Life-saving grace

The work of The Foundations of Catholic Health simply would not be possible without each and every one of our generous donors. Contributions large and small add up and make a tremendous impact here in Western New York. Thank you.

Our Mission
We are called to reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need.

Our Values
• Reverence
• Compassion
• Justice
• Excellence

To give is to care.
With a strong foundation, anything is possible.

What you’re viewing is the very first annual report for The Foundations of Catholic Health. We are pleased to give our friends and neighbors throughout Western New York a better idea of all the great work that our four foundations – Continuing & Home Care Foundation, Kenmore Mercy Foundation, Mercy Hospital Foundation and Sisters Hospital Foundation – make possible every single day.

Here, the stories of our healthcare ministry spring to life. And these profiles represent just a few of the thousands of lives that are touched by Catholic Health every year. Thanks in large part to our generous donors, heartwarming stories like these take place every day across our ministries.

Medical professionals at each Catholic Health facility provide the highest quality care, and Western New York is a better place because of it. The skill of our talented physicians, nurses and caregivers is matched only by the compassion they extend to our patients and residents. But providing the finest care and offering the most sophisticated technology is a costly proposition.

That is why your support of The Foundations of Catholic Health is so critical. Your donations directly benefit patients from all over Western New York. If you or someone you love has been touched by Catholic Health, I’d ask that you consider making a gift to one of our Foundations to ensure that others in our community can also be blessed with the same care and compassion that you or your loved ones received.

Thank you for helping to make these stories of hope possible. With your support and confidence, the healing love that The Foundations of Catholic Health empower will always be there for those in need.
Linda’s story: Restoring hope

Linda Richards will forever feel indebted to Catholic Health’s Home Care team. “They are the kindest people,” Linda said, reflecting on the support they provided to her father, Robert. He received dialysis, suffered from spinal stenosis, and was involved in a car accident. As a result, Robert developed chronic non-healing wounds on both of his heels. When he returned home from sub-acute and rehab care, Catholic Health’s Home Care was there to see that he continued to receive the care he needed. “He loved the staff coming in,” Linda shared.

By the summer of 2012, Robert was back on his feet. Linda decided to honor her father’s life by making a gift to the Continuing & Home Care Foundation. “It gave me comfort that someone was looking out for him,” Linda said. “They gave my father so much.”

At a Glance

TRUE IMPACT

Together, Catholic Health’s Continuing Care and Home Care divisions serve 140,000 patients and residents annually. The Foundation raises funds for home care, and physical, occupational and speech therapies to help area seniors maintain their independence at home or receive needed care in our nursing and adult homes.

A CAUSE TO CHERISH

During its Renaissance Capital Campaign, the Continuing & Home Care Foundation raised $1.8 million to transform the former Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Lackawanna into a state-of-the-art elder care center for our community.

BEST FOOT FORWARD

The Scrub Run 5K is to be held September 7, 2013, in partnership with Mercy Hospital Foundation. Participate, become a sponsor, or give a gift to the Annual Fund Appeal. Contact us to learn more about how you can help.

We have you covered 24/7, 365.

At Catholic Health’s Continuing and Home Care ministries, we believe patient and resident care should be inspired by faith and committed to excellence. Daily, these ministries serve thousands of patients and residents throughout Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua Counties. Since March 2004, the Continuing & Home Care Foundation has proudly supported the patients and residents served through these vital Catholic Health ministries.

Today, the Foundation stewards generously donate funds and resources to support projects, programs, education and equipment to strengthen the care provided by the Continuing Care and Home Care divisions.

As St. Aelred of Rievaulx reminds us, “Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man’s entire relation to God and to his neighbor.”

In 2012, the Continuing & Home Care Foundation awarded $50,000 to support patient-focused initiatives, including the purchase of automated external defibrillators for the Partners In Rehab and AthletiCare divisions. Funds supported a number of activities at Father Baker Manor in Orchard Park and McAuley Residence in Kenmore. Donations support Cribs for Kids, which keeps little ones safe when sleeping. Plus, generous gifts helped purchase lift chairs for Home Care patients and helped develop healthcare proxy cards and advanced directive videos.

Every gift given to support the Continuing & Home Care Foundation strengthens our community. Your generosity empowers patients and enables care.

