

## A Great Day on the Golf Course

Every year on the first Friday in June, the Lourdes Foundation hosts its biggest event of the year! Our Annual Golf Tournament reminds us of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by so many generous people and how our community continues to come together for the good of Lourdes Hospital. The 24th Annual Lourdes Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament was held this year on Friday, June 10, 2016 at the pristine setting of the Binghamton Country Club. What a spectacular day!

As always, our underwriters, sponsors and attendees played a major role in the success of this event. We also have Golf Committee members and volunteers whose generosity of time enables us to coordinate a well-run, organized event. We can't thank you all enough!

This year was a resounding success with 28 teams for golf and 200 people attended the dinner. Each year, the outpouring of support for this event is overwhelming. Funds raised from this event assist Lourdes in its mission of providing compassionate healthcare to those in need. **We wish to thank everyone for their generosity, especially our underwriters and sponsors:**

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## A New Day With More Blessings From You Thank you!

“An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.”

Each and every day, we are able to help someone in need because of your generosity. Here are some stories of how we are able to bring some joy into the lives of our patients:

♥ **The Geller Oncology Fund** was able to assist a family in need with food and school supplies for their two children when learning both parents were diagnosed and are being treated for cancer and are unable to work. Because of the continued generosity from you, we were able to assist this family with some of their needs.

♥ **The Hospice Fund** assists many individuals and families experiencing emotional and financial hardships. A Hospice patient with cancer had been without hot water for over 6 months. The patient and daughter were in need of a hot water tank but could not afford one. Through the Hospice Fund we were able to assist this family with the purchase of a new water heater and their friend was willing to install it. Having one less burden makes it easier for this patient to concentrate on recovery.

♥ **The Linus Brennan Memorial Fund** assists families who experience the loss of a child with burial fees and funeral costs. Recently, we had a stillborn birth at Lourdes Hospital and the family was unable to pay for the burial of their child. Because of this new fund, we were able to assist this family with this hardship.

♥ A patient with severe COPD, facing many financial hardships with limited funds found it very difficult to breathe during this humid, hot summer with many recurring visits to the hospital. Thanks to **The Anderson Fund** we were able to purchase an air-conditioner for this patient which improved the patient's breathing issues and reduced the number of visits to the hospital.

These are but a few of the countless people we are able to assist as a result of your generosity. **THANK YOU!**

**Because of you, it's working!  
 We still need you... Help us change more lives.**

## A Tribute to Bill Lane



On Thursday, September 22, the members of the Lourdes Foundation Board as well as friends and family gathered at Remlik's Restaurant in Binghamton to honor and celebrate the dedicated years of service of William H. Lane. Bill served as Chairman of the

Foundation Board for over 20 years and was instrumental in the successes of the Foundation throughout his tenure. Earlier this year, he informed the Board of Directors that it was time to step down from his role as Chairman. He will continue to serve as a member of the board.

We thank Bill for his dedication and generosity over the years and wish him the very best in the future. Thank you Bill!



The Foundation would like to welcome David Cahill as our new Chairman. David has been an active member of the Foundation Board for many years, and we look forward to the future, and his leadership with great hopes in furthering the mission of the Foundation and Lourdes Hospital!



## Planned Giving & The Heritage Society

There are many ways to support the work of Lourdes Hospital. One of the easiest ways to make a planned gift is through a bequest. Through a simple provision in your will, you may make a gift to the Foundation.

Making a bequest is the most common type of planned gift, and is an excellent choice if you want to maintain control of your assets during your lifetime, and support Lourdes in the future. We can work with you and your financial advisor to craft specific bequest language that accurately reflects your gift intentions.

Our Heritage Society gratefully acknowledges the following individuals who have demonstrated their devotion to Lourdes Hospital through a planned gift. We would like to express our deepest appreciation as their gifts have enabled the Foundation to continue its support of Lourdes Hospital.

