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The Sentinelle Vanguard Breast MRI is the best tool for examining the breast.

digital precision

New technologies are helping to save lives

This year, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends a breast MRI in addition to mammography for women at increased risk for breast cancer. The Sentinelle Vanguard Breast MRI — the most advanced breast MRI — is now available at Lee Memorial Health System.

While breast MRI has been around for several years, the Vanguard is an innovative tool for detecting tumors that may go unnoticed with a mammogram, and for women at high risk for breast cancer.

“An MRI is by no means an alternative to a mammogram or ultrasound,” says Dr. Mai Saif, diagnostic radiologist and women’s advocate at the Outpatient Center at The Sanctuary. “The Vanguard is another tool to evaluate the breast, and it is the best tool that currently exists.”

Dr. Saif says this revolutionary piece of equipment provides detailed images that can pick up tumor-like vessels as small as 3 millimeters. The coil also can be used to look at lymph nodes in the underarm, an area that previously was hard to examine by MRI, and provide guidance for MRI biopsies of the breast.

Lee Memorial joins the ranks of top U.S. cancer centers, including MD Anderson, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Mayo Clinic, Moffitt Cancer Center and Yale-New Haven, who use the Vanguard. **G**



>> David, 16 months



>> Johan, 20 months



>> Alyna, 3 1/2 years old



>> Jann, 17 months

everyday miracles

Love reigns supreme at PPEC where kids get needed care

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

It's simple. And it isn't simple.

For Lori Proia, Director of Nursing, and her staff in The Children's Hospital Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center program, known and pronounced as P-PEC — the simple part is love.

"For us, I really think it's that simple or pure a thought: I can make a difference in a child's life," she explains. "So how could you not? How could you not just love on that child?"

And that's where it gets more complicated. Children ranging in age from birth to 21 years old arrive here when a doctor has prescribed it as the best option.

For them — as many as 30 at any one time, including many infants or young children who stay an average of 24 months — the care at PPEC enhances the care they receive at home.

As a result, the PPEC staff apply



>> From left to right, Tracy Filla, RN, with Blake, and Lori Hively, RN, with Amanda.

not only love, but quality nursing care to each child. They spend months or years doing it, developing deep relationships, becoming second families to children and adults and changing the outcomes of many lives.

"Some have monitors for their heart and respiration, some have feeding issues — maybe they can't coordinate their swallow and their breathing together so they have a feeding tube put into their stomachs, with a pump — some of the more-involved children have tracheostomy tubes to assist with



>> *Ashlyne, 9 months*

their breathing and some have their tracheostomy tubes attached to ventilators because they can't take enough breaths on their own," notes Proia.

"And the most acute who comes here is a teen who is unable to breathe on his own and is totally dependent on his ventilator for his respiratory support. So we see a huge range of medical challenges."

Beginning every day, five days a week, a specially equipped bus, manned by staff members, arrives at home to take a child to PPEC for the day.

"The staff talks to the parents, asks how the night went and if there were problems, takes the temperatures and vital signs of children, helps with medications if need be, and does anything else necessary to start the day," Proia says.

For families and children, PPEC is a center of compassion, and often a platform for renewal.

PPEC aims to assist families with challenges they may face or endure caring for their child with medical needs.

Although many referrals to the PPEC come from the Neonatal or Pediatric Intensive Care Units, other referrals are made to the PPEC directly from physicians or pediatric subspecialists. Nursing Director Proia continues to educate the community about the services available at the PPEC in hopes of reaching out to families whose child would benefit from the services PPEC can provide.

“ We see a huge range of medical challenges.”

A journey of healing

Gage Root, now a 5-year-old kindergartner, arrived at age 3 after six brain surgeries at a Tampa hospital, where he was on life support for nine weeks, before being released in a full body cast. A wagon he was riding in drifted into the street where a drunk driver ran over him.

He was given a 5 percent or lower chance of survival, says his mother, Tonia Whitty, and she was told he would probably never remember anything, including her.

"When he started with PPEC," she recalls, "he didn't know how to look at you, or yawn or cry. He didn't know how to do anything. He couldn't even reach his hand out to hold you. They were



considering him to be a 0 to 1 on the Rancho Scale (for coma and brain injury patients)."

But the caring — the sheer intensity and patience of it, the persistence and energy of it, the determination of it — slowly began to provide hope of recovery to Gage and his mother.