For more information on how to support the Continuing & Home Care Foundation, please call 716-828-2120.

Matthew’s story: Caring for those you love

St. Joseph’s Day 1964 is a day Matthew Luksch will never forget. “I asked Jadwiga to dance and right there knew she was going to be my wife,” he reminisced. They were married six months later and would spend the rest of their lives together. In 2010, Jadwiga was admitted to Catholic Health’s St. Francis of Williamsville Long Term Care facility. “The employees bent over backwards for my wife,” Matthew said. “It’s almost like a family.”

Forty-eight years after they held each other on the dance floor, Matthew held his bride’s hand as she passed away on St. Joseph’s Day 2012. “I watched God come down, kiss her and take her up,” he remembered. Matthew often comes back to St. Francis to provide comfort to the residents. His contributions to the Continuing & Home Care Foundation are made in honor and memory of his late wife.
“I thought I was just playing games at first,” shared Allen. “I didn’t realize how much I’d be challenged.”

“Studies have demonstrated the benefit of using gaming systems for patient recovery,” said Joe Baumgarden, manager of AthletiCare. “It challenges your endurance, agility and coordination.”

In January 2012, Kenmore Mercy Foundation’s “Grants to Hospital” program awarded a grant to the Hospital’s AthletiCare department for the purchase of the Xbox system for rehabilitation patients. The gaming system provides a means to facilitate exercise and rehabilitation incorporating balance and fitness. “Studies have demonstrated the benefit of using gaming systems for patient recovery,” said Joe Baumgarden, manager of AthletiCare. “It challenges your endurance, agility and coordination.”

In January 2012, Kenmore Mercy Foundation’s “Grants to Hospital” program awarded a grant to the Hospital’s AthletiCare department for the purchase of the Xbox 360 Kinect, an activity-promoting gaming system.

In the past five years alone, the Foundation’s Annual Fund has raised more than $650,000 in donations from friends, local businesses, board members, physicians, associates and former patients. Additionally, the Foundation raises funds for capital equipment grants to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as neuronavigation systems, blood pressure monitors and wheelchairs.

Kenmore Mercy Foundation is blessed to have the community’s support. Sister Mechtilde said it well: “The strong support of the entire community is needed to ensure that Kenmore Mercy’s dedication to the individuals it serves can be carried into the future, a future in which the hospital will continue touching the community, touching people.”

For more information on how to support Kenmore Mercy Foundation, please call 716-447-6204.

In Buffalo’s first suburb, care comes first. Although the official story of Kenmore Mercy Foundation does not start until 1980, the seeds of betterment for the community were planted in the late 1940s when the tenacious Sister Mary Mechtilde O’Connor moved to Kenmore with a very ambitious goal. Sr. Mechtilde began fundraising and fund-raising to build Kenmore Mercy Hospital. After the completion of the 108-bed hospital in 1951, she continued to fundraise for additional hospital projects for the ever-growing patient population. Kenmore Mercy Foundation continues on a similar journey, providing for the continued needs of the hospital and community.

Since 1980, Kenmore Mercy Foundation’s mission has been to raise charitable contributions to provide key financial support to Kenmore Mercy Hospital. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees made up of area business professionals, physicians and community leaders who support the Foundation by donating their time as well as financial resources.

The Foundation raises funds through a comprehensive development services program, which includes special events, annual giving, memorials, bequests and planned giving. The Foundation Board of Trustees is highly committed to supporting the “Grants to Hospital” program, which funds department staff education and capital equipment grants within the hospital.

In the past 15 years alone, the Foundation’s Annual Fund has raised more than $650,000 in donations from friends, local businesses, board members, physicians, associates and former patients. Additionally, the Foundation raises funds for capital equipment grants to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as neuronavigation systems, blood pressure monitors and wheelchairs.

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Lydia’s story: Lighting the darkest hour

Lydia Rola is an energetic college student. Last year, while away at school, she developed a sore throat. She was told to drink plenty of fluids and rest. But shortly after her visit to the campus health center, Lydia’s condition dramatically worsened. Soon she was being rushed to Mercy Hospital.

