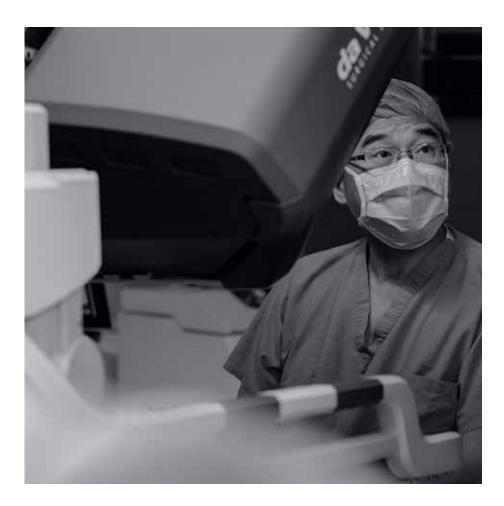
LFY2023 ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT













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DEAR ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FAMILY;

On behalf of the St. Joseph's Health Foundation, thank you for your philanthropic commitment to advancing the St. Joseph's Health Hospital's mission in the last year. Thanks to hundreds of donors from throughout the region, we raised close to \$4 million in fiscal year 2023. Your generosity is a wonderful tribute to our colleagues at St. Joseph's Health who provide a higher level of care, each and every day to our greater community.

This past year was also the first in many that allowed us to host several in-person events including our Annual Gala Dinner Dance, Golf Classic and our St. Joseph's Appreciation Day breakfast where we had the honor of recognizing a handful of individuals for their efforts on behalf of St. Joseph's Health and our Central New York community.



Congratulations to this year's recipients: Dr. Susan and Jeff Bastable, Colleen Curley Prossner, Sandra Sulik, MD and Alan Simons, MD.

We are proud to communicate that St. Joseph's Health is one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery and one of America's 100 Best for Spine Surgery and Coronary Intervention according to Healthgrades. It is ranked by Consumer Reports among the top-15 heart surgery centers in the country, a designated Stroke Center and a U.S. News "Best Regional Hospital." Generous gifts such as yours make it possible for St. Joseph's to provide these award-winning programs and services to all of our patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Thank you for making the St. Joseph's Health Foundation one of your top giving priorities this past year. We are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like you who truly make a difference.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Apring

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



Joy Barr pictured at the 29th Annual Golf Classic after-golf reception

JOY IN GIVING BACK

Donor Joy Barr



Anne DiGiacomo and Joy Barr, Fiesta Gala at the Turning Stone Resort Casino Joy Barr first came to St. Joseph's Health Hospital in 2003, referred by her own physician in Ithaca, NY, to see vascular surgeon Lawrence Semel, MD. "He had to put a whole new carotid artery in my neck," says Barr. "He really saved my life."

Barr was so impressed with the care she received, she has remained a patient of Dr. Semel for 20 years, even though she could now receive follow-up care closer to home.

"St. Joseph's has a nice way of doing things; it's very personal," she says. "Other hospitals could learn from them."

More recently, when Barr needed a hernia removed, she chose to come to St. Joseph's to be treated by general surgeon Balasubramaniam Sivakumar, MD, better known as Dr. Kumar.

"I feel comfortable there and know I am going to receive great care," says Barr.

That's why Barr has chosen to support St. Joseph's Health Foundation financially, earmarking her gifts toward the Department of Vascular Surgery in honor of Lawrence Semel, MD, and the Department of General Surgery in honor of Dr. Kumar.

In addition, she sponsored both a patron table at this year's gala dinner dance and the masters foursome for the annual golf classic. "I feel really good about it," she says of supporting St. Joseph's.

Barr, now 83, grew up in Sudbury, Ontario, where she became a competitive ice skater. She was recruited to Cornell as a skating instructor in 1960 by the hockey coach at that time, Paul Patton, and former athletic director, Bob Kane. She served for years as a skating instructor in the Cornell Physical Education department and oversaw everything skating related for the university, even instructing the hockey players in power skating.

In the beginning, Barr would perform skating routines between periods of the Cornell men's hockey games. "My mother was horrified," she recalls.

After one game, a young man invited her to come home with him to a cocktail party his parents were having that evening. "I told him I'd need two weeks advance notice for a date," says Barr. "I figured I'd never hear from him again."