"At first it was total medical care," says Whitty. "They helped me with medications, taught me what I was looking at and what was happening, and they helped me care for my son five days a week, which is your choice based on your family's needs. At first I let him go three days, but then I really began to trust them."

In August, Gage graduated from PPEC after about 18 months of care. His recovery will continue with therapies he receives from an outpatient program and through his school.

Amy Sweat cares for David.



PHOTO BY CAROL ORR HARTMAN

>> *Gage, at 5 years of age, learns to walk again.*

During his hospital stay, he also suffered a stroke that partially paralyzed his left side, and the staff, with Whitty and her determined, cheerful son, worked steadily through it (Gage still faces at least one operation to help overcome the consequences of that setback).

From a low life expectancy Gage moved to a functional and often pleasurable boyhood that offers great promise for the future, and for an adult life.

While he sits playing and giggling with his little sister, Chloe, in the soft Florida sun, his mother describes him this way.

“Now he can feed himself, he can walk, he knows his colors and he can count to 20. He knows his shapes and patterns and his English is perfect. In fact, he can speak some Spanish, too (one of his adored nurses — whom he insists he continue to see regularly — taught him).”

What would anyone call that? What would a neurosurgeon call it, or any other therapist?

What would PPEC Nursing Director Lori Proia call it?

Obviously, they’d have to use a very precise medical word.

“A miracle, absolutely I call it a miracle,” Proia says.

“Oh, it’s a miracle, alright, all of his doctors, every single one of them, used that word,” adds Gage’s mother. “There’s nothing else they can call that.”

A PPEC miracle. **G**

the bottom line

Providing care in Monty’s memory

Jon Yancey is an extraordinary man — and not simply because he can see how to give hope and health to medically fragile children through a personal prism of love and heartbreak.

Last year, deeply wrenched by the death of his wife of 59 years, Monty Yancey, he happened to visit the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center at Lee Memorial’s HealthPark, on the same campus where Mrs. Yancey had received nursing care.

One of Mrs. Yancey’s caretakers, 17-year staffer Anna Demarias, introduced the Yanceys to PPEC.

It was a fortuitous introduction. Mrs. Yancey devoted much of her own life to children — not her own, since the couple was childless in their long marriage, but any she found in need.

“Her many years of instructing, teaching, caring and comforting kids in neighborhoods where (we traveled) was forever inspirational,” Mr. Yancey explains.

So was the little boy who came up to him and spontaneously delivered a high-five one day — a powerful and luminous communion between a 2-year-old named Tashawn and a 90-year-old named Jon, each traveling a different end of life’s long journey.

The moment represented something of an epiphany for Mr. Yancey, he suggests.

“A 2-year-old’s ‘high-five’ with a stranger touched a broken heart into action,” he says. “Knowing the unfortunate times, I realized what an opportunity was created to honor the memory of Monty’s devoted life to children.”

Mrs. Yancey passed away a year ago, on Nov. 15, 2009.

But the Monty Fund, set up to help young PPEC patients, will live on in perpetuity. **G**



Tashawn delivered up a spontaneous high-five to Mr. Yancey that moved him to give.

get involved To contribute to the care of these very special children, call the LMHS Foundation at (239) 985-3550.



From top left, clockwise are Joe Zivic, Berne Davis, John Sheppard and Betty Bireley

holiday memories

Generosity to others a great gift

BY BETTY PARKER

iF THE HOLIDAY SEASON ALWAYS SEEMS TO devolve into a hectic rush, stop for a moment and think what the holidays are really supposed to be about. The holidays are a time of giving. That doesn't mean giving up your mind and soul to the frenzy. The real joys of the season come from sharing with others, whether creating memories with family or lending a hand to strangers.

Lee Memorial Health System is blessed with generous donors whose gifts help others enjoy better health and longer lives. But these donors' generosity isn't limited to medical matters. Helping others is something they've done for decades, in many different ways.

Their memories of special holiday times have not a single mention of gifts received. Their recollections and traditions reveal that through sharing and generosity to others, holiday happiness can be multiplied many times over — and that's the best gift of all.

JOHN SHEPPARD

Every year, come mid-December, John Sheppard stuffed pillows under his belt, donned a red suit, horn-rimmed glasses and a beard, and took off in his pick-up truck to make early visits from Santa Claus.

