

HSHS St. John's Foundation
IMPACT REPORT
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Because of *you*, lives are changed.

You and generous donors throughout the community have allowed the music therapy program to expand their services within HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital. In addition to visiting kids in the pediatrics unit twice a week, Katey Kamerad and her team of certified music therapists now provide music services to our patients and families in the neonatal intensive care unit and give pediatric patients the opportunity to write and record their own music.



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Artist rendering of a single family room in the expanded NICU.

Imagine tomorrow

We are expanding our St. John's Children's Hospital neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)! The NICU, on the 4th floor, will grow to three times the size of the current space, taking up the entire floor. The expanded and updated NICU will provide single family rooms to allow families to stay the night with their premature or critically-ill infants for the first time in St. John's 76-year history. Babies will be able to recover more peacefully, and parents will be provided the privacy and quiet closeness they crave with their infants. I'm sure you can imagine the difference this will make in the lives of these babies and their families.

Thank you to the many NICU families and community leaders who have contributed to the Imagine Tomorrow campaign to benefit the expansion of the NICU at St. John's. You, along with your family, friends and neighbors, have the opportunity to make an impact on another family! Contact Brandy at (217) 814-5177 or brandy.grove@hshs.org to learn more.

Contributions make *Jill's Garden* a reality

This fall, St. John's College of Nursing students have a new space to study, socialize, relax and enjoy the outdoors thanks to generous gifts from the family and friends of the late Jill Buffington. Jill was a student at the college of nursing when she passed away unexpectedly in September 2016, just three months before graduation.

The space, formerly an outdated courtyard, is now a beautiful garden to serve as a lasting memorial to Jill. The project is being spearheaded by Jill's parents, Rod and Rosemary Buffington, along with Dr. Charlene Aaron, chancellor of the college.

"This project wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of Jill's family and friends," said Dr. Aaron. Contributions were used to purchase plants, garden benches and other outdoor items to make a comfortable space for students. A beautiful outdoor sculpture was donated by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bilinsky.

For those interested in making a gift to Jill's Garden, it's not too late. If you wish to contribute, you may do so by:

Check – Please make your check payable to HSHS St. John's Foundation and designate that your contribution is for Jill's Garden in the memo section.

Online – An online gift can be made on our secure website at www.st-johns.org/Giving. Please click on the "Giving" button and select College of Nursing from the drop down menu. In the comment section, please tell us your gift is for Jill's Garden.

Phone – You may call (217) 814-5722 to speak with Jordan Oshesky. Jordan will charge your credit card and send you the receipt in the mail.

Should you have questions, please contact us at 217-899-9664, or reach out to Bev Neisler, Chief Development Officer, HSHS St. John's Foundation at 217-757-6804 or bev.neisler@hshs.org.



Rosemary and Rod Buffington.



From left to right: Larry Hardy, Nancy Klay, Chad Golembeck and Kip Leverton.

Donors help Prairie Heart patients

For the past three years, the Mid Illinois Group at Morgan Stanley has been a major supporter of the State of the Heart Gala benefiting the Prairie Heart Foundation. The team includes Larry Hardy, Chad Golembeck and Kip Leverton, three financial advisors in the Springfield office. "The culture of the firm encourages giving back to the community through hours donated or dollars to support causes we believe in," Hardy said.

Larry is the Prairie Education and Research Cooperative (PERC) board chair. PERC is responsible for Prairie's clinical trials and continuing medical education. He is also a patient of Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants. Additionally, Chad's wife is a cardiac nurse, and Kip's wife is a school nurse at a local school district. They all believe Prairie Cardiovascular, Prairie Heart Institute and PERC are responsible for saving and improving the lives of tens of thousands of patients in the area, as well as the local economies in the communities they serve.

When you consider the care, expertise and research being conducted by Prairie, Springfield is on par with much larger facilities in large communities such as Houston, Cleveland, Rochester and Chicago. Mid Illinois Group at Morgan Stanley intends to continue supporting Prairie. It is a charity that is important to the community at large, but also has personal connections to the group.

Tune in to *Radiothon*

The 13th annual 103.7 WDBR and 101.9 The Wolf Cares For Kids Radiothon will hit the airwaves on Thursday, Nov. 15 and Friday, Nov. 16 from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.! The Radiothon will be broadcast live from the Carol Jo Vecchie Women & Children's Center.

Tune in to hear amazing stories of triumph and inspiration from children and families touched by St. John's Children's Hospital. Radio personalities Blake and Julie with WDBR and Dave and Dina with The Wolf will be interviewing patient families, hospital staff and local businesses that have raised funds to improve the lives of children in central Illinois served by St. John's Children's Hospital.

In the past 10 years, supporters of the WDBR Cares for Kids Radiothon have raised more than \$1,300,000 for St. John's Children's Hospital, a proud member of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. All funds raised during the Cares for Kids Radiothon stay local to support pediatric programs for the 50,000 children treated each year at the children's hospital.



Donors fund updates to interventional radiology holding suite

More patients and families can access state-of-the-art, high-quality care with facility updates to the interventional radiology holding suite at HSHS St. John's Hospital. The newly remodeled unit, made possible by generous donor-directed funds and Toast of the Town, provides a more patient-centered experience. Updates include the addition of new, private bays. "This facility is a great asset to the community," said Jim Timpe, director imaging services, rehabilitation services, sleep and neurodiagnostics. "The new unit is more comfortable for patients and their families, and the central space is streamlined for patient-centered care." Get involved with Toast of the Town by visiting: st-johns.org/Giving/Toast-of-the-Town.



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