But David Barr, a third-generation Ithacan, was persistent. The couple married and had two children. David's family was in the brokerage business, with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. The couple supported non-profits that made a difference in their lives, including Cayuga Medical and Ithaca College, David's alma mater.

David died in 2017 and Barr says, six years later, she has finally adjusted to life on her own. "Every day is a new adventure," she says. "I get up and put two feet on the ground and think, good, I've got another day ahead of me. I'm happy."





CIRCLE OF CARING DONOR APPRECIATION DINNER

Held for the first time since 2019, St. Joseph's Health Foundation welcomed nearly 70 guests at the Circle of Caring Donor Appreciation Dinner on November 3, 2022. The dinner – which is a benefit of Circle of Caring membership - is held each fall to honor St. Joseph's Circle of Caring members. The guests enjoyed a social cocktail hour, followed by a sit down dinner and dessert which included a DaVinci Robot presentation by Balasubramaniam Sivakumar, MD.

Since opening its doors in 1869, St. Joseph's has stood for something special – a commitment to a higher level of care for all those in need, regardless of their background or circumstances. To help further this mission, the Circle of Caring enables St. Joseph's to provide enhanced patient care, and to keep our dedicated staff at the forefront of the newest developments in technology and treatment.

St. Joseph's is committed to providing superior health care to our Central New York community. Please help keep the Circle strong by joining today. Scan QR Code below to learn more.



Photo: Circle of Caring members mingling during cocktail hour.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH WALKWAYS OF CARING

St. Joseph's Health Walkways of Caring offer the opportunity to honor or memorialize a friend, family member, military hero or someone who has had an impact on your life. The walkways, located in several beautiful courtyard settings on the Hospital campus, are paved with engraved commemorative bricks along with engraved park benches.

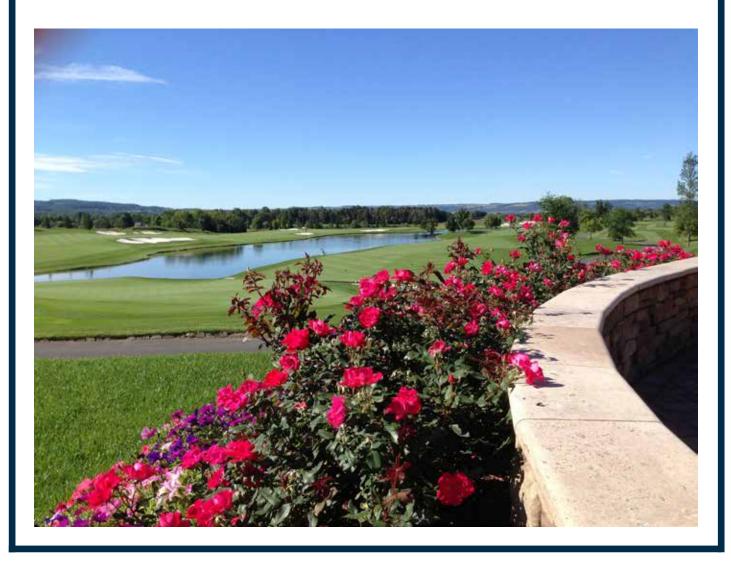
The Walkways of Caring locations include the St. Francis Garden at the front of the Hospital; Walk of Valor, at the flagpole in front of the Hospital, which pays tribute to veterans, reservists, and active military personnel; St. Joseph's Circle, around the statue of St. Joseph, and Caritas Park (Latin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

Your tax-deductible gift will help support several 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.



ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FOUNDATION **28TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**



On hiatus since 2019, St. Joseph's Health Golf Classic welcomed 300 golfers on Thursday, September 8, 2022. The Golf Classic is one of the region's most anticipated charity golf events. The Classic was held on three award winning courses at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY – Atunyote, Kaluhyat and Shenendoah. Since its inception, the fundraising event has netted over \$4.7 million. Proceeds from the 2022 tournament benefitted St. Joseph's Health Surgical Services Department.

"We are very grateful that despite having been on pause, the tournament's enthusiasm remained in place. Thanks to our presenting sponsors – Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists, generous and loyal supporters, the Golf Classic committee and the many volunteers it takes to make the Classic a success", said Vincent Kuss, Vice President for Development, "thank you for your continued support of our mission."

