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St. Joseph's Health Foundation  
**Annual Report**

 **ST. JOSEPH'S  
HEALTH**  
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## MISSION

We, St. Joseph’s Health and Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

## VALUES

Reverence, Commitment To Those Who Are Poor, Justice, Stewardship, Integrity, and Safety.

## OUR ROOTS

Inspired by our Franciscan Tradition, we are passionate healers dedicated to honoring the sacred in our sisters and brothers.

## DEAR ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FAMILY,

On behalf of the St. Joseph's Health Foundation, thank you for your continuous support of our health care system. We are honored and appreciative for each and every donation that we receive. Over the past year, your generosity has allowed the St. Joseph's Health Foundation to support so many people and initiatives within the St. Joseph's Health system. As a result of your generosity, here are just some of the gifts that were recognized this past year in support of our patients, students, colleagues and community members:

- **Grateful Patient gifts – Cancer Services, Greatest Need and Women & Infant Services**
- **Support for colleagues who have expressed a financial hardship**
- **Intensive Community-Based Services for Children/Youth in Syracuse**
- **Interpretation aids and services**
- **College of Nursing – Simulation Training and Scholarship support**
- **Dialysis equipment and patient support services**

Our mission is made possible because of your financial support. The generosity that we receive from our donors allows us to continue to heal our community and loved ones. Your support enables us to offer the highest level of care to members of our community every day.

The care that our colleagues deliver and the philanthropy that our donors provide is a perfect recipe for attaining the mission of St. Joseph's Health. This is evident as a result of the many awards and accolades our health system receives each year. St. Joseph's Health has been the recipient of several national marks of distinction this past year including:

- **U.S. News & World Report Best Regional Hospitals for 8th Consecutive Year**
- **Healthgrades 5-Star Recipient for Vaginal Delivery**
- **U.S. News & World Report as a Best Hospital for Maternity Care**
- **Healthgrades America's 50 Best for Cardiac Surgery**
- **Healthgrades America's 100 Best for Spine Surgery and Coronary Intervention**

St. Joseph's Health has and will always be known for providing a Higher Level of Care to the greater Syracuse community and thus we will forever remain grateful for your continuous support in honor of the compassionate care our health care heroes provide each and every day. Thank you for all that you do for our entire St. Joseph's Health community!

Sincerely,

Laura Spring, Esq.  
Chair, St. Joseph's Health Foundation Board of Directors







## WILDRIDGE GIFT SUPPORTS ST. JOSEPH'S LANGUAGE SERVICES

One of the greatest challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic was the ability of family members to communicate with hospitalized loved ones when visitation was not permitted. For limited English speakers, this was compounded by a language barrier with medical staff.

For Bill and Pam Wildridge, this issue became personal after their Armenian friends had a family member hospitalized at St. Joseph's Health Center with COVID-19 and communication in their native Russian language proved difficult. "St. Joseph's has a robust translator program, but during the pandemic resources were stretched thin and a Russian translator was not always available when needed," says Bill, a member of the St. Joseph's Health Board of Trustees and St. Joseph's Health Foundation Board of Trustees. "It's scary to think about going to the hospital, not understanding what's wrong with you, and then not being able to communicate."

At the time, the Wildridge's daughter, Laura, was working at St. Joseph's and remembered when she was doing a physical therapy internship at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, they used a video remote communication device—essentially a mobile unit with an iPad and speakers that connected that patient to an interpreter—made by CyraCom Inc. This equipment eliminates language barriers to help deliver outstanding care and facilitate a clearer understanding of healthcare services via video or audio between the patient, physicians and care providers with the use of an interpreter. After researching the equipment, Bill contacted Vince Kuss, Vice President of Development at the St. Joseph's Health Foundation, and he and Pam made a donation to purchase two of the devices for the Hospital in memory of their friend's loved ones, Svetlana Allakhverdova and her son Leon Grigoryan, who both ultimately passed away from COVID-19.

"This technology was available and just hadn't made it to St. Joseph's yet, so we wanted to make that happen," says Pam.

Bill and Pam are college sweethearts who met on their first day as freshmen at Hartwick College, married, and raised four children. Pam is an adjunct biology instructor at Cayuga Community College and a New York State Certified Nursery Landscape Professional who serves on the Town of Dewitt Tree Committee assisting with tree-related issues. She is also an Onondaga County Master Gardener and helps educate people about gardening and landscaping.

Bill is a CPA, Partner at Fust Charles Chambers LLP and CEO/Managing Partner of Microscope HC (Fust Charles Chambers' healthcare consulting company) in Syracuse. He serves as Chair of the Finance Committees for both the St. Joseph's Health Hospital Board and the Foundation Board.

While donating his time and professional expertise as a Board Member is a major commitment, Bill says he and Pam hope their equipment donation shows others that you can make a big difference through a small act.

"People sometimes think they need to make a major gift to have an effect, but sometimes, like with this new technology, a small gift can make a major impact on patient care," he says.



# FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

Each year, the St. Joseph's Health Foundation has the distinct opportunity to support thousands of people within the greater Syracuse community. Whether it's providing a scholarship to a student who expresses financial need or a St. Joseph's Health Hospital patient who is provided state of the art technology for their care, we are able to offer these resources as a result of the philanthropic support of our donors.

This past fiscal year, we are happy to report that the St. Joseph's Health Foundation raised \$3,622,214 in donations towards several programs, projects and initiatives throughout the St. Joseph's Health system and the Central New York Community. In a year where we again were forced to cancel our major events, our donors "stepped-up" and provided much needed support to our Foundation. This support included some of the following initiatives:

## GRATEFUL PATIENT DONATIONS

Each year patients who receive care at St. Joseph's Health express their gratitude by making a donation in honor of their care, physician and or nurse. This year was no exception as the St. Joseph's Health Foundation recognized hundreds of grateful patient gifts. These dollars went on to support several programmatic/equipment needs including, Translation Services Language units, Oasis breakroom renovations, bottle warmers for our NICU, equipment needs for our Dialysis units, among several others. Grateful patient donations create an amazing experience for all involved. St. Joseph's Health is humbled by these gifts and recognizes that it allows our patients and their families to express their gratitude for the exceptional care received by our health care professionals. The return on investment is forever lasting and we thank all of our patients and their families for their generosity!

## COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

This past year, the St. Joseph's College of Nursing had the opportunity to allocate close to 100 scholarships and awards to College of Nursing students. These scholarships and awards support students who express financial need, achieve academically, perform community service outside of St. Joseph's Health, amongst other criteria. None of this scholarship support would be possible if it were not for our College of Nursing alumni and friends who have been so generous over the past several decades. We are honored to have an endowment that is so supportive of our College of Nursing students achievements.

## COLLEAGUE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Funds donated to our Colleague Emergency Assistance fund during FY22, allowed St. Joseph's Health to help close to 50 colleagues who expressed a financial hardship. This program and your support provided grants to St. Joseph's Health employees to assist them with some of the following unexpected expenses: funeral costs, emergency house repairs/fire, unexpected medical procedures and extended health issues.

## FOOD FARMACY

The Food Farmacy seeks to reduce hemoglobin A1c and assist patients with weight loss, through diet-controlled meals. The food provided is consistent with what would be available through local pantries. A registered Dietitian provides education and supervision, while providing patients with seasonal menus and necessary supplies for meal preparation and creation. A Community Health Worker manages the supply of food on-site, as well as the distribution to patients, while also identifying and addressing any gaps in care or social care needs. Patients enrolled in this program must have a hemoglobin A1c reading greater than 7.1, assessed for positive food insecurity, and be served by SJH Primary Care Center-Main. Approximately 20 patients have benefited from this program throughout FY22. The Food Farmacy was established through a grant from the Mother Cabrini Foundation.

## DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (DPP)

Funding for DPP was awarded to Trinity Health from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention which was, in turn, dispersed to system partners such as St. Joseph's Health and St. Peter's Health Partners.

- The DPP is a year-long lifestyle change program clinically proven to stop the onset of type 2 diabetes. We educate participants about how nutrition, fitness, sleep, exercise, and mindfulness combine to build healthy habits that lead to sustainable lifestyle change. Local lifestyle coaches are trained and offer classes by ZIP code to help their community members make the right decisions to gain control of their health and reverse prediabetes.
- Two cohorts started in the spring out of Primary Care West and several more are set to begin out of Primary Care-Heritage and Primary Care-Northeast.

## IT STARTS HERE: COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

In collaboration with Interfaith Works of Central New York to address COVID-19 Vaccine hesitancy, the SJH It Starts Here campaign supported community engagement and mobilization efforts in our most vulnerable communities. This project reached 167,934 individuals, while holding and attending 73 vaccine specific events, which resulted in 1,350 vaccinations for individuals from the Black and Latinx communities, from March 2021 through January 2022.

## TOBACCO CESSATION

- Through grant funding from the New York State Department of Health, Central New York Regional Center for Tobacco Health Systems at St. Joseph's Health serves 10 Central New York counties, working with health care systems to improve the reach and delivery of evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment to all New Yorkers who use tobacco products.
- The Tobacco Health Systems team facilitates change by working with behavioral health and medical health care systems to implement evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment best practices into practices, ideally embedding those into the electronic medical record (EMR). We train staff and assure policies are in place to support the sustainability of the changes.
- Additionally, our Regional Center partners with St. Peter's Health Partners in Albany, NY to offer our patients the Virtual Butt Stops Here smoking cessation program.
- The tobacco health systems is a historical shift for the Department of Health, in which they would fund organizations as a cessation center, where we offered classes and counseling directly to patients. Newer data shows that when a health care provider partners with a patient, their chances of successfully quitting long term are improved by 2-3x. So now, the work is focused on systems change in health care, to be sure patients are asked about nicotine/tobacco use, advised to quit, and offered referral to counseling (NYS Smokers Quitline at least) and offered pharmacological treatments to assist them in quitting, usually nicotine replacement.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL BEING IMPACT

St. Joseph's Health Hospital invested more than \$118 million in community health in FY 2022. These efforts included preventative services, uncompensated care, community partnerships, and other efforts to meet the health needs of the uninsured, low-income, and other at-risk populations. Our services benefited victims of crime, homeless people who needed treatment or temporary housing while ill, and people with food insecurities. At St. Joseph's Health, we remain steadfast in our Mission to serve as a "compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities" and address social influencers of health, not only as a caring community member, but as a catalyst for change. We continue to promote optimal health for those populations that are poor and vulnerable by

connecting social and clinical care, addressing social needs, dismantling systemic racism, and reducing health inequities.

St. Joseph's Health continually evaluates and responds to the most important needs of the community identified through our triennial Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and in partnership with other local not-for-profit organizations and committees. The CHNA intentionally and authentically engages community residents and stakeholders to evaluate the overall health status of the greater Syracuse region, identify the most pressing health-related needs and prioritize services relating to such needs.

## OUR CHNA IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREAS INCLUDE

- Prevent Chronic Diseases (PCD)
- Promote Well-Being
- Prevent Mental and Substance Use Disorders (PWPMUSD)

St. Joseph's Health interventions focus on areas of healthy eating and food security, physical activity, tobacco prevention, and preventive care and management for Preventing Chronic Disease, throughout our community.

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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| • American Heart Association | • Dunbar Center          | • American Red Cross of Eastern NY      |
| • Interfaith Works of CNY    | • Brady Faith Center     | • Sarah's Guest House                   |
| • Sisters of Saint Francis   | • AFE Foundation         | • Rome Health Foundation                |
| • Salvation Army             | • YWCA                   | • RISE Inc.                             |
| • United Way                 | • Meals on Wheels        | • Catholic Charities of Onondaga County |
| • Focus Greater Syracuse     | • The Loretto Foundation |   |

We are humbled to have the opportunity to serve and support our patients, colleagues, students and Greater Syracuse Community each and every day. As we head into fiscal year 2023, we are optimistically looking forward to what's ahead. Along with our annual innovative programming and support, we also look forward to hosting several events that have not taken place the past few years as a result of the pandemic. These events include:

- **St. Joseph's Day Appreciation Breakfast** – March 24, 2023 at DoubleTree by Hilton
- **29th Annual Gala Dinner Dance – Fiesta Gala** – June 2, 2023 at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino
- **29th Annual Golf Classic** – September 7, 2023 at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino

St. Joseph's Health is proud to continue to provide quality health care and continue to be a catalyst for economic development on Syracuse's north-side. Thank you for supporting our mission of serving in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.





## ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH WALKWAYS OF CARING

St. Joseph's Health Walkways of Caring, located in several beautiful courtyard settings on the hospital campus, are paved with engraved commemorative bricks along with engraved park benches.