"You can't imagine how much fun that was," says Sheppard, recalling the

PHOTOGRAPHY BY VANDY MAJOR

15 years or so when he filled the role. It started with visits to his grandchildren, but once others saw him in action, invitations rolled in.

He told the youngsters he was “making his list and checking it twice,” taking note of their requests while seeking a subtle parental reality check. Most children were awe-struck — “that was one of the best parts, when they really believed,” Sheppard recalls. Things weren’t always picture-perfect; one youngster pulled down Santa’s pants. “I said something then that wasn’t very Santa-like,” he laughs. A young grandchild once proclaimed “Santa Claus sounds just like Grandpa.”

Now the grandchildren are grown, and great-grandchildren follow in their footsteps, but the tradition continues. “I’ve passed the suit down to my son,” Sheppard said. “Now he gets to be Santa Claus.”



BERNE DAVIS

For friends and family alike, Berne Davis’ Christmas feasts are the epitome of holiday get-togethers. “We really do up the table with sparkly red mats and runners, antique silver and candles, and heirloom china,” Davis says. “Beauty and presentation go a long way.”

Then comes the food: scalloped oysters, country ham, turkey, corn bread dressing, “something green,” and Davis’s special cranberry sauce.



The guest list includes family, of course, and others with little or no family nearby are always invited.

They all gather on Christmas Eve, following a pattern of years ago when her late husband, Sidney, wanted to sleep late Christmas Day after the holiday rush at his store that was Fort Myers’ premier menswear shop.

Young men home from college could always find some holiday work there, Davis says. “It was so funny to watch all those big college boys learn how to wrap a present and tie ribbons and bows,” she says with a smile.

Although the store is gone, Davis treasures its memories, and makes new ones at every Christmas dinner. “I just love Christmas,” she says. “It’s the time when everyone is cheerful, and you see your friends and family.”

JOE ZIVIC

In giving to others during the holidays, Joe Zivic discovered he and his family also received valuable gifts themselves: time and stress reduction — more meaningful than anything in a box.

Several years ago, he and his adult children decided that instead of exchanging gifts, they would give to Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, providing essential health services to the entire community.

“My children are all very comfortable. They don’t need a thing,” Zivic says. “Instead of me trying to find something they might like, which they’d probably just have to take back to the store anyway, we decided to give to the Foundation instead.”

Instead of exchanging packages at their family gathering, the family shares certificates of appreciation



from the health system. It’s a new tradition that works for everyone, in the best sense of the season. They’re relieved of seeking the “perfect” gift, and they know their gifts are appreciated. “We’ve been successful, now it’s time to help others,” Zivic says. “Isn’t that what the holidays are supposed to be about?”

BETTY BIRELEY

Taking young family members to a special holiday show just after Thanksgiving is one way Betty Bireley helps them and herself get in the spirit of the holidays.

