

# IMPACT REPORT

Fall 2018

## *Community Support* Makes a Difference for Area Seniors

When you're a senior, help with a leaky faucet, going to the store or just a talk over coffee can make all the difference. In 2017, more than 180 dedicated volunteers with Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer Services (CIVS) helped more than 200 area seniors maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life!

The CIVS program relies on a supportive community. This year, proceeds from the Illinois Pickleball Association Bob Martin Memorial Tournament, and a generous grant from Ameren Corporation, will help support the CIVS program. The funds will help provide incidental items, supplies and holiday gifts for seniors. Kay Alberts, community relations facilitator at CIVS, is looking forward to providing some extra cheer to older adults this holiday season. "The entire program is supported by donations like these. A supportive community is what makes it possible for us to provide help and bring cheer to seniors."

Learn more about Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer Services at [st-johns.org/CIVS](http://st-johns.org/CIVS). You can also support the program by designating your gift to CIVS by visiting [st-johns.org/Giving](http://st-johns.org/Giving).



From left to right: Hannah Rucker (St. John's Foundation), Kay Alberts (CIVS) and Mary Jo Egizii (Illinois Pickleball Association).

## *Miracle Jeans Day* Makes Play a Part of the Healing Process



Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Miracle Jeans Day is September 12, 2018. This program brings together organizations and colleagues to raise funds for a great cause. You can wear jeans or go casual! In 2017, colleagues at businesses throughout south central Illinois raised more than \$8,000 for HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital, your local CMN hospital. Your generous support for pediatric patients enabled the purchase and installation of a new interactive floor game in the pediatric playroom. The system, which has 30 games, engages pediatric patients and their families by creating positive memories through play. It also provides support for cognitive, motor and social skill development, making play a part of the healing process. Register your business for Miracle Jeans Day today by contacting Katie Impson at 217-814-5161 or [katie.impson@hshs.org](mailto:katie.impson@hshs.org).

## *Tutoring* has Positive Impact on Kids and Families

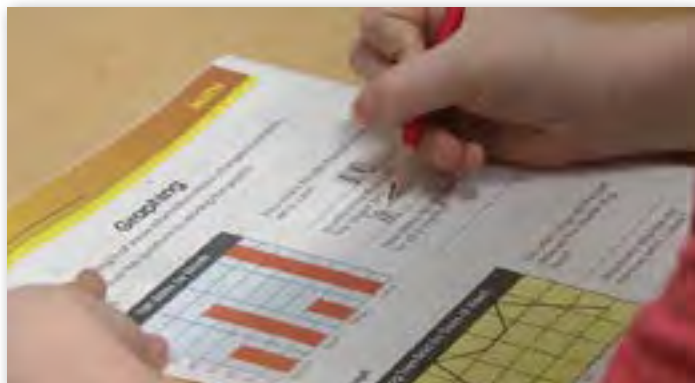


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The back-to-school season is upon us and Joey's Classroom tutors at HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital are ready to help young patients stay up to date with homework while hospitalized. Thanks to Horace Mann, the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis and St. John's Foundation, free tutoring services are available Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Since February 2016, more than 1,600 children of all ages have received academic support and developmentally appropriate

enrichment activities. Heather Hicks, mother of patient Chad Hicks, shared, "To see Chad smile with excitement every day when the tutors walked into his room to do homework or other educational resources was great. It took his mind off what was going on at that moment and gave him something to look forward to while he was dealing with sickness and recovering from surgery." To learn more visit [sjchildrens.org/Tutoring](http://sjchildrens.org/Tutoring).

## Advancing Education Through *Simulation*

In 2018, St. John's College of Nursing Simulation center celebrated its 2nd anniversary! The center gives nursing students a realistic hands-on experience to better prepare them for the routine and unexpected events they'll encounter in the actual clinical environment as nurses.

Made possible through generous donor support, the center is on a significant growth trajectory, providing a record 435 simulations in the past academic year through 5 "high-fidelity" manikins across a variety of clinical settings. In its ongoing commitment to providing state-of-the-art education, the center continues to expand its offerings. "Students love the hands-on training," says Julie Varns, Ph.D, simulation center administrator with St. John's College. "We plan to integrate simulation into as many courses as possible in our nursing curricula."

Learn more about how you can support the nursing simulation center at [sjcs.edu/SIM-Center](http://sjcs.edu/SIM-Center).