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**If you would like more information on Planned Giving or The Heritage Society, please feel free to contact the Foundation office at 607-798-5684.**

## In Support of our Community

Through your generosity and support, the Lourdes Foundation is able to assist the following areas which are truly at the heart of our mission. Not only do we respond to the needs of patients here at Lourdes Hospital, but we also respond to the needs of other organizations in our community which in turn benefits our patients and the hospital. Thank you for allowing us to support our community members!

### Mercy House of the Southern Tier

At the October Board Meeting, the Lourdes Foundation Board of Directors approved a donation of \$50,000 to The Mercy House of the Southern Tier to assist the organization in continuing their mission of providing end of life care to those patients who cannot be cared for at home. The Foundation previously made a gift of \$250,000 in July 2014 to assist in the startup costs of the facility. We are pleased to be able to provide support to this wonderful community organization.

The Mercy House of the Southern Tier provides a home-like environment that honors the dignity of the dying person. There are many needs of patients at the end of their lives – emotional, spiritual, social and physical – that are often not met in other care facilities. With Mercy House concentrating solely on end of life care, many individuals and their families are offered the space to find comfort and peace. We pray for the continued success of Mercy House.

### Southern Tier Lyme Support, Inc.

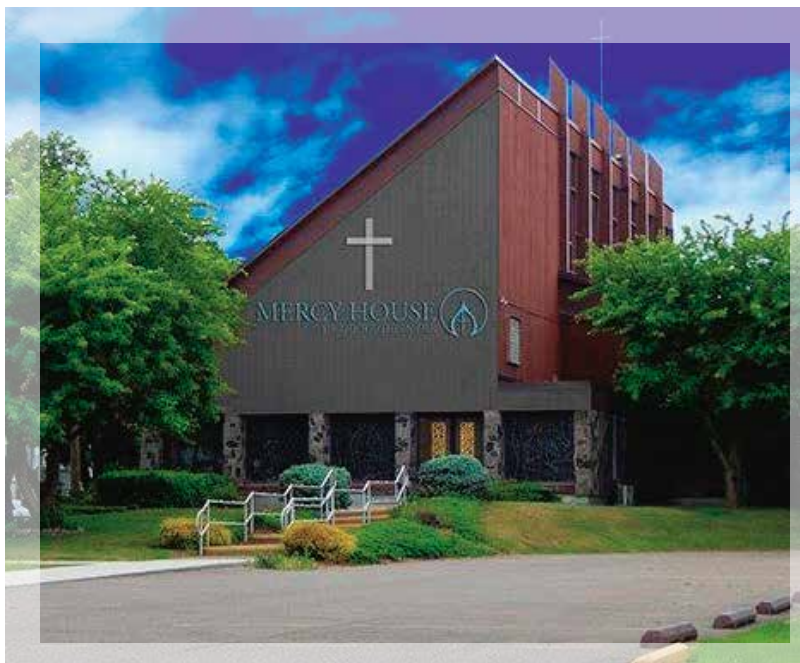
In March 2016, the Board of Directors approved a request to assist the Southern Tier LYME Support Conference which was held in May. This conference brought together researchers, testing laboratories and treating clinicians to share with and provide information to medical professionals, students and members of our community. The Foundation granted a gift of \$7,500 towards this effort. We are pleased to be able to support this vital community educational experience.

### Hancock Volunteer Ambulance Corps

In March 2016, representatives from the Hancock Volunteer Ambulance Corps addressed the Foundation Board about their needs as an organization. The most important issue was the need to replace monitoring equipment in each of their ambulances. It is crucial, traveling from a town that is over 40 miles to the nearest hospital, that the medical personnel in the ambulance are equipped with the proper tools to provide life-saving measures if necessary.

The Foundation granted a gift of \$36,941.77 towards obtaining the necessary equipment. Often times, the ambulance is transporting a patient to Lourdes Hospital and we feel that this will directly benefit our patients and the community.