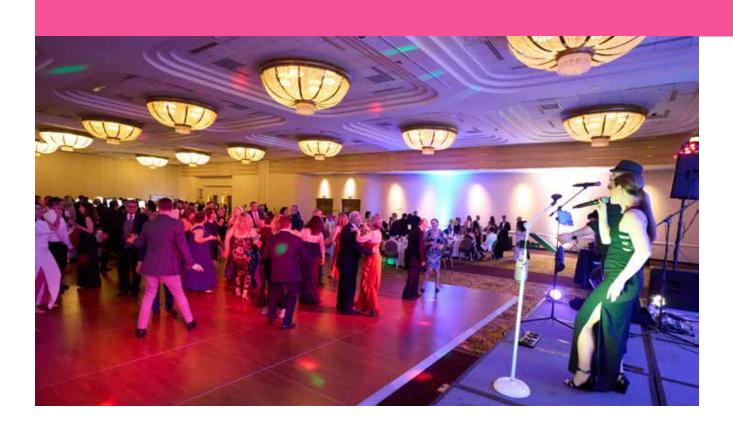
St. Joseph's Health Foundation accepts donations year round. To donate, contact the Foundation at 315.703.2137, or visit the website at foundation.sjhsyr.org.

Photo: Tom Fazio designed golf course, the famed Atunyote.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FIESTA GALA



Fiesta: a large feast, festival, or extravagant party. An occasion on which people assemble for social interaction.



At long last, following the pandemic St. Joseph's Health held the 29th Annual Gala Dinner Dance on Friday, June 2, 2023, at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York. While the Gala had not been held since 2019, the anticipation to celebrate remained in place.

An annual springtime fundraising event, the blacktie-optional Gala offers an evening of dinner and dancing to live music while raising important funds for St. Joseph's Health system. Since its inception in 1992, the Gala has netted more than \$6.3 million. Fiesta Gala proceeds benefitted Technology Advancements for St. Joseph's Health Surgery Program. The Fiesta Gala welcomed 500 guests which included – generous donors and supporters, business and community leaders, physicians, nurses, St. Joseph's Boards, colleagues, and volunteers. Our non-profit partner, AmFund, offered several once-in-a-lifetime-bucket-list trips in the silent auction, which featured other high-end donated items from many other local businesses. Everyone who supported the Gala is a partner in our future. Thank you for your continued support.

Photo: The Fiesta Gala guests filled the dance floor – enjoying the live music of the Grand Central Station Band.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

As with St. Joseph's Health fundraising events, the Annual St. Joseph's Day Appreciation Breakfast returned in 2023 for the first time since 2019. The breakfast is a special event when we celebrate our namesake, St. Joseph, and our hospital's founder, St. Marianne Cope. Their tireless dedication to serve others was remarkable. St. Joseph's Health Foundation works tirelessly to further the system's mission of service to the Central New York community.

It is an honor and privilege to thank those who give so freely of their time, talent, and treasure in support of St. Joseph's Health, St. Joseph's Health Foundation, and the people in our community and surrounding region. St. Joseph's remains steadfast to its founder's principles and mission – through our continued commitment to transform health care by providing the very best care to every patient, every day.

The event is held each year on or about St. Joseph's Day - March 19. The honorees at the 2023 St. Joseph's Day Breakfast included: Dr. Susan and Jeff Bastable, Colleen Curley Prossner, Alan Simons, MD and Sandra Sulik, MD.





 Photo: St. Joseph's Day Breakfast 2023– L to R: Vince Kuss, Vice President for Development, St. Joseph's Health Foundation; Dr. Steven Hanks, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Health and
 St. Peter's Health Partners: honorees: Dr. Susan Bastable, Colleen Curley Prossner, Jeff Bastable, Alan Simons, MD; and Meredith Price, Senior Vice President Acute Operations, St. Joseph's Health. Missing from photo – honoree Sandra Sulik, MD.

THE GRANTS OFFICE AT ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH RAISED MORE THAN \$2.5 MILLION IN FY23

IMPROVING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR THOSE WE SERVE \$483,848

St. Joseph's Health Foundation received a \$15,000 grant award from the **Flora Bernice Smith Foundation** to provide evidenced-based traumainformed resources and training opportunities for frontline behavioral health workers – enhancing mental health care and better preparing clinicians to help address issues such as alcohol or drug dependence, self-harm, eating disorders, suicidal behavior, depression, anxiety, alcoholism, and opioid use.