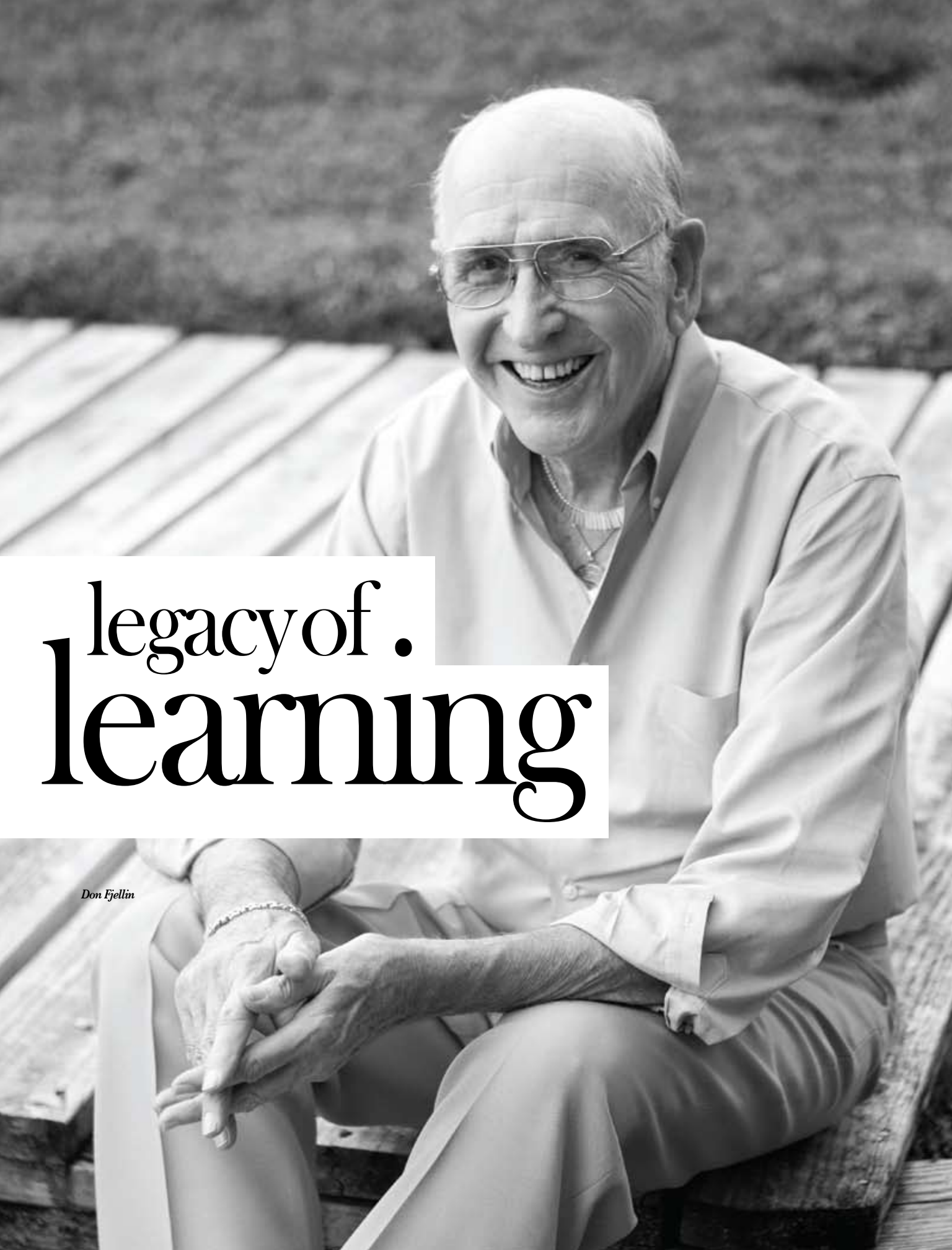
You won’t see her leaving town; airport hassles do little for a celebratory spirit, and she’s happy with her memories of snow.

“I stay home at Christmas,” she says, continuing the philanthropic work that keeps her busy not just during the holidays, but throughout the year. “When there’s so much need, I can’t just be sitting around,” she says.

With the economy in a tumble, and so many families in need — not just in need of Christmas presents, but more permanent needs, such as a place to call home or food to eat — Bireley wishes more people would spread the holiday spirit across all 365 days of the year.

“Everybody says the holidays are a time of giving and helping others, and that’s good,” she says. “If I had one Christmas wish, it would be that people have the Christmas spirit last through all the other months, and remember others need help all year long, not just during the holidays.” **G**





legacy of .
learning

Don Fjellin

Aspiring caregivers receive access to education

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

Don Fjellin credits his 13 years of volunteer work with keeping him in good shape. His work with HIV/AIDS and other patients also provided him with a vantage point from where he could determine how to leave Lee Memorial Health System in better shape as well. He focused on one of the health system's most crucial assets: employees. That is, nurses, lab techs, assistants and other specialized positions, which aren't always easy to fill.

And Fjellin decided he wanted to keep helping LMHS, even after he is gone. In 2007, he had the foresight to name Lee Memorial as a beneficiary of his estate.

"We are deeply appreciative that Don has remembered Lee Memorial Health System Foundation in his estate plans," remarked LMHS Chief Foundation Officer Sharon A. MacDonald. "His gift will enable us to provide educational grants to many people who have chosen to support our mission of providing lifesaving care to the Southwest Florida community."

Specifically, The Donald L. Fjellin Educational Grant and Endowment Fund will provide scholarship grants to educate students for "difficult to fill positions" at LMHS. That could mean something different this year or in 10 years. "Now, it would probably be nurses we'd be looking for," he said. "But in 10 years, if I live that long, it might be something we have no idea about today."