Lydia had developed a dangerous internal infection and her body was struggling to fight it. “The first week she was unconscious in a medically induced coma,” Laura Rola, Lydia’s mother, said. “Then she needed surgery to treat one of the worst infections her surgeon had ever seen.” Lydia continued her stay in Mercy’s Intensive Care Unit and was prescribed powerful antibiotics to help her body fight the infection. “The doctors and nurses at Mercy are amazing,” Laura added. “They saved my daughter’s life.”

Lydia is now back at school, but with a new major. She was so inspired by the healing she experienced at Mercy that she’s decided to become a doctor to help others.

View expanded story at: www.foundationsofcatholichealth.org

Ted’s story: A grateful heart

Ted Pysz remembers August 29, 1981, like it was yesterday. He and his wife were packing for their trip to Disney World. Suddenly he felt ill, and minutes later, his heart stopped beating. Ted was rushed to Mercy Hospital where cardiologist Anthony Bonner, M.D., was on duty.

Ted was unresponsive when he arrived. In the following days, he suffered a stroke and underwent several emergency surgeries. “Only by the grace of God and Dr. Bonner’s expertise did I survive that initial attack,” recalled Ted. “I shouldn’t be alive, but thanks to Mercy, I’m here.”

2013 marks 32 consecutive years of giving by Ted and Helen Pysz in support of Mercy Hospital Foundation. “I’m delighted Mercy was there for me because I’ve experienced so many positive things over these years,” an emotional Ted shared.

Ted and Helen did eventually make the trip to Disney World. And they will always consider Mercy their hospital of choice.

For more information on how to support Mercy Hospital Foundation, please call 716-828-2120.
Joanna’s story: When the plan changes

When Joanna Riley found out she was expecting her second child, she was thrilled. She and her husband were familiar with what was to come, having taken prenatal birthing classes at Sisters Hospital before their first son was born. The Rileys expected another routine delivery. After a brief labor, their second son, Eric, was born.

Joanna recalls hearing delivery nurse Patty Collins say, “His cry is a bit off.” Neonatologist Thomas Riley, M.D., was called in to examine Eric. He determined that Eric needed to be transported to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) immediately. Once in the NICU, Rob Dukarm, M.D., noticed something was obstructing Eric’s airway. It was determined that Eric had a congenital anomaly known as a laryngeal web. This rare condition occurs when a thin web is spread between the vocal folds and the nerves. It closes off the airway and can lead to serious respiratory issues. But Eric had surgery, which corrected the problem.

Joanna credits Patty Collins with saving Eric’s life. Today, he is doing great.

(Joanna Riley appears on the cover)

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Compassion drives capabilities.

Established in 1979, the mission of Sisters Hospital Foundation is to support the patients, projects and programs across both campuses of Sisters of Charity Hospital, which includes its Main Street and St. Joseph Campuses. From the outset, our focus was clear. As St. Louise de Marillac said, “The virtue of gratitude will prepare our hearts to receive the graces we need to serve the sick and poor with meekness and compassion.”

In 1848, the Daughters of Charity founded Sisters Hospital, which was Buffalo’s first hospital. From then until now, the hospital has been committed to caring for all persons, with a special concern for the less fortunate. Contributions to Sisters Hospital Foundation are used to help patients who have entrusted their care to the physicians, nurses and staff at both of our campuses.

Donations enable the hospital to purchase and update healthcare equipment, offer a wider range of services, and construct and renovate treatment areas.

Over the past 26 years, Sisters Hospital Foundation has raised more than $19 million to support the work of Sisters Hospital. Clearly, this relationship is both positive and vitally important.

This constant stream of philanthropic support ensures that the valuable contributions of Sisters Hospital’s talented medical professionals can go on saving and improving lives every day in Western New York.

For more information on how to support Sisters Hospital Foundation, please call 716-862-1990.

Marie’s story: Doing good on a grand scale

When Marie Switalski was working in the Cheektowaga Town Supervisor’s Office, she happened to meet Father Justin Figas. This turned out to be a fruitful encounter.

Fr. Justin felt an energetic group of volunteers could help raise the funds needed to build an intercommunity hospital and that Marie was just the person to lead it. Thus the St. Joseph Ladies Guild was formed. Their countless fundraisers helped to make Fr. Justin’s dream of an intercommunity hospital a reality. The Guild hosted charity balls, bake sales and bazaars that benefitted the hospital chapel, auditorium and emergency department, among other areas. The Ladies Guild continued their volunteerism for an extraordinary 66 years.