The Walkways of Caring include St. Francis Garden located at the front of the hospital; Walk of Valor, at the flagpole in front of the hospital, which pays tribute to veterans, reservists and active military personnel; St. Joseph's Circle, around the statue of St. Joseph, and Caritas Park (Latin for "charity" or "love") is located in front of the College of Nursing.

You may choose to pay tribute to a friend, a family member, a military hero or someone who has made a difference in your life. Your tax-deductible gift will help support programs throughout St. Joseph's Health system. Bricks are installed, weather permitting, in the spring and fall each year. A limited number of engraved benches are available.

For more information about our Walkways of Caring, contact St. Joseph's Health Foundation at (315) 703-2137 or [foundation@sjhsyr.org](mailto:foundation@sjhsyr.org).



# THE ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANTS RELATIONS TEAM RAISED MORE THAN \$2.6 MILLION IN FY22

Dedicated to the health of the community it has served for 154 years, St. Joseph's Health has strengthened its commitment to area residents by taking bold approaches to optimizing wellness and equity, reducing barriers to care, eliminating disparities, addressing social determinants of health, and providing patient-centered care. The 16 national, state, and private grants below support the continuity of this commitment to Central New York residents at all ages and across the continuum of care.

## OPTIMIZING THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF ALL CHILDREN \$281,810



### MOTHER CABRINI HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to St. Joseph's Health Hospital to implement the "Best Foot Forward from Pregnancy to Early Childhood Health & Development" program at the Hospital's Primary Care Center-Main. Through what is affectionately known as the "BFF Program", pregnant women, as well as young children and their parents, work with an Early Childhood Specialist as they learn to create a positive and enriching home environment for their children. Pediatric patients are screened for physical, cognitive, language, social-emotional, developmental, and behavioral concerns. The Early Childhood Specialist works to increase well-child visits and scheduled immunizations along with making connections to other needed community resources. The early interventions and preventative services provided through BFF Program, aims to offer our youngest, most vulnerable patients the best possible start in life. The funder of this program "provides grants to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of diverse communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services."

### NEW YORK STATE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES



First 1,000 Days on Medicaid Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national evidence-based program in which pediatric primary care providers promote early literacy by talking with parents about the importance of reading aloud and engaging with their young children, encouraging parents to read with their children at home and build routines around books, and providing new books to children in the program to have and keep at their home. As a long-time ROR site, St. Joseph's Primary Care Center-West (PCC-West) recognizes the need for early childhood literacy, especially for disadvantaged low-income children who are at significantly greater risk of stunted language development. In turn, children from lower-income homes can subsequently experience educational achievement gaps. Beginning in 2021, PCC-West became part of a 3-year Medicaid pilot designed to expand the use of ROR in pediatric primary care and foster local cross-sector collaboration focused on improving early language development skills in children ages 0-3. Studies have found that parents who participate in ROR are two times as likely to read to their children three or more times per week. Studies of the program also report that children in ROR show improved language development by 3-6 months of age. To provide a comprehensive program, \$15,270 is included in the pilot's budget to provide items and services such as children's books, book bins, literacy materials and technical support for ROR at PCC-West.

## EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Empire State Development Corporation (ESD) awarded \$136,540 to St. Joseph's Health Hospital to fund a portion of the Prospect Hill neighborhood revitalization initiative – a collaborative and comprehensive partnership between St. Joseph's, the Metropolitan Development Association, and the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board. Together, collaborators aimed to develop Prospect Hill physical infrastructure, stabilize and grow the business community, and catalyze health care-related economic opportunities, among other goals. This ESD funding was allocated to improve the physical infrastructure of the building occupied by Elmcrest Children's Center, a nonprofit community of caring professionals providing service to children with a variety of emotional, behavioral, and developmental limitations in order to help them overcome barriers to success in their homes, schools, and communities.

## NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

Through a \$30,000 grant award from the New York State Office Of Mental Health (OMH), St. Joseph's Health Hospital will expand access to intensive community-based services for children and youth returning to school for 2021-2022 in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic; many lost a loved one to the virus, missed out on summer employment opportunities, and faced long hours of lockdown. Prior to COVID-19, St. Joseph's Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic conducted an "Open Access" pilot that offered a certain number of hours each week when individuals could walk into the clinic without needing to call to schedule an appointment in advance. This grant supported the timely expansion of access to in-person and telehealth services that divert children and youth from a higher level of care and/or allow the safe stepdown from a higher level of care, as appropriate. During designated Open Access hours licensed social workers are available to screen and begin the intake assessment process for the child/youth to begin treatment.

## MAKING ADVANCES THROUGH RESEARCH \$14,000

### SENTINEL U®

As one of only seven organizations selected, St. Joseph's College of Nursing received an award as part of the SENTINEL U® Nursing Simulation Research Grant program. This grant, valued at \$5,000, allows nurse investigators to utilize SENTINEL U® cutting edge virtual simulation products to conduct valuable research in nursing education that explores the role of virtual

simulations on the development of confidence in clinical judgement and prioritization. The Sentinel U Prioritization of Care® is the simulation product used in this study where nursing students use evidence-based principles and clinical judgment to manage the care of virtual clients with complex health care needs in the acute care setting.

### TRINITY ASSURANCE, LTD

St. Joseph's Health received a \$9,000 grant from TRINITY ASSURANCE, LTD to test the use of needle stick prevention gloves to reduce the risk of sharp injuries to downstream users such as security officers who are exposed to needle sticks when they need to search backpacks and bags; and

environmental service staff members who are at risk of needle sticks when cleaning patient rooms and emptying trash. These injuries are linked to bloodborne pathogen transmission which highlights the need for successful ways to keep staff safe as they perform their day-to-day duties.



## INNOVATIVELY ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS \$2,002,500

### MOTHER CABRINI HEALTH FOUNDATION

St. Joseph's Health Hospital received a \$500,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation to use for the creation and launch of Project C.O.M.P.A.S.S.I.O.N. – the "Center of Medical, Palliative, and Spiritual Support In Our Neighborhoods". Grant funds support the formation of a lay minister training initiative to help augment the region's Palliative Care workforce and increase the quantity and quality of Palliative Care services for those living with serious illness. Enrichment videos on topics such as grieving, and dementia are

being created as training tools; these will be placed online for use by lay ministers, patients, family/caregivers, and professionals. Once launched, this program will support patients receiving Palliative Care, their families, and caregivers. Palliative Care can begin as early as the day of diagnosis and is available for anyone living with a serious, life-limiting illness. Lay ministers connect with patients, their family members, and other caregivers to help them live more comfortably with their ongoing condition.



### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY

The American College of Cardiology awarded a \$2,500 grant to St. Joseph's Health Hospital, through their microgrant program, to be used in support of public health education aimed at improving community measures and outcomes related to early recognition of heart attack symptoms and appropriate action steps. Grant funds were used to hold a joint St. Joseph's Health and Emergency Medical Services Teaching Day that covered education on topics such as Early Heart Attack Care, Hands-Only CPR, Community Needs Health Assessment, Stroke Education and Risk Factors, Diabetes and Heart Disease, and many others. Grant-supported activities were also promoted on social media platforms.

### NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF TOBACCO CONTROL

St. Joseph's Health Hospital received a \$1.5 million, multi-year grant award from the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Tobacco Control to continue the work of the Hospital's Central New York Regional Center for Tobacco Health Systems. Serving a 10-county Central Service Region, the Center engages health care organizations located in Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and Tioga counties to improve the delivery of guideline-concordant care for Tobacco Use Disorders by adopting policies and procedures that create change at the organization level. In coordination with the policy and procedure updates, educational sessions are offered for physicians and staff with accompanying patient education materials; access to other local and statewide resources are also offered. For nearly 20 years, the Central New York Regional Center for Tobacco Health Systems has supported tobacco cessation efforts focused on serving populations that are disproportionately affected by tobacco use (people with low income, low educational attainment, serious mental illness, substance use disorders, etc.).



## ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR CENTRAL NEW YORK RESIDENTS \$296,370

### THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARDED ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH HOSPITAL WITH THE FOLLOWING GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2022:

- A \$234,000 Office of Mental Health Workforce Grant will be used for behavioral health workforce recruitment and retention activities under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021
- To improve patient experience and outcomes, an \$18,000 award from the 2021 Expand Certified and Credentialed Peer Capacity for Peer Workforce Grant will be used to recruit and retain Certified and Credentialed Peer Specialists and for individuals and families served through the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP), Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), and CPEP's Mobile Crisis programs at St. Joseph's Health
- As part of the COVID Mitigation Federal Block Grant for Community Mental Health Services, a COVID-19 Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$2,370 was awarded for COVID-19 testing supplies and mitigation expenses (i.e., masks and air filtration equipment) designed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission
- \$25,000 was awarded for Mobile Crisis Program Services to provide staff training to maximize billing to increase federal reimbursements, expand and improve the ability of Mobile Crisis to respond, and identify standards and best practices; Mobile Crisis services for children, adolescents, and adults aim to reduce behavioral health symptoms, restore individuals to their pre-crisis level of functioning, make connections with community supports and/or secure access to a higher level of care when needed

### FLORA BERNICE SMITH FOUNDATION

The Flora Bernice Smith Foundation granted \$17,000 to be used to help St. Joseph's Health Foundation and Hospital give back to nurses and other staff who are providing care for some of our community's most critically ill, both traditionally and as part of COVID-19. As part of a project piloted in fiscal year 2022, known as "Code Happiness," eight staff breakrooms were renovated into "Quiet Rooms" where nurses and other staff can have an "oasis" for taking restful breaks and lunches from what can be otherwise stressful workdays.



Hospital closet turned into a Colleague Oasis Room



Staff breakroom at PCC Heritage in Fayetteville

## OPTIMIZING THE COLLEGE OF NURSING EXPERIENCE \$7,899



### AUER FAMILY FOUNDATION

The AUER FAMILY FOUNDATION made a \$4,774 grant award to St. Joseph's College of Nursing. Funds were designated for the purchase of equipment that nursing students, faculty, and staff can use to enhance physical assessment and skills training that are part of the nursing education

experience. Equipment such as the Chester Chest with Advanced Arm Skill Trainer and the Venateck IV Trainer provide opportunities for individual hands-on experience as well as continuing education in the areas of wound, intravenous, and vascular access therapy.



### CENTRAL NEW YORK LIBRARY RESOURCE COUNCIL

A \$3,125 grant was received from the CENTRAL NEW YORK LIBRARY RESOURCE COUNCIL (CLRC) to be used by the College of Nursing at St. Joseph's Health for the expansion of library collections,

databases and/or technology. This CLRC grant is awarded through the New York State Hospital Library Services Program.





Pictured L to R: Monica West and Roe Colagiovanni

## LONGTIME FRIENDS SHARE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AT ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH HOSPITAL WELCOME DESK

Monica West had only been retired for a month when a former work colleague recruited her to volunteer at the St. Joseph's Health Hospital Welcome Desk, helping direct hospital patients and visitors to their destinations. While working in a medical setting wasn't new to her—she'd spent 22 years as the administrative assistant to a spine surgeon at Upstate Medical University—having face-to-face contact with visitors and patients was. "It was so fulfilling," she says. "I just love the people, being able to provide assistance, make them feel welcome, and offer empathy if needed."

That was back in 2012. Initially, West served as a "floater," filling in on whatever day she was needed. "That allowed me to work with and get to know a lot of different volunteers, which I really enjoyed," she says. "I've made a lot of really good friends."

Two years later, West's good friend Roe Colagiovanni retired from her work as a real estate agent and West suggested that volunteering at the Welcome Desk would be a good fit for her. "She's a people person," West says. "I thought she would like it."

Coincidentally, Colagiovanni's daughter, Meredith Price, serves as senior vice president of acute operations at St. Joseph's. "I thought we'd be able to have lunch every week," Colagiovanni laughs. "I

quickly learned she's too busy for that. We do catch a glimpse of each other here and there."

Nonetheless, she loved her new role. "I love the sense of purpose it gives me," Colagiovanni says of the experience. "It makes me feel better to know I've helped someone or made their day easier. And you certainly come home and count your blessings," she says.

West and Colagiovanni originally met as students at Maria Regina College and have been friends ever since. While they don't volunteer together—West works on Tuesdays and Colagiovanni on Wednesdays—they do enjoy their common experience.

Both say they missed their time at the hospital during the COVID-19 shutdown and are happy to be back at the Welcome Desk, despite restrictions on visitation. Most patients are only allowed one visitor per day, although there are exceptions. "Enforcement can be a bit of a challenge," says West. "People don't like to hear that they can't visit their loved ones, which is understandable."

Despite post-COVID changes, the two longtime volunteers relish their volunteer experience. "St. Joe's is such a family atmosphere," says Colagiovanni. "There's not a shift I leave that I don't feel uplifted."

# ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOUNDATION REVENUE	2022	2021	2020	2019
Funding, Including Program Services & Events	959,239	4,870,001	718,495	800,191
Increase (decrease) in Restricted Funds	389,358	1,072,355	1,120,375	1,443,094
Grant Revenue to SJH System	2,602,579	2,667,455	2,235,647	1,541,581
Investment Income	0	3,655,460	98,992	597,326
<b>Total Revenue *</b>	<b>1,348,597</b>	<b>5,214,816</b>	<b>1,937,862</b>	<b>2,840,611</b>
EXPENSES				
Funding, Including Program Services & Events	167,407	500	106,025	211,946
Operations	680,302	1,237,056	1,830,884	1,869,010
Donations to St. Joseph's Health	288,511	192,753	550,912	2,208,152
Investment Loss	-2,143,061	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,014,547</b>	<b>1,430,309</b>	<b>2,487,821</b>	<b>4,289,108</b>
Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets	-2,018,131	-2,815,126	-549,959	-1,448,497
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>16,026,148</b>	<b>18,044,279</b>	<b>15,229,153</b>	<b>15,779,112</b>

\*Grant revenue is accounted for within the St. Joseph's Health Hospital Statement of Operations

# CIRCLE OF CARING

## A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR SUPPORTERS OF ST. JOSEPH’S HEALTH

The Circle of Caring is a membership program that enables St. Joseph’s Health to provide enhanced patient comfort and care, and to keep our dedicated, compassionate staff at the forefront of the newest developments in technology and treatment.

Circle of Caring members support the Foundation with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. Through this philanthropic support to St. Joseph’s Health, Circle of Caring members ensure that the highest level of health care for all those in need, regardless of their background or circumstances.

To help further our mission, the Circle of Caring allows St. Joseph’s to maintain its commitment to superior health care throughout the Central New York Community. Membership in the Circle of Caring offers a number of benefits, including invitations to the St. Joseph’s Day Appreciation Breakfast and Circle of Caring Donor Appreciation Dinner.



**Loretta and Jim Quigley**  
Co-Chairs



**Dr. Susan and Jeffrey Bastable**  
Co-Chairs

## 2021-2022 CIRCLE OF CARING DONORS

### Circle of Excellence \$10,000 +

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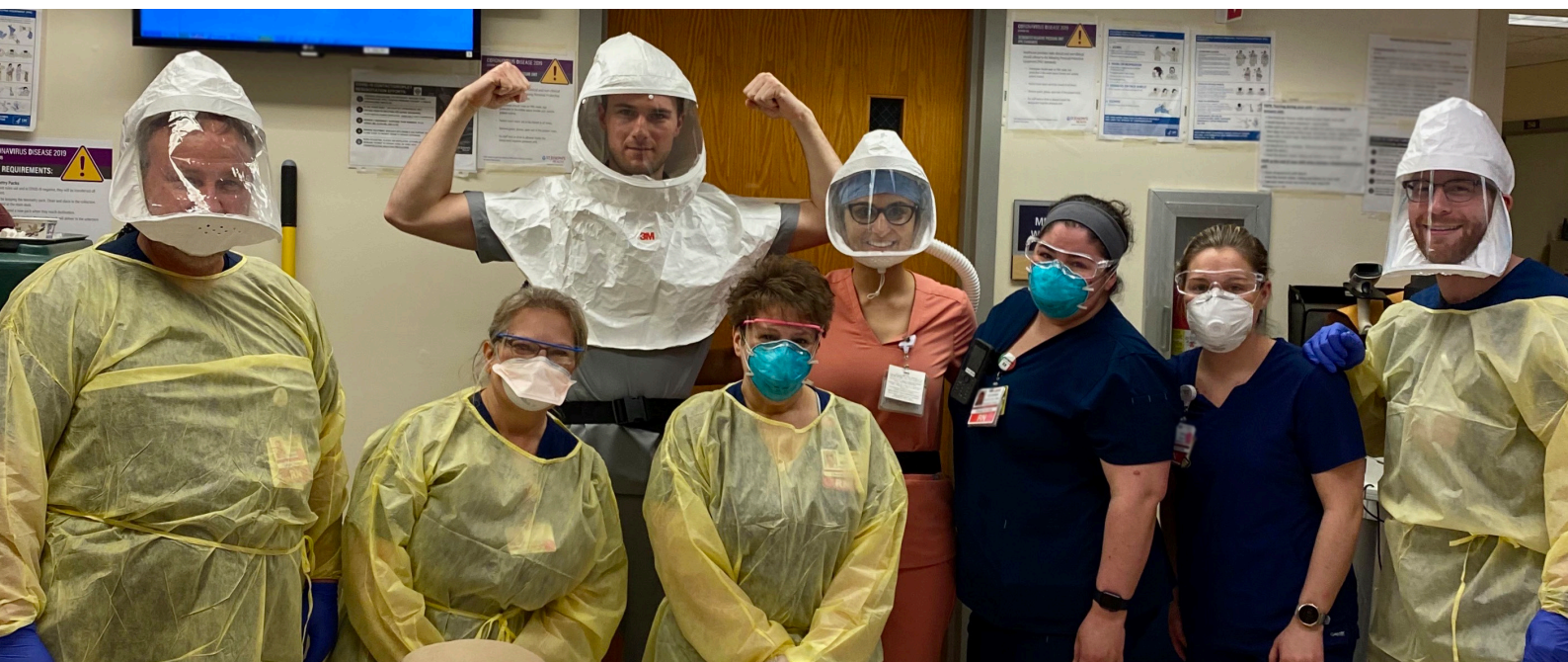
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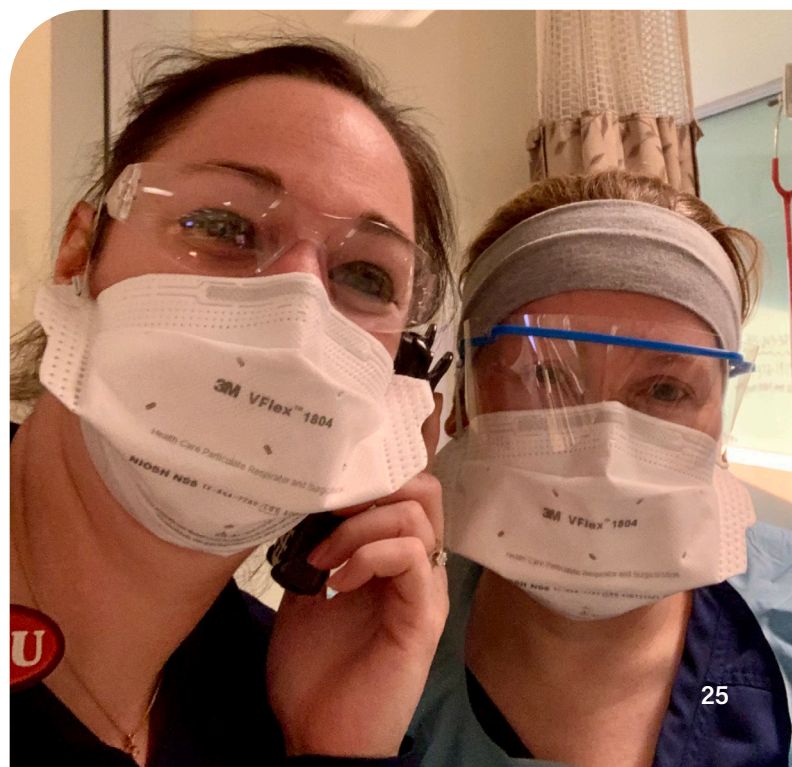
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St. Joseph's College of Nursing graduated 173 students in the past year; 89 graduates from the Class of December 2021 in the evening/weekend option and 84 from the Class of May 2022 in the weekday option. The Associate Degree in Applied Science (A.A.S.) with a major in nursing was conferred on graduates in both options. Some graduates in the Accelerated Dual Degree Partnership in Nursing (A-DDPN) option also earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Le Moyne College. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and associated safety guidelines in place for large gatherings, five socially distanced commencement ceremonies were held for both graduating classes at St. Joseph's Health Hospital. Commencement ceremonies were held on December 12, 2021, for the Class of December 2021 and on May 15, 2022, for the Class of May 2022. St. Joseph's College of Nursing congratulates all students on their graduation and commend their perseverance, resiliency, and commitment to nursing that was steadily demonstrated.

