the cuddly Josh Dog, Josh's story "I'll Be OK" and a dog house.

Please call 544-KIDS for more information or to sign up to sponsor a Josh Dog set. Remember, 100 percent of your contribution will stay right here and help make miracles happen for children in our community!

## Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs raise \$265,000 for St. John's Children's Hospital

In April, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores across central and southern Illinois announced the results of their 2008 fundraising efforts to benefit St. John's Children's Hospital through Children's Miracle Network (CMN). The 22 stores raised a total of \$265,751.45. Money raised funds everything from high-tech equipment to comfort measures such as massage therapy for young patients. Stores that participated in fundraising activities are located in Champaign, Charleston, Clinton, Danville, Decatur, Effingham, Jacksonville, Lincoln, Mattoon, Pana, Rantoul, Savoy, Shelbyville, Spring-

field, Taylorville and Urbana. The Springfield Wal-Mart on North Dirksen Parkway was the number one store in fundraising for 2008 with a contribution of \$50,490.75. Effingham and Decatur rounded out the top three contributing \$21,797.84 and \$26,068.82 respectively.

Locally, Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs have contributed over \$2 million for children's programs, services and equipment at St. John's Children's Hospital. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. became a corporate sponsor of CMN in 1987 and has raised more than \$400 million since then, making it the largest corporate sponsor.

## Upcoming Events

### August 13<sup>th</sup> – Dairy Queen Miracle Treat Day

Eat a sweet treat and help a sweet child!! At participating DQ locations, all Blizzard Treat proceeds will benefit St. John's Children's Hospital through Children's Miracle Network.

### August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> – Designer Look-A-Like Sale

Purses, Belts, Sheets, Accessories & More!  
Centennial Hall, St. John's Hospital  
Hours: August 31<sup>st</sup> from 7am – 6pm and September 1<sup>st</sup> from 7am – 5pm.

### September 18<sup>th</sup> – Casual Day for Kids

Area businesses are encouraged to participate by allowing their employees to pay \$5 in order to be able to dress casual on the last Friday of Summer.

### September 18<sup>th</sup> – Miracle Soiree at Hill Prairie Winery

Wine tasting, dinner and music from 6pm to 10pm.  
Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

### September 24<sup>th</sup> – Harvest of Miracles at Green View Nursery

4:30pm – 8:00pm – Activities for all ages including tethered balloon rides, music and food. Tickets are \$25 Family, \$10 Adults and \$5 Children

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## [www.givetosaints.org](http://www.givetosaints.org)

The Friends of St. John's Hospital is proud to present a newly expanded and updated website. Designed for patients, partners, visitors and friends; we hope to provide a lasting resource of information on our activities and initiatives. Users are now also able to register for events and contribute online.

Look for more exciting content as the site evolves over the coming months.

If you have comments or suggestions regarding our website, please contact us at [friends@st-johns.org](mailto:friends@st-johns.org).

**Please make note of the Friends of St. John's new web address [www.givetosaints.org](http://www.givetosaints.org)**

## Giving Never Tasted So Sweet!

The forecast for major blizzard activity on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> is not about the weather, it's about helping kids, as participating Dairy Queens host the North American "Miracle Treat Day". Proceeds from every Blizzard treat sold at participating stores in our region will be donated to St. John's Children's Hospital through Children's Miracle Network.

The Dairy Queen system has been a proud sponsor of Children's Miracle Network since 1984. During the past 25 years, DQ Operators throughout the United States and Canada have raised more than \$76 million for Children's Miracle Network hospitals. From collecting customers' change to selling Miracle Balloons and holding special events, DQ is giving back to the communities in which it does business.

Bring your friends and families to participating DQ locations on August 13<sup>th</sup> for Miracle Treat Day and buy a Blizzard...because giving never tasted so sweet!

**Go to [www.miracletreatday.com](http://www.miracletreatday.com) for participating locations.**



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