With the aim of coordinating behavioral health crisis response services, the **New York State Office of Mental Health** (NYS OMH) awarded \$25,000 to St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center for Round 2 of the Mobile Crisis Program Services grant. This program works to reduce behavioral health symptoms for individuals of all ages, restore them to their pre-crisis level of functioning, make connections with community supports, and/ or secure access to a higher level of care when needed. Funds from this grant were used to purchase two vehicles for use by the Mobile Crisis Program team as they provide crisis services in the community.

To support retention efforts through professional development, the **Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services** awarded a \$10,000 grant to St. Joseph's Health Hospital. These funds will be used to provide behavioral health colleagues with continuing education, evidencebased practice, and reimbursement for fees for obtaining or renewing a professional license. The Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services awarded \$258,000 to St. Joseph's Health Hospital for the Hospital's psychiatric emergency room to partner with Liberty Resources and Helio Health to provide crisis services as part of a response team for the County's 911 Diversion Crisis Service pilot program.

St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center received \$175,848 from the **Onondaga County Department of Children and Family Services** which will be used to reduce avoidable visits to the psychiatric emergency room and inpatient admissions and provide evidence-based training opportunities for frontline staff who provide mental health care through St. Joseph's Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinics, Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), and Residential services.



The **Central New York Library Resource Council** (**CLRC**) awarded a \$3,100 grant to St. Joseph's College of Nursing to be used to expand library collections, databases and/or technology. This CLRC grant is awarded through the New York State Hospital Library Services Program.

The **New York State Education Department** provided \$4,494 in Library Collection Aid for St. Joseph's College of Nursing. State aid helps to expand library offerings such as textbooks, software, and other library materials, as well as computer hardware and equipment. To enhance supports and services for students with disabilities enrolled at St. Joseph's College of Nursing, the **New York State Education Department** awarded a \$1,310 grant to be used to create an environment where students feel included. Funds purchased materials/supplies to help mitigate general and/or test anxiety and offer a warm, safe space for students; art therapy supplies and other materials to be used to de-stress and relax; and professional development for faculty and staff so they remain up to date in their field and can positively impact the educational experience for all students, including students with disabilities.

A FOCUS ON COMMUNITY HEALTH **\$750,000**

A \$750,000 grant award from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation supported the expansion of St. Joseph's Food Farmacy. Based on lessons learned from its inaugural year in 2020, the program's second year focuses on collaborative work with community partners toward reaching a greater number of individuals experiencing food insecurity, chronic conditions, and limited access to health care. The program accepts patients with at least one chronic health condition who are also experiencing food insecurity. Program participants work directly with a Registered Dietitian and a Community Health Worker to receive Medical Nutrition Therapy and other nutrition education. Meals are also provided, helping to improve the availability of healthy food options. Also, a Community Health Worker assists program participants with identifying and accessing social care resources. Another feature of the enhanced Food Farmacy program is the creation of a network of community-based organizations (CBO) that are committed to serving at-risk individuals and supporting those with chronic health conditions by screening for food insecurity, providing social support, and assisting with transportation needs, unemployment, and other social determinants of health. CBO partners include Brady Market, Dunbar Association, Syracuse Northeast Community Center, and Westcott Community Center, all of which serve community residents who live in pockets of poverty within the City of Syracuse.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS \$1,321,840



In accordance with directives issued by the NYS Department of Health and Governor Cuomo (Executive Order No. 202.10), NYS's response to the coronavirus pandemic required hospitals across the State, including St. Joseph's and its facilities, to remain open and provide continuing and expanded health care services. In response, St. Joseph's implemented and expanded emergency protocols to protect the health of its workforce and patients from COVID-19 infection and to prevent the spread of the disease within its facilities. Under a nationwide emergency declaration for COVID-19, and subsequent disaster declarations for COVID-19, eligible nonprofit organizations that lost revenue and faced higher expenses related to the declared emergency can apply for reimbursable expenses related to emergency readiness and response activities through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance program. St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center was the recipient



of \$1,281,840 in COVID-19 Pandemic relief funds through this FEMA initiative aimed at providing support in meeting emergency needs during the Pandemic, specifically for those critical actions necessary to save lives and protect public health and safety. Examples of covered expenses included the purchase of personal protective equipment such as masks, face shields, goggles, and gloves; hand-held temperature scanning devices; disinfectant supplies and equipment; and signage for disseminating public information on health and safety measures.