His donation will be invested in an interest earning account, and only the interest will be used to pay out the grants. "It can be used for years," Fjellin said. "It's an ongoing gift because the principle never gets touched."

"They get some (donations) that are huge to help build buildings or what have you," he said. "This will help build people. Every little bit helps, basically."

Fjellin is acutely aware of financial challenges that face many worthy students. Growing up in Omaha, he said, his parents weren't well off. After serving

two years in the Army, the G.I. Bill was a means of finishing his bachelor's in economics at the University of Omaha. Later he earned a master's in psychology at Ohio State University.

Post college, he lived in San Francisco for 21 years, four of which he worked for Levi Strauss International, buying mostly denim and corduroy and shipping it around the world. Much of his working life he was a Realtor in San Francisco, Maine, and then Fort Myers when he moved to town 21 years ago. But by the early 1990s, he wasn't making many sales.

"I thought I might as well just volunteer," he said, and got involved with LMHS.

At LMHS, he was president of Lee Memorial Auxiliary in 2001, 2002 and 2004. He still volunteers for the Auxiliary in an administrative capacity.

Some of the money raised by the Auxiliary was used for student scholarships. The stories of the students moved him. One was a single mother who wanted to train

to be a registered nurse. "She would have never been able to go to school to obtain a nursing degree without the (scholarship)," he said.

With no immediate family, and no major health problems, Fjellin said he was in a unique position to name LMHS Foundation in his estate.

"I feel fortunate to be in a position to do this," he said.

And sometime in the future, a student of health care receiving an education grant will undoubtedly feel much the same. **G**

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get involved To help fund tomorrow's health-care today, call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at (239) 985-3550.

Radiothon



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The ninth annual Cat Country 107.1 “Helping Kids with Cancer” Radiothon took place on Oct. 15 at Miromar Outlets in Estero. This truly special day allows patients and their families to take over the airwaves for 12 hours to tell their stories of hope and survival in the face of a cancer or blood disorder diagnosis. Over \$147,000 from the ninth annual Radiothon and Rumrunners Celebrity Chef Night was raised to help local children receive life-saving treatment.

1) Fox-4’s Patrick Nolan (center) joined DJs Super Dave Logan (left) and Andy Woods (right) to help get the phones ringing at the ninth annual Cat Country 107.1 “Helping Kids with Cancer” Radiothon.

2) The team celebrates the great success of the ninth annual Cat Country 107.1 “Helping Kids with Cancer Radiothon.” Over \$147, 600 was raised to support Pediatric Oncology and Hematology programs at the The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

3) Cat Country 107.1’s Super Dave Logan (left) chats on air with David Kent, Head Golf Professional at The Club at Renaissance (center), about the inspiring relationship he developed with 10-year-old leukemia survivor Chansen Sawakimus (right) while teaching him to golf through a series of donated lessons this past summer.



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Rumrunners Celebrity Chef Night

Each year Rumrunners, Southwest Florida’s premier waterfront restaurant, hosts over 200 guests for a night of cocktails and fine cuisine prepared by celebrity chefs including Todd Johnson and Ralph Centalozza of Rumrunners and The Joint, and Norman Love from Norman Love Confections. This year, celebrity chefs from Sea Salt of Naples, Blu Sushi and The Flying Pig helped dazzle the crowd with their culinary delights. All proceeds were directed toward oncology and hematology programs at The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.



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4) The chefs gather before the big night.

5) Jack and Muri Reynoldson were the winners of a gorgeous ring created especially for the evening by renowned jewelry designer Mark Loren.

6) Bruce Bauman (left) with Pamela Templeton at the 2010 Celebrity Chef Night benefiting Barbara’s Friends — The Children’s Hospital Cancer Fund.

7) Norman Love of Norman Love Confections, with wife Mary Love, capped off the evening with a spectacular display of chocolates and mousse-filled cones that drew raves.

8) Children’s Hospital patient Joseph West enjoys the fun evening on the water with his father Edgar West.