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) is a nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses in the US and Canada. St. Joseph's College of Nursing graduates achieved an 87% overall year to date first-time pass rate in 2021, well above state and national means. Over 63% of the graduates from the Class of December 2021 and May 2022 have accepted positions at St. Joseph's Health Hospital.



St. Joseph's College of Nursing presents scholarships and awards in recognition of students Commitment to Nursing celebration and Graduation. From January through September 2022, \$49,250.00 was presented to award recipients. These scholarships and awards are made possible from generous alumni and donors of the college.

To recognize the 50th Anniversary of Graduation for the Classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972, St. Joseph's College of Nursing's Alumni Association and St. Joseph's College of Nursing held a luncheon on the outside patio of the Doubletree by Hilton Syracuse on June 5, 2022, to celebrate these milestones. Attendees enjoyed reminiscing with fellow classmates about their memories of nursing school and the lifelong bonds they made.

St. Joseph's College of Nursing was founded by the Sisters of Saint Francis in 1898; the first class graduated in 1900. Since our founding, health care has seen a tremendous advancement in medicine, nursing knowledge, scientific theory, and technology. Our students learn to practice the profession of nursing with caring, reverence, compassion, integrity, vision, and enthusiasm. The 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph's College of Nursing as an institution of higher education will be celebrated in October 2023. As we approach our quasiquicentennial anniversary, we recognize the impact that our outstanding graduates have made providing culturally competent care to patients in our community and beyond for the past century-and-a-quarter.



## RECOGNITIONS

St. Joseph's College of Nursing's innovative educational program was re-designated as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education™ by the National League for Nursing (NLN) for the years 2019-2023. The college is also honored to be accredited by the national nursing accreditor, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the regional accreditor, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). These prestigious designations and accreditations signify the sustainability and excellence of St. Joseph's College of Nursing.



## NICHOLE GRECO

### AWARDED THE INAUGURAL SAINT MARIANNE COPE SCHOLARSHIP

Nichole Greco is a natural caregiver. Growing up on a farm in Cato, New York, she doted on the baby animals. As a high school student, she attended BOCES, focusing on health occupations: phlebotomy, home health-aid training, and became a certified nursing assistant. Her goal was to become a Registered Nurse, but it would take longer than anticipated for the time to be right.

After 16 years as a hospice caregiver, Greco will graduate from St. Joseph's College of Nursing in December 2022 with an associate degree in registered nursing. She attended St. Joseph's 18-month evening and weekend program, which accommodated her schedule as a working mother of three children, ages 3, 6 and 11. "It's been a juggling act for sure," she says.

Greco received a boost as the inaugural recipient of the school's Saint Marianne Cope Scholarship. "I was very blessed to receive this award. I actually cried when I got the call," she says. "The scholarship has helped tremendously to offset the cost of my nursing education."

The Saint Marianne Cope Scholarship was established in memory of Saint Marianne Cope, who became superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in 1875, by her first cousin three times removed, Karen Vogel Osborne,

a 1969 graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Mother Marianne traveled to Hawaii in 1883 to care for leprosy patients in exile on Kalaupapa, on the island of Molokai, where she spent the remainder of her life. She was canonized as a saint in the Catholic Church in 2012 and is known as the "Mother of Outcasts." The scholarship was created as a reminder of the love behind all of our work.

For Greco, that loving spirit was evident. She delivered all three of her children at St. Joseph's Health Hospital and worked closely with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities as an employee at Francis House. When she was ready to pursue a nursing degree, she only applied to one school: St. Joseph's Hospital College of Nursing. "That was my hospital and where I wanted to go," she says.

Greco hopes to join the nursing staff at St. Joseph's after earning her degree. After years of end-of-life caregiving, she would love to work in the labor and delivery unit. "I'd like to help bring some life into the world for a change," she says. "My own children are now in school, and I'd love to care for the babies and postpartum moms."



