

# A Great Day on the Golf Course • Helping Others Heal

Cultivating friendships old and new, celebrating the continued generosity of our most charitable benefactors and mostly praying that the bad weather would hold off for the day...and it did! We feel very fortunate that we were able to celebrate the 23rd Annual Lourdes Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament on Friday, June 12, 2015 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!

In one of our biggest years since the tournament began, there were 32 teams for golf and 230 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 special thanks also to our Golf Committee and our Volunteers for a job well done. You helped to make this event a success!**

### Golf Committee

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- In March of 2014, Julann Ashman a nurse in the Oncology Center at Lourdes Hospital teamed up with two master Gardeners from Cutler Gardens in Binghamton New York, to unveil a “Healing Garden” outside the hospital near the in-patient cancer units. The team purchased plants and installed a water feature and a walking pathway. The hospital staff along with patients and cancer survivors worked diligently to provide this garden for everyone. Since the start of the project, we have received almost \$7,000 in donations from generous community members and organizations. What a wonderful space for our patients to find comfort and healing.
- **It is your garden.** It is a place to come to read, weed or pray and a place to calm you during a stressful time. The cool breeze and the fragrant flowers carpet your feet on your pathway of life.
- If you would like to support the Healing Garden you may make a donation to Lourdes Regional Cancer Center, attention Healing Garden, and address to: Mr. Joseph Carpenter, Oncology Director of Lourdes Regional Cancer Center, 169 Riverside Dr. Binghamton, NY 13905



**Because of your generosity to our Friends of Lourdes Fund and our Hospice Fund, the Lourdes Hospital Foundation was able to provide initial support of \$10,000 towards this effort.**



**We are proud of the continued legacy of this event and thank all those who participated this year and look forward to next year's event!**

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## Lourdes Hospital Foundation

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## Your support.... helps us change more lives!

**Because of you** we have been able to help so many patients here at Lourdes in their most troubling times. We are constantly reminded that without YOU we are unable to provide support and comfort to our friends in need. Whether your gift is small or large, your generosity goes a long way in changing lives. Here are some stories of how your gift made a difference:

- A patient with head and neck cancer desperately needed assistance so that her electricity would not be shut off. With the rising costs of medical bills, living on a very limited budget of social security and also supporting a son who has special needs, she was unable to make payment to NYSEG. The Foundation was able to assist her with this NYSEG bill through the **Geller Oncology Fund**.
- The Lourdes at Home Fund serves many patients who are struggling financially and cannot meet their most basic needs. During the hot summer months, many patients cannot afford the cost of purchasing and installing an air conditioner. A patient who suffers from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Diabetes was in desperate need of an air conditioner this summer in his small apartment. We were able to subsidize the cost of the air conditioner through the **Lourdes at Home Fund**.

- After having to leave work due to his cancer diagnosis, one of our patients met severe financial hardship with mounting medical bills and everyday living. He was unable to make payments on his car during this time and the Foundation was able to assist him with a payment through the **Geller Oncology Fund** so that he would be able to travel back and forth to his chemotherapy treatments. This was a blessing for this gentleman during a very difficult time.
  - The Hospice program assists many individuals and families experiencing emotional and financial hardships. A father and his two children were receiving counseling services through the program after the loss of their wife and mother. It was a struggle for the family to make the trip to the Hospice office every day and with the cost of the funeral, they were having trouble making ends meet. Through the **Hospice Fund** we were able to provide this family with a gas card and a grocery store gift card. In a time of emotional strain, this helped to ease the burden that this family was facing.
- As you can see, your kindness is so important to our organization and to those we serve. Thank you for all you do!



Sr. Mary Anne Brawley, DC

This issue of the Foundation newsletter is dedicated in memory of Sr. Mary Anne Brawley, DC. Sr. Mary Anne passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2015. She was a devoted member of the Foundation board for many years and supported the Foundation throughout many challenging endeavors. We miss her dearly.

*Eternal rest grant unto her Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## 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.**



## Camp Hope for Kids

There are always smiles and laughter at Camp Hope for Kids. That is what Camp Hope is all about. This special 3-day camp has been helping children between the ages of 6 and 14 cope with the loss of a loved one for nine years. The children enjoy fun activities, play and swim and make new friends. They share memories of the loved ones they lost and make new memories.

Camp Hope is a special project of Lourdes Hospice that provides a healing atmosphere for children who have lost a loved one, whether it was a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or cousin. The children make Memory Books, illustrating the things the children remembered most about their loved one. They gather in their Healing Circles to get to know each other and share feelings and memories. Along with the therapeutic activities, the children participate in swimming, hiking, kickball and volleyball, singing, yoga and a visit from Animal Adventures.

The most important part of camp is not what the campers do while they are there, but what they take with them. They leave Camp Hope with new friends and ways to make the most of the memories of their loved ones.

Volunteers are always the backbone of the camp, dedicating many hours to help things run smoothly. They also seem to have as much fun as the campers participating in the activities, playing kickball, basketball and swimming!

The support from the community is also very important to the success of Camp Hope. Area businesses have been more than generous in donating funds as well as supplies and services to make the camp a success.

Special thanks to: Camp Sertoma - The Binghamton Boys and Girls Club, Lourdes Auxiliary, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, Dick's Sporting Goods, Cortese Restaurant, Nirchi's Pizza Restaurant (Vestal), Skylark Diner, Frito Lay, Culligan Water, Miller Auto Team, Senator Tom Libous, Ann Smyniak, Owego VFW, and the Miller Family.



## Thank You Miles!

On June 16, 2015, about 35 people gathered together to visit and tour the newly renovated Lourdes Oral Health Center. Miles Ondecko so generously pledged \$500,000 to make these renovations a reality. A plaque honoring and recognizing Miles' generosity was formally dedicated in front of a crowd of the staff of the Lourdes Oral Health Center. Initially the Oral Health Center began as a clinic for children, but as a result of this expansion they will now be able to care for adults who seek oral health care. Miles, you are a blessing to our organization and we offer our sincere gratitude to you for your gift!



*Pictured from left to right: Robert O'Connell (President of Lourdes Foundation), Miles Ondecko (Lourdes Foundation Board Member) and Nancy Frank (Director of Youth Services).*

## 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 more than 250 "Friends of Lourdes" whose thoughtful contributions in 2015 have made this appeal a great success. 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. We are so grateful for your support! Thank you and God bless you!!*

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YOU are the lifeline of our organization and we understand that it is important to show our appreciation. We have an abundance of gratitude and feel that two simple words hold so much weight: **THANK YOU!**

The Foundation recently hosted its Annual Donor Appreciation Reception in a beautiful setting at Remlik's Restaurant in Binghamton to say thank you to some of our most generous donors. About 35 people were in attendance and represented those who have given to the Friends of Lourdes Fund, Hospice Fund, the Geller Oncology Fund and the many other funds held at the Foundation.

A wonderful evening with good food, music and great friends! We thank ALL of you who continue to support the Foundation. Your generosity will ensure the longevity of the Foundation. **THANK YOU!**



*Pictured from left to right: James Terzian, MD, Dolly Terzian, Mark Walker, MD*



*Pictured from left to right: Ken Elliott, Sally Elliott, Jeff Lake*