A \$40,000 Hospital Preparedness grant from **Health Research, Inc**. was awarded to St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center to provide training, disaster exercises, service coordination, and a process improvement feedback mechanism to enhance the ability to respond to large-scale local and regional disasters.

SUPPORTING OUR GREATEST NEEDS

Consider making a donor-advised, unrestricted gift to St. Joseph's Health Foundation. Donor-directed giving is an invaluable way to provide flexible support for the most critical needs across the St. Joseph's Health system, including those that are not covered by insurance or government aid programs. These funds are used where they can make the most impact, helping to provide outstanding patient care, purchase the newest medical technology, and ensure that no one with little or no ability to pay is ever turned away. For more information, call the Foundation's office at 315.703.2137.



VOLUNTEERS TEEN VOLUNTEERS GAIN AS MUCH AS THEY GIVE IN SERVICE TO HOSPITAL

St. Joseph's Health Hospital benefits from the time and talent of dozens of volunteers who donate their energies to helping the Hospital run at its best, from greeting patients as they enter to making deliveries, to transporting patients. Each summer, the Hospital receives an added bonus through its Teen Volunteer Program.

"Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we welcomed about 100 teen volunteers each summer," says Mary Hagen, coordinator of volunteer services. "I've been purposefully rebuilding the program, and this past summer we had 70."

Hagen says high school students choose to volunteer at the Hospital for a variety of reasons—to fulfill volunteer hours for National Honor Society, to bolster college applications, or to explore an interest in health professions.

"We have students who return year after year," she says. "And once a student has been a summer volunteer, they are able to volunteer during the school year if they're interested."

Maria Sadek, a senior at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, applied for the summer volunteer program two years ago because she hoped the experience would help define her interest in pursuing a medical career. Her experiences through the program have not only made her look at medicine differently, but the world around her. "No matter who you are or where you come from, the Hospital welcomes you," she says. "This should be universal, but I feel it's especially well represented at St. Joseph's."

Sadek says that welcoming atmosphere rubbed off, and she now finds herself offering a more hospitable attitude toward strangers. "This will help me in my future endeavors, potentially as a clinical pharmacist, as people realize I am approachable," she says.

Trisha Adavikolanu, also a Fayetteville-Manlius senior, says her perception of volunteering at the Hospital was much different than the reality. "For some reason, I believed I'd be helping surgeons in the operating room or be transporting an organ for donation", she says. "My first day, I spent in the supply chain, moving around boxes while taking 15-minute popsicle breaks."

After her first week, she thought of her volunteer tasks as seemingly trivial. But over the course of weeks and years, she realized it was those seemingly trivial tasks that allowed the Hospital to run with such success and deliver excellent care to patients.

Adavikolanu notes that what she was witnessing and experiencing was compassion. "St. Joseph's helped me realize my true desire in life: to be in the health care profession and share the same compassion I have experienced in this hospital," she says.

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

| FOUNDATION REVENUE | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Funding, Including Program Services & Events | 846,490 | 959,239 | 4,870,001 | 718,495 |
| Increase (decrease) in Restricted Funds | (416,432) | 389,358 | 1,072,355 | 1,120,375 |
| Grant Revenue to SJH System | 2,544,400 | 2,602,579 | 2,667,455 | 2,235,647 |
| Investment Income | 1,417,560 | 0 | 3,655,460 | 98,992 |
| Total Revenue * | 4,392,018 | 3,951,176 | 5,214,816 | 1,937,862 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Funding, Including Program Services & Events | 436,461 | 167,407 | 500 | 106,025 |
| Operations | 820,049 | 680,302 | 1,237,056 | 1,830,884 |
| Donations to St. Joseph's Health | 1,218,278 | 288,511 | 192,753 | 550,912 |
| Investment Loss | - | -2,143,061 | - | - |
| Total Expenses | 2,474,788 | 3,014,547 | 1,430,309 | 2,487,821 |
| Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets | 372,830 | -2,018,131 | -2,815,126 | -549,959 |
| Total Net Assets | 16,398,978 | 16,026,148 | 18,044,279 | 15,229,153 |

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

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CIRCLE OF CARING — A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM FOR SUPPORTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH

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, funding provided by our Circle of Caring members ensure compassionate care for every patient, every day.