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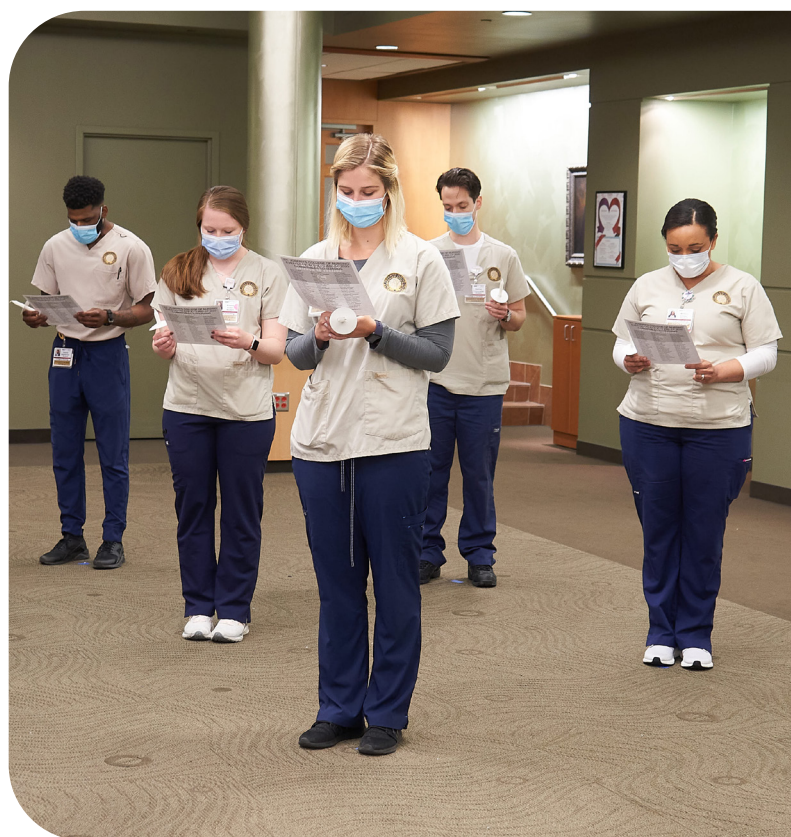
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# THE AUXILIARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH HOSPITAL

The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Health Hospital is an exceptional group of women, who continually give of their time, compassion and dedication to the St. Joseph's Health Hospital system. The Auxiliary continues to provide services to St. Joseph's, by serving the needs of the institution and assisting administration in any and every way possible. The Auxiliary Membership is made up of over 500 dedicated men and women – dating back to the establishment of the hospital in 1869 – and began shortly thereafter by Hannah Pease. The Auxiliary Board is comprised of 15 women who volunteer their time and talent. As stewards of the St. Joseph's Health system, the Auxiliary supports the following services and initiatives:

## OPERATION BACKPACK

More than 800 backpacks were donated to children at their annual physical exams at Primary Care Center, Family Medicine, Dental, West Pediatrics, Specialty Services, West Family Medicine, and Mental Health James Street locations. The thousands of notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, rulers, tissues, folders and crayons were donated by the caring colleagues of St. Joseph's and members of the Auxiliary. This marked the 17th year of the Auxiliary's participation in the Operation Backpack Program, with more than 12,000 backpacks having been filled through this initiative.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership dues letter was mailed in the Fall of 2022 along with an Auxiliary bookmark which lists the major accomplishments of the Auxiliary throughout the years. The bookmark was sent to Life Members of The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Health Hospital as a thank you from the Auxiliary.

## SISTER MARY OBRIST SCHOLARSHIP

The Sister Mary Obrist Scholarship was awarded to a student attending St. Joseph's College of Nursing. In May 2009, The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Health Hospital established a full scholarship to be awarded annually to a student in the Dual Degree partnership Nursing Program (DDNP). The Scholarship was named in honor of Sister Mary Obrist who formerly served as Vice President of Support Services of the Hospital. To be eligible for the scholarship and to maintain it, the applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or higher upon completion of his/her first year of study at Le Moyne College.

## SISTER WILHELMINA SCHOLARSHIP

The Sister Wilhelmina Scholarship Fund's purpose is to provide an annual tuition scholarship on a competitive basis for St. Joseph's College of Nursing. The scholarship is given in memory of Sr. Wilhelmina who was appointed Director of the School of Nursing in 1943. She was named Treasurer and Administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital in 1951. 51 applications were received, the largest number of applicants in a few years. Eight recipients were selected. A 3.0 grade point average (GPA) must be maintained each semester for the scholarship and presented at the Annual Luncheon.

## THE ELLEN NEEDHAM PEDIATRIC NEEDS FUND

This fund honors the memory of Ellen Needham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Needham, who passed away in 1948. Donations are received from those who wish to memorialize someone who has passed or honor someone who is living. The annual Mass was canceled this year due to COVID-19.

## THE CARE AND SHARE CLOSET

This initiative continues to serve patients who are in need of new clothing and shoes upon their departure from St. Joseph's Health Hospital's Emergency Department. Auxilians continued to donate to this fund throughout the year.

## COAT DRIVE

During fiscal year 2022 the Auxiliary learned of the need for coats for school aged children in the Syracuse community. An initiative was created throughout the system. Hundreds of new and gently used coats were donated and in turn donated to children in need. It is planned to make this an ongoing Auxiliary annual event.

## THE GIFT SHOP

Under a management agreement with Lori's Gifts, yet still overseen by the Auxiliary, Lori's Gifts continues to serve our patients, visitors and staff. All proceeds benefit the Auxiliary and are part of the Auxiliary's annual gift to the hospital.

## HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE SHOP

The Holy Grounds Coffee Shop serves the patients, public and staff, under the management of St. Joseph's Health Hospital Nutritional Services. Due to the pandemic there was a restricted opening schedule. Proceeds will continue to be part of the Auxiliary's annual gift to the hospital.

## WINE, BEER & SPIRITS TASTING EVENT

The Annual Wine, Beer & Spirit Tasting event, a great source of revenue for the Board, was held, Friday, November 4, 2022, at the historic Century Club, Syracuse, NY. The proceeds of the event were benefitted St. Joseph's Health Oncology Services Department. Presenting sponsor, American Food and Vending Corporation, made this event possible, albeit there was much support from generous hospital supporters, hospital colleagues med staff and many businesses within the community.





## TEEN VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

The Auxiliary Board celebrated 4 teens who volunteered during the 2022 summer months at St. Joseph's Health Hospital. In accordance with St Joseph's Health core value of Stewardship, the Teen Volunteer Recognition Award was presented in August 2022. Selected individual(s) were recognized for zealously supporting both the Auxiliary and the Hospital in fulfilling the St. Joseph's Health mission. An application for this award is included in the in-service Teen packets at the beginning of the summer. The selection process is managed by the Volunteer Services Coordinator, with the help of an Auxiliary Board representative and an adult volunteer.

## VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

The 2022 Volunteer Luncheon took place in October at the Bella Domani restaurant and recognized many volunteers collectively celebrating over 37,000 hours of service to St. Joseph's Health. The theme of the luncheon was "Thank you for your Thyme" a notable play on words, but heartfelt gesture, thanks to the creativity of many Auxiliary members and Director of Volunteer Services.

