



St. Gertrude *&* St. Francis • Working together for your health

A *message* from the Executive Director

A health care campus to meet the needs of our growing community

The Saints Healthcare Foundation's mission is to ensure that resources exist to meet the health care needs of the people in the communities served by two remarkable health care organizations: St. Francis Regional Medical Center and St. Gertrude's Health & Rehabilitation Services.

Donors have an opportunity to make an investment in these unique and special community assets and help to grow them into something even greater than they are today.

On our health care campus, we are fortunate to offer care for all stages of life—a place where you are able to walk in the front door and have all of your medical needs met by a caring, compassionate and dedicated health care team. Together, St. Francis and St. Gertrude's provide the highest quality care, from birth through end-of-life. Our community benefits from the comprehensive services offered close to home and the collaborative efforts of our donors, staff, physicians, volunteers and community leaders who give so much to support excellent health care.

Your gifts are directly used to impact the causes you

feel passionate about. Through generous philanthropy, donors have made significant contributions to expanding our cancer care, rehabilitative care and helping provide care for those who are underinsured, uninsured or lacking sufficient resources in these challenging economic times.

Beyond financial gifts, each year St. Francis and St. Gertrude's benefit from the contributions made by volunteers. Their commitment to our campus is amazing. In this newsletter, you will learn more about one of our volunteers, Jean Rein, and her five decades of service.

As we enter the final months of 2011, I want to personally thank you for your support of St. Francis and St. Gertrude's through the Saints Healthcare Foundation. We are grateful to each and every patient, friend and neighbor who supports our commitment to exceptional care, close to home.

W. Alan Spillers



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Executive Director
Saints Healthcare Foundation

Jean Rein: Fifty years of service, the *joy* of her life

Sometimes, as they say, opportunity knocks. In Jean Rein's case, opportunity called. Not once, not twice, but three times.

The first call came in March 1962, when one of the Franciscan Sisters from St. Francis Hospital called and asked if Rein was interested in working in the kitchen. Rein gladly took the opportunity and was quickly promoted to a food supervisor, a position she held until 1991.

The second call to serve came just two months after her retirement. When asked if she was interested in volunteering in the St. Francis gift shop, Rein's answer was an unequivocal yes.

The third call came when St. Gertrude's opened its chapel. This time the request was to see if she was interested in working in the chapel, preparing for the services and caring for the sacristy. "I was surprised and grateful for the call to come from St. Gertrude's," says Rein. "It's so important and means so much to me to be able to do this type of work."

After years of volunteering in the St. Francis gift shop, Rein has retired from that role, but continues to do volunteer work in the chapels at St. Francis and St. Gertrude's each Sunday, Wednesday and for special occasions. Over the years, she has helped with other volunteer work from her home, including



Jean Rein
50 Years of Service

sewing the linens for the chapel. "This work has always kept me close to the Lord, so I tried to do as much as possible for the benefit of St. Francis and St. Gertrude's."

In 1992, Rein was recognized for her decades of service when she received the Good Samaritan award from the hospital. "It was a big surprise and a happy one," explains Rein. In April 2012, she will officially celebrate 50 years of dedicated service to St. Francis and St. Gertrude's. "This work has been the joy of my life," she explains.

New *endowment* Fund

The family of Apollonia and Sylvester Gerold graciously established an endowment fund in the memory of their parents. The earnings of this endowment will help provide ongoing funds necessary to care for the outdoor garden courtyard at St. Gertrude's. The Saints Healthcare Foundation appreciated the significant contribution of the Gerold Family.



Commemorative Plaque in the Garden

"In life, we all experience joy and sorrow along with all of the emotions in between. The Saints Healthcare Foundation strives to bring together a diverse community in the hope of experiencing much more medical joy than sorrow by providing the most advanced medical care available."

—Julie Welch
Saints Healthcare Board Member

mission

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Ways to *give* to Saints Healthcare Foundation

Designated gifts

Designated gifts support current Saints Healthcare Foundation priorities including the following:

- St. Francis Cancer Care
- St. Gertrude's Rehabilitation Center Expansion

Undesignated gifts

Unrestricted gifts support areas of greatest need, as directed by the Foundation

Memorials and tributes

Memorials and tributes are ways to recognize someone special; commemorate important occasions such as birthdays, weddings, or notable achievements; or express sympathy for and remembrance of a loved one.

Honoring gifts

Donations may be made in honor of a physician, nurse or caregiver who has provided excellent care.

Matching gifts

Many employers have matching gift programs through which your generosity to the Saints Healthcare Foundation may be multiplied.

Sponsorships

Each year the Foundation hosts two special events that provide opportunities for businesses or individuals to participate in various sponsorships.

To make a donation online or learn more, please visit www.saintshealthcarefoundation.org or use the envelope in this newsletter or contact our office at 952-428-2070.

spirit of the Saints Gala

Thanks to the members of the medical community, community leaders and individuals who attended an elegant and successful Gala on November 12 to support the Foundation's efforts.



Gala 2010 Volunteers



Golf 2011 Volunteers

Save the *Date*

Tee One for Hope

Thursday, June 14, 2012

At Stonebrooke Golf Club, Shakopee.

More information and registration: www.saintshealthcarefoundation.org

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Ribbon cutting was held on October 13 for St. Gertrude's Rehabilitation expansion, which includes 30 new patient rooms and a therapy & wellness center.



Thanks to all our donors a nonsurgical method of assessing a breast abnormality through a stereotactic biopsy will soon be available at St. Francis.