CAROL ORR HARTMAN



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Saks Fifth Avenue



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JEANNA GRAYCE HEPP

Each year Saks Fifth Avenue at the Bell Tower Shops hosts a long weekend showcasing fabulous fashions and beauty products in support of women's cancer programs at the Regional Cancer Center. Two percent of all sales over the four-day period goes directly back to help women in the area who are battling cancer. The kick-off to the weekend includes a reception where the annual Humanitarian Awards are presented. These awards are given to members of the community who have demonstrated a high level of commitment toward the fight against cancer or who provide comfort and resources to those suffering from cancer.

12) Jim Nathan, President LMHS (center) joins 2010 Humanitarian Award winner Barbara Hardwick (left) and Cindy Merrill (right) for the evening supporting local cancer care.

13) From Left: Dr. Mai Saif (2010 Humanitarian Award Winner); LMHS Chief Foundation Officer Sharon A. MacDonald; Dr. James Orr, Medical Director Regional Cancer Center; Barbara Hardwick (2010 Humanitarian Award Winner); and Dr. Lowell Hart (2010 Humanitarian Award Winner).



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CAROL ORR HARTMAN

Cooking with Todd

Each year, for the past three years, Chef Todd Johnson of Rumrunners and The Joint (both located in Cape Harbour) sets aside a Saturday morning to share the joys of cooking with Children's Hospital patients. The fun and interactive day includes creating homemade pizza at The Joint followed by a gelato-making session at Run Agrounds — a coffee and gelato shop also located in Cape Harbour. The morning of cooking, eating and fun is part of the activities around our annual Celebrity Chef Night.

17) Six year-old Children's Hospital Oncology/Hematology patient Ben Nordstrom shows off his customized gelato creation.

18) Colton Savakimus (left) and his brother Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology patient Chansen Savakimus prepare the dough for the pizza.

Breakfast with The Blades

Each year, the entire Florida Everblades hockey team sits down for breakfast with 125 guests at the Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. This family-oriented event features spirited live and silent auctions and a full hot breakfast buffet. All proceeds benefit The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.



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14) Young fans get up close and personal with their favorite players at the event's autograph session.

15) Children's Hospital patient Joseph West, in the arms of his mother Tiffany West (center), enjoyed the morning with former Florida Everblades player Colin Nicholson (left) and former Florida Everblades captain Ernie Hartlieb (far right).

16) Presenting Sponsor John Picone of Picone Financial Partners addresses the crowd with his grandson, Anthony Picone.



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The Betty & Frank Bireley Ribbons & Blues Event

Held on Oct. 17, The Betty & Frank Bireley Ribbons & Blues Event treated guests to a fantastic night of food, music, silent and live auctions and the chance to bid on ties, scarves and other items painted and designed by local artists. The event raised funds for LMHS's Regional Cancer Center.

9) Betty Bireley (center) lead sponsor of the evening, honors her husband Frank's great philanthropic legacy at the annual event. She was joined by her sons, Roger (left) and Frank (right).

10) Dr. James Rubenstein and his wife Betty enjoy the evening.

11) From left: Nancy Shusser, Josie Rasalan and Jess Rasalan came out to support the fight against cancer.

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'tis the season

... for year-end giving

BY KEN SHORIAK, CFRE

Just as bright lights, decorations and festivities signal the holidays are here, they should also remind us of the value of making year-end donations to support Lee Memorial Health System's lifesaving mission.

how to help

How you can contribute to make a difference

As a reminder, The official bequest language for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation is:

"I [name], of [city, state, ZIP] give, devise and bequeath to Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation, located in Lee County Florida, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation would be happy to provide information about how your will can be used to make a gift to support lifesaving health care right here in our community. Please call Linda Kelly of the LMHS Foundation at (239) 985-3564 for more information.

Whether used to save the life of a cancer patient or helping a premature baby as she clings to life, your tax-deductible gift to Lee Memorial will help Southwest Florida residents receive the finest possible hospital care. At the same time, your donation can provide distinct tax advantages if completed before the end of the year.

By planning your charitable giving to be sure it is completed by Dec. 31, you may be able to reduce the amount of taxes you have to pay next April. For those who itemize tax deductions, cash gifts can help eliminate tax on up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.

Those who donate appreciated assets such as stock may be able to gain a deduction of the fair market value (if owned for longer than one year) and at the same time bypass capital gains tax that might be due if the assets were sold outright.

Potential changes in federal tax laws make year-end giving in 2010 even more important. Your actual tax savings will depend upon your individual tax rate and financial circumstances.