## PRIMARY CARE CLINICS

These Clinics provide medical, emotional and social expertise for families. The Main Clinic focuses on expectant mothers and those with gynecological needs. The Westside Clinic serves families from pregnancy through adulthood. The Auxiliary Board offers help through donations of clothing, especially warm winter hats, gloves and socks as well as layette items. A special collection of these items and new books are collected during the holiday season.

## ANNUAL MEETING

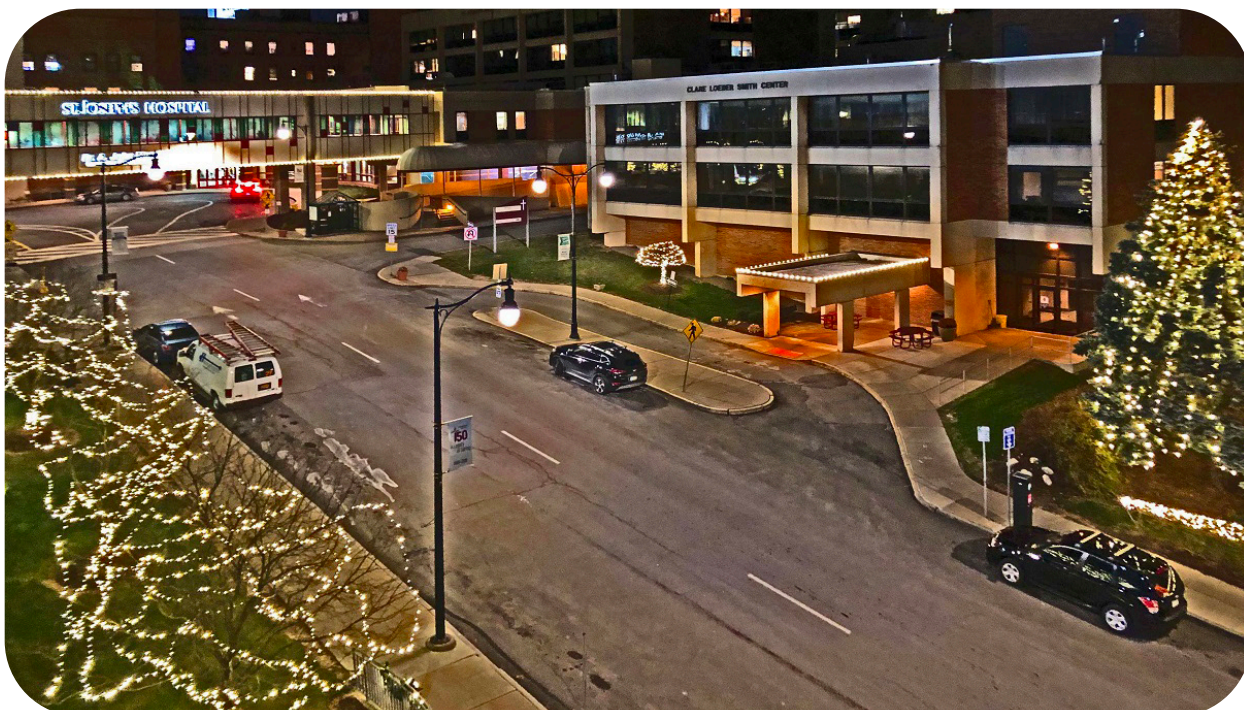
The Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held in June 2022. At the Annual Luncheon and Meeting, the Auxiliary presented the St. Joseph's Health Foundation a gift of \$90,000. The funds for this gift were generated from the services that the Auxiliary offers and manages throughout the hospital, including the Coffee Shop, Gift Shop, vending machines, baby photos, the Wine, Craft Beer & Spirits Tasting and the Lighting the Way Day event. This year, the Spring Raffle was presented at the Annual Luncheon, and raised \$500.00.

## HANNAH FULLER PEASE AWARD

The Hannah Fuller Pease award was presented in June. This award is given to an Auxilian who exemplifies service to the organization with particular emphasis on values that Mrs. Pease championed for the hospital. The 2020 award was presented to Carol Marshall.

## LIGHTING THE WAY

Lighting the Way Day, supported by the St. Joseph's Health Foundation and by the generous support presenting sponsor - American Food and Vending Corporation - committed to being presenting sponsor for 5 years totaling \$25,000. Proceeds from this event helped the Auxiliary maintain their annual revenue goal and benefitted St. Joseph's Health Oncology Services Department. Prospect Hill campus and buildings were illuminated with thousands of white lights, including the A. John Merola, MD Bridge. A tribute and thank you to all who serve the patients of St. Joseph's.



## NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee met several times during the fiscal year. Board Members nominated the current 2022 Officers and Board Members, as reflected in the 2022 Annual Luncheon Program.

Auxiliary members donate their time and dedication in the gift shop, at the information desk, in the surgical waiting room, Heart support, MCHC Reading Program, and as greeters in the lobby.

Volunteers at St. Joseph's Health Hospital may choose to participate in services providing patient contact, non-patient related services, and fundraising activities. If you know of anyone that would like to join our team of compassionate volunteers, please have them contact the Auxiliary office at 315.448.6100.



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On behalf of St. Joseph's Health and the St. Joseph's Health Foundation, I would like to thank you for your generosity of our amazing health care system this past fiscal year. From our grateful patients, community members, physicians, colleagues, volunteers, and every loyal and generous donor – your support continuously allows us to provide quality care, compassionately to the Greater Syracuse community.

The past three years have been a significant challenge for all of us. COVID-19 has certainly affected everyone or a family member in some way. As I am sure you know, the pandemic has also put extreme stress on the health care workforce throughout the world, and as you can imagine here at St. Joseph's Health. This impact has led to workforce shortages, as well as increased health care worker burnout, exhaustion, and trauma.

However, the support and thoughtfulness from our SJH family has helped significantly as we continue to navigate through this challenging crisis. We are humbled by your compassion and philanthropy of our patients, colleagues and students. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the support from our St. Joseph's Health community has lifted our spirits and sustained our strength. We recognize that you have a choice when giving to local organizations, and to that end, we are so grateful that you have decided to support St. Joseph's Health, particularly over the past three years.

St. Joseph's Health is stronger than ever thanks to your steadfast support. Philanthropy has and will continue to play a critical role in driving our health care professionals to focus on what they do best – providing the highest level of compassionate and quality care. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent J. Kuss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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