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. To help further our mission and values, the Circle of Caring allows St. Joseph's to maintain its commitment to superior healthcare throughout the Central New York Community. Membership in the Circle of Caring offers several benefits, including complimentary garage parking, cafeteria discounts, and invitations to the St. Joseph's Day Appreciation Breakfast and Circle of Caring Donor Appreciation Dinner.



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The COVID pandemic necessitated changes in St. Joseph's College of Nursing. Limitations in class size and in-person gatherings; on-line or remote classes; restrictions on clinical experiences and other changes were finally lifted in the latter part of 2022. The impact of COVID is still felt but the College was able to return to a more familiar experience for students.

St. Joseph's College of Nursing graduated 182 students in the past year: 91 graduates from the Class of December 2022 in the evening/weekend option and 91 from the Class of May 2023 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. The College of Nursing was able to return to the in-person graduation celebrations that encourage family and friends to share in the accomplishments of the students. 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 Commitment to Nursing celebrations were also conducted in person in September 2022 for the weekday program and March 2023 for the evening/ weekend program. This ceremony is traditionally held about halfway through a nursing program and marks the student's commitment to the profession of nursing.

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN[®]) is a nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses in the United States and Canada. St. Joseph's College of Nursing graduates achieved an 81% overall year to date first-time pass rate in 2022. While this number reflects a decline in NCLEX scores, the rate mirrors a decline experienced across all jurisdictions during the height of the COVID pandemic. St. Joseph's scores are still well above state and national means. We are very proud to share that over 60% of the graduates from the Class of December 2022 and May 2023 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 June 30, 2022, through July 1, 2023, a total of \$187,623 was presented to award recipients. These scholarships and awards are made possible from generous alumni and donors of the college.

St. Joseph's College of Nursing was founded by the Sisters of Saint Francis in 1898; the first class graduated in 1900. Since its founding, health care has seen a tremendous advancement in medicine, nursing knowledge, scientific theory, and technology. College 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 was celebrated in October 2023. As we continue to celebrate our quasquicentennial anniversary, we recognize the impact that our outstanding graduates make by providing culturally competent care to patients in our community and beyond for the past century-and-a-quarter.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MADISON THOMAS ENJOYS PROVIDING COMFORT TO PATIENTS

As a seven-year-old, Madison Thomas declared she was going to be a neurosurgeon. As she grew older and learned more about various health care professions, she realized what she really wanted to do was to care for patients at the bedside.

Today, Thomas is a second-year student at St. Joseph's College of Nursing with plans to pursue either psychiatric or neurology nursing. "I really like connecting with patients, talking to them about their home situation and what brought them to the hospital," she says.

Thomas says her path to the St. Joseph's College of Nursing was an easy choice. Both of her older sisters are nurses; one worked at St. Joseph's and the other attended the College of Nursing. "They both love nursing, and they both loved St. Joe's as a place of work and as a college," she says. "That definitely influenced my decision to attend," she says.

Thomas began study at the St. Joseph College of Nursing directly out of high school. She hasn't regretted her choice. "Our educators are truly here for the students," she says. "There's always students like me who struggle with test taking but they see something in us, and they really hold on to that and make us eventually see it in ourselves. That's something very special."

The faculty have obviously seen something special in Thomas, who was selected as a recipient of a 2023 St. Joseph's College of Nursing Scholarship. She also appeared on the local television show Bridge Street this summer with College of Nursing Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Nancy Poole, to promote the college's 125th anniversary.

"Maddie is enthusiastic about learning the nursing profession. She enjoys intellectual discussion with peers and her excitement for learning radiates from within her," says Dean Lenore Boris. "Maddie enjoys the personal side of nursing such as listening to her patients and holding their hand for comfort and providing care for them." Thomas says her nursing education is preparing her well and she will be ready to enter the profession come graduation next spring. She plans to remain in Syracuse to work, hoping to stay at St. Joe's if she pursues psychiatry.