Thank you for making all of this a reality!!



## Friends of Lourdes

*The Friends of Lourdes Fund is a vital source of unrestricted gifts that assists Lourdes Hospital in its mission of providing compassionate, comprehensive healthcare. With sincere gratitude we honor the 271 "Friends of Lourdes" whose thoughtful contributions in 2016 have raised \$176,694. There is still time to make your gift, and make your mark, as a Friend of Lourdes this year. These unrestricted gifts were received from our Friends of Lourdes Annual Campaign, Doctor's Day, and other mailings.*

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## Donor Spotlight – Dr. John & Mrs. Linda Miller

Dr. John & Linda Miller have been members of the Lourdes family since 1993. Linda has held various positions in Lourdes beginning her career as a Nurse Educator and moving on to eventually holding her current position of Sr. Vice President of Operations/Chief Nursing Officer. Dr. Miller joined the Broome Urology practice in 1993 and has served patients at this office ever since. Both have been inspiring members of the Lourdes Hospital community and continuously generous supporters of our work here at the Lourdes Foundation.

John W. Miller, MD grew up in Piscataway, New Jersey. He was the oldest of six children. His parents were Bernard and Mary Miller. Dr. Miller attended Fordham University and graduated with an undergraduate degree in Biology, and Georgetown Medical School. He was the recipient of a Health Professional Scholarship for medical school, and after completing medical school was assigned to Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, to begin his surgical internship.

Linda Miller grew up in Tuxedo, New York. She was the youngest daughter of Pearl and Joseph McCormack. During Linda's senior year at Seton Hall, she made the decision to join the United States Navy after graduation. She attended Officer Indoctrination Training in Newport, Rhode Island, and then was assigned to Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, as a Navy Nurse. Linda's first assignment as a new nurse was on a 36 bed medical unit at Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

Linda met Dr. Miller when he was a surgical intern covering the medical unit in December of 1981. They were engaged in April

1983 and married in August. They were blessed with their first child, John, in January, 1986. Linda transferred to the Active Reserves and returned to graduate school at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Nursing with an education focus in June, 1989, the same month their second son, Matthew, was born. Dr. Miller completed a Urology Residency in June, 1989, and was transferred to Oakland Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. Everything changed on August 7, 1990, when President Bush ordered the organization of Operation Desert Shield in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2nd. Dr. Miller was immediately deployed on the Hospital Ship Mercy. His deployment lasted eight months. During this same period when Dr. Miller was deployed, Linda was recalled to active duty and assigned to a surgical unit at Oakland Naval Hospital. Balancing the needs of the Navy and two small children was challenging. Eventually Dr. Miller & Linda made the difficult decision to leave their Naval positions of Commander in the Medical Corps and Lieutenant Commander in the Nurse Corps respectively. Linda and Dr. Miller moved to Binghamton in the summer of 1992 and soon after, joined the Lourdes family.

We are so very thankful for Dr. John & Linda Miller's dedication not only to Lourdes Hospital but to our community members who are treated through both of their career efforts. They have been generous supporters of various programs and campaigns at the Lourdes Hospital Foundation and we are forever grateful to them as friends and benefactors. Thank you Dr. & Mrs. Miller!

For our 2016-2017 Friends of Lourdes Campaign, we will be raising money to contribute to the Geller Oncology Fund. The Geller Oncology Fund was established by former Lourdes Foundation Board member Dr. Marilyn Geller and her late husband Dr. Sandy Geller in 2000 to provide financial assistance to patients receiving treatment at Lourdes Regional Cancer Center and at Broome Oncology. Donations are used to address extraordinary financial needs (food, transportation, medication, bills) of cancer patients and their families. Because of the continued generosity of family, friends and community members, the Geller Oncology Fund has assisted hundreds of patients when their time is most difficult.

**We are so grateful for your support! Thank you and God bless you!!**