Be sure to take a look at your own tax situation and check with your tax advisor to see if a year-end gift makes sense. Please know your donation will help Southwest Florida residents receive lifesaving health care.

For more information on year-end giving options, call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation Office at (239) 985-3550. **G**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
STAFF OF LEE MEMORIAL
HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION**

December 8, 2010

Children's Hospital Charity Fashion Show & Luncheon

Join Children's Hospital supporters from throughout Southwest Florida for a spectacular Fashion Show at the Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa. Sponsored by The Lutgert Companies, presented by Trish Williams Productions, and featuring the stores at The Village on Venetian Bay, The Promenade and The Mercato. Tickets are \$65 each, and table sponsorships are available for \$1,000 which includes ten (10) seats at a reserved table for you, your friends, associates, or clients. Proceeds will benefit The Children's Hospital expansion. For more information, contact event chairperson Pat Smart at (239) 495-8295, or the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at (239) 985-3550.

January 13, 2010

Financial Planning Seminar

Learn about the changes in federal tax laws, tax-saving strategies, the importance of Florida Homestead and more at this financial planning seminar from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The presenters will be Lowell Schoenfeld of Green, Schoenfeld, & Kyle, LLP; A. Scott White of Scott White Advisors; and Craig Folk of Miller, Helms & Folk, P.A. and will be at HealthPark, in Meeting Room 1A. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (239) 985-3550.

January 31, 2011

Table Talk Join local celebrities for an up close and personal lunch at the "Table Talk" event to benefit Jenn's Kids Fund at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Local celebrities have agreed to join guests for an intimate gourmet lunch at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. Barbara DuFrane, owner of DuFrane Jewel-

ers, Ltd. at The Promenade and a community philanthropist, is the event chairperson. Table sponsorships are \$1,000 and include two preferred seats at the table of sponsor's choice. Individual tickets are just \$75 each, and reservations will be accepted on a first-received, first-accommodated basis. To reserve your spot, please call (239) 985-3550.

February 16, 2011

A Giving Heart for Cancer Fashion Show & Luncheon

Join us for the third annual "A Giving Heart for Cancer" Fashion Show and Luncheon at Sanibel Harbor Resort & Spa. Each year Lee Memorial Health System Foundation partners with Tanger Outlets to feature a fashion show, luncheon, exciting auctions and drawings! Awards are presented to members of the community who have played a role in reshaping cancer care in our community. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling the Foundation at (239) 985-3550.

February 25-26, 2011

Northern Trust Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest

A spectacular two-day event for wine enthusiasts who enjoy coming together each year to support The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Exquisite vintner dinners will take place in private homes from Fort Myers to Naples, followed the next day by a Grand Tasting & Auction beachside at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. For more information and tickets, call (239) 432-9722.



February 24, 2011

Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Tournament

Join Minnesota Twins players and other celebrities for the 13th annual golf tournament to benefit the Regional Cancer Center.



Have a great time mingling with your favorite MLB players while testing your golf skills at the exclusive Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers. Please call (239) 985-3550 for more information or to become a sponsor.

February 24, 2011

Boston Red Sox Tee Party

Join former Boston Red Sox players, major league greats and other sports celebrities at the Boston Tee Party, the kickoff to the Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic. This event will benefit the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Please call (239) 985-3550 to join this event.

February 25, 2011

Annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic

Join Boston Red Sox players, major league greats and other sports celebrities at the 18th annual golf tournament to benefit the expansion of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Please call (239) 985-3550 to be a part of this event. **G**



Keeping the faith

The Spiritual Services Department at LMHS recognizes comprehensive health care necessarily includes a holistic approach to integrate body, mind and spirit, according to Rev. Cynthia Brasher, system director of the department. LMHS also realizes hospitalization and illness can be frightening experiences filled with anxiety and can test the faith of patients, their relatives, friends and caregivers as well.

The Spiritual Services Department

works to provide spiritual resources for everyone involved in the healing process. To achieve this goal, the department includes chaplaincy services, a Parish Nurse Program, bereavement programs and a critical incident stress component. These services are made available to patients, families, employees and volunteers. LMHS also offers interfaith chapels at its facilities.

“It is an interfaith, non-denominational program that offers spiritual and emotional support in times of need,” Rev. Brasher said. “We work closely with the local clergy and the community.” **G**



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