"I like the population here, the patients and the caregivers," she says. "Everyone is dedicated to providing the best care possible."



Photo 1 – Madison Thomas being pinned at the College of Nursing Commitment Ceremony.

Photo 2 – pictured L to R – Nancy Poole, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, St. Joseph's College of Nursing and Madison Thomas

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THE AUXILIARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH HOSPITAL

The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Health Hospital is an organization of approximately 300 men and women dedicated to serving the needs of St. Joseph's Health Hospital. The Auxiliary dates back to the establishment of the Hospital and has proudly served the institution throughout the years.

In 1869, moved by the need to care for those who suffered from the diseases of the time and desiring to extend their aid to the poor, five Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis purchased a dance hall and saloon on Prospect Hill in Syracuse, NY for \$12,000. On May 6 of that year, the Sisters opened the doors of St. Joseph's Hospital, then a 15-bed facility with a yearly payroll of \$100. It was Syracuse's first hospital.

Along with the city's first hospital came the formation of the first hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Hannah Pease, a physician's wife, recognized that the Sisters needed linens for the Hospital. In 1870, Mrs. Pease, along with 45 other dedicated women, formed the Ladies' Aid Society. They met in their homes to sew bed linens and patient hospital gowns. This group became the nucleus of the Women's Auxiliary, officially formed in 1888 and is now known as The Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Health Hospital.

154 years later, the Auxiliary still exists to benefit St. Joseph's Health Hospital. This Volunteer Board of Directors currently has more than 25 committees, including fundraising and service projects. Fundraising efforts have provided the Hospital with an annual monetary gift from the Auxiliary with amounts, since formal record keeping began in the 1990's, totaling over \$9 million. Most recently, for the 2022-23 year, the Auxiliary Gift to the Hospital was \$90,000.

The Auxiliary Board Members are honored and dedicated to carry out its historical mission:

- To promote and advance the welfare of St. Joseph's Health Hospital by addressing the needs of this institution by responding to the Administration in any and every way possible.
- To promote and advance the Mission of St. Joseph's Health Hospital by rendering assistance and service to the Hospital and its patients in any manner approved by the Hospital's Board of Trustees.



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 their annual physical exams at Primary Care Centers Family Medicine Main, 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.



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 which is presented at the Annual Luncheon.

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.

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 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.

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.



COAT DRIVE

Learning of the need for coats for school aged children in the Syracuse community, the Auxiliary created an initiative throughout the system. Hundreds of new and gently used coats were donated and in turn gifted to children in need. The Auxiliary plans to make this an annual ongoing event.

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. Proceeds will continue to be part of the Auxiliary's annual gift to the Hospital.



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.

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.

TEEN VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

The Auxiliary Board celebrated four 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.

SPRING RAFFLE

This year, the Spring Raffle was presented at the Annual Luncheon, and raised \$500.

ANNUAL MEETING

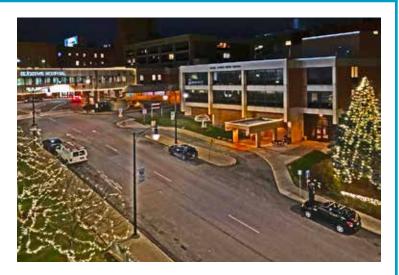
The Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held in June 2023. At the Annual Luncheon and Meeting, the Auxiliary presented the St. Joseph's Health Foundation a gift of \$90,000 designated for Colleague Care initiatives and the Emergency Department. The funds for this gift were generated from the services that the Auxiliary offers and manages throughout the Hospital, including the Coffee Shop, Gift Shop, vending machines, the Wine, Craft Beer & Spirits Tasting and the Lighting the Way Day event.

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 2023 award was presented to Mary Hagen.

LIGHTING THE WAY

Lighting the Way Day is supported by the St. Joseph's Health Foundation and by the generous support of presenting sponsors -American Food and Vending Corporation and National Grid. 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 Health Hospital.









NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee met several times during the fiscal year. Board Members nominated the current 2023 Officers and Board Members, as reflected in the 2023 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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- Weighted Stretcher Beds
- Emergency Medicine Training Day
- St. Joseph's Health Colleague Food Pantry

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