Sisters Hospital, St. Joseph Campus has benefitted tremendously from the service of the Ladies Guild. When the group disbanded in 2012, their generosity totaled $1,010,352. In September, Sisters Hospital Foundation honored the Guild with the Caritas Award at the Annual Donor Reception for so lovingly gifting their talents.

For video interview, scan here with your smartphone.
Healthcare is gone through tremendous changes over the past few years and there are more yet to come. As we work to reform healthcare and make it more affordable and accessible for all, especially the poor and uninsured, health providers are continually being challenged to do more with less. This means that philanthropy and charitable giving have never been more important, particularly since cuts to traditional healthcare reimbursement will continue to be felt among hospitals and other health providers for years to come.

The Foundations of Catholic Health rely on your compassion and generous support to exist. It’s not an exaggeration to say that we couldn’t do what we do without you. So we thank you in advance for your continued generosity in helping us to carry out our mission.

Continuing & Home Care Foundation

PATIENT & COMMUNITY CARE
- Advance directive videos
- Automated External Defibrillations (AED) for high school sporting events covered by Catholic Health’s Athletics
- Cross Care project coordinated by chaplains for McAlpine Residence residents
- Entrance for McAlpine Residence and Father Baker Manor residents
- Health care proxy cards
- Home Care for Kids program which provides safe sleeping places for babies in need
- Lift chairs for patients in need through Home Care
- Outdoor grill for Father Baker Manor

STAFF EDUCATION
- LuSa Dika Scholarship, which supports nursing students from the Continuing Care Division in advancing their education
- MOC II (Managing Obstetrical Risk Effectively), which supports caregivers in hospital obstetric departments and aims to deliver more healthy babies

Kenmore Mercy Foundation

EQUIPMENT
- IV Pumps – Nursing Administration
- Blood pressure monitor – 2 East
- Chart station (2) – 1 East
- Diphtheria machine – Medical Staff
- Funding for medications for discharged patients – ICU
- High back patient chairs (5) – 3 East
- Multi-purpose carts (5) – Endoscopy
- Ophthalmoscope/Oscilloscope Unit – 2 West
- Ophthalmoscope/Oscilloscope Unit – 2 East
- Orange Recliner for patient tables (1)
- Pedobronchometry chair (2) – Radiology
- Picnic table – Hillcrest Primary Care
- Recliner chair – Ambulatory/Surgical Unit
- Scales for Cardiac patients – Cardiac Education
- Storage Area (6) – Endoscopy
- Task chairs (6) – Dialysis/Office
- Two readings – Go Green Committee
- TV – Medical Rehab Unit
- TV with DVD player and educational DVDs – Surgery
- Utility cart – Volunteer Services
- Wheelchair van vouchers for discharged patients
- Workstation on wheels – Patient Registration
- Xbox Kinect with games and 32” TV – Athletic Care

STAFF EDUCATION
- 25th Annual Nursing Research & Scholarly Activities Conference (9)
- Annual Infection Prevention Seminar (2)
- Antibiotic Stewardship Certificate Program
- Applied EKG Interpretation
- Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference
- Business Writing for Results
- Conquering Pain (2)
- Critical Care Education (2)
- Critical Care Nursing Conference
- Culinary Class (2)
- Demystifying & Interpreting Lab Data
- Education for Nurses Involved in Prevention Studies (14)
- Endoscopy Conference (2)
- Gastrobotanical Emergencies (2)
- ICU – Education in Leadership (3)
- Interventional Radiology Conference
- Improving Ward Care (2013) (3)
- International Stroke Conference
- Interventional Radiology Coding Seminar
- Journey to Magnet Excellence Workshop
- Keep Your Edge – Hockey Sports Medicine in 2012
- Maximizing the Reach & Effectiveness of Your Direct Mail Program
- Molloy’s Advanced E-Learning for Nursing
- National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses Conference (2)
- Nurses Helping Others – Linkages-Together-Stronger-Builder
- Nursing Documentation (2)
- Nursing Conference on Critical Care (2)
- Nursing Management Congress 2012 (2)
- NY Health Information Management Association Annual Conference
- New York State Association of Medical Staff Services Conference
- New York State Association of Volunteers Administrators Conference
- NYS Society of Respiratory Care Symposium (5)
- Professional Advancement Program (2)
- Reference Materials for ICU Nursing Certification
- Respiratory Conference (2)
- UON Physician Assistant Annual Spring Committee Conference (2)
- Workplace Conference 2012

Mercy Hospital Foundation

PATIENT & COMMUNITY CARE
- Books for disabled/challenged children at the Mercy Comprehensive Care Center (MCACC)
- Establishment of the stroke patient education room via funds from the Chevron Graywolfe Grill Tournament
- Incentive items to encourage women to get mammograms
- iPads for patients to connect with loved ones (2)
- Pediatric speaker series for parents

EQUIPMENT
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) upgrades
- Obstetrical (2)
- Caesarean section (3)
- Grille scaler
- Grille washer
- Natus phototherapy unit
- Phoenix warmers (3)
- Phillips monitors (2)

STAFF EDUCATION
- Continuing education of Pediatric staff
- Continuing education for physicians, nurses and other professionals

Sisters Hospital Foundation

PATIENT & COMMUNITY CARE
- Breast Health Support Group materials
- Footprints on the Heart benchmarking resources
- HA-Artwork and framing – St. Joseph Campus
- Newborn Mother Amenity Program
- River Resource Center
- Respiratory – Total Technology
- Respiratory – OB/ON
- SJC Pediatric Care Suite

STAFF EDUCATION
- AccuVue Viewing System
- da Vinci® Endoscopes
- Digital EKG and software – Lovely St. Vincent
- Dragon voice recognition software – River Center
- Magnanimity/Bible Chair
- Massage Therapy equipment/supplies
- NAPC Portable Ultrasound Machine
- necHIEF Prosthetic System
- Newborn Hearing Screener
- Olympian Warmette, Blanket & External Solution Warmer
- Pulse Checkers
- Surgical Program equipment
- Neurosurgery Microscopes
- Minimally Invasive Microsurgical System
- Surgical Video Tower
- Visitor chairs for 2 North Patient Rooms

Now this is giving.

Saving lives and changing lives for the better is a vitally important mission. And in reality, it’s also a costly one. For that reason, The Foundations of Catholic Health are deeply indebted to the compassionate individuals, companies and foundations that help us provide the highest quality, most advanced care. Here are a few of the ways that our patients, their caregivers, and our staff have benefitted in the past year.
Love is kind.

Catholic Health’s talented caregivers do an incredible amount of good for Western New York residents of all ages. There are a number of different ways that individuals can give back, to ensure that the healing continues for future generations. For more information on how to make a planned gift, please call us at 716-706-2046.

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OUTRIGHT GIFT  | • Cash  
• Stocks/Securities  
• Real Estate  
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• Vehicle  | • Perpetual income  
• Income income used by the Foundation to fund various health ministries  | • Income tax deduction  
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• Stocks/Securities  
• Real Estate  | Foundation receives full face value of policy upon death of donor, or may receive current accumulation value prior to donor’s death  | • Guaranteed fixed income for life  
• Portion of income is tax-free  
• Income tax deduction  
• Reduction of estate taxes
INSURANCE POLICIES  | • Name Foundation as policy beneficiary  
• Transfers ownership to The Foundations of Catholic Health  | Foundation receives full face value of policy upon death of the donor, or may receive current accumulation value prior to donor’s death  | • Opportunity to make substantial future gift to one of The Foundations of Catholic Health at current manageable costs  
• Income tax deduction for the value of the policy when transferred  
• Premium payments may be deducted as gifts
CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS  | • Cash  
• Stocks/Securities  
• Real Estate  | Foundation receives substantial future gift to support the projects named by the donor  | • Variable or fixed income  
• Option to defer income  
• Income tax deduction  
• Reduction of estate taxes  
• No capital gains tax on appreciated gift (or deferral in some instances)
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• Stocks/Securities  
• Real Estate  | Income for duration of trust helps meet needs of Catholic Health Ministries  | • At end of trust period, principal returns to donor or heirs  
• Principal can pass to others with little or no shrinkage  
• Tax deduction
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