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The Season of Giving Thanks is Upon Us!

How grateful we are to you — our donors, friends and volunteers — for helping Loyola to lead and to serve as one of the top health systems in the country. Your acts of giving enrich our healing mission and allow us to help the ever-growing number of people who turn to us each year for compassionate and highly-skilled healthcare.

In this issue of Vision, we are honored to share with you stories about members of our Loyola family — men and women living out the values of care, concern, cooperation and respect that define our Jesuit heritage and calling.

A nurse practitioner with Loyola’s Pediatric Mobile Health Program puts medically underserved children on the road to better health. Two burn survivors spread their message of hope as volunteers in the Burn Center — and out on the golf course as they raise funds for patient care. A husband honors the memory of his wife by donating his prize winnings from fishing tournaments for cancer research at Loyola.

These stories exemplify the power of philanthropy at Loyola and the impact of your giving spirit on our patients, their families and the future of medicine. As you consider your year-end contributions, I ask you to remember Loyola with a charitable gift.

Through your ongoing support and partnership, we can nourish and save lives through leading-edge medical treatments and exceptional patient care. We can continue to treat the body while fulfilling our promise to also treat the human spirit.

We wish for you what we wish for everyone in the Loyola family and beyond — a healthy New Year. On behalf of all those who benefit from your generosity, thank you.

Sallie S. Hazelrigg
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The Road to Better Health

Pediatric Mobile Health Program Puts on the Miles for Medically Underserved Children

SUSAN FINN, RN, MSN, IS JUST THE KIND OF A NURSE WE ALL WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN — highly skilled, intuitive and deeply compassionate. She exemplifies the Loyola spirit of healthcare that patients and donors have come to know well.

As a pediatric nurse practitioner and director of the Pediatric Mobile Health Program, Finn has traveled more than a few miles on her journey to provide free health care to medically underserved Chicagoland children. How many “real” miles since the program launched in 1998? “Hundreds of thousands,” Finn says, without missing a beat.

In October, the Pediatric Mobile Health Program celebrated its 16th anniversary with more than just a tune-up. Loyola purchased a brand new vehicle for the program — a 13-ton, 40-foot health facility complete with two examination rooms, interview rooms and ample space for lab supplies. “Because my team provided input on the design, this new model reflects our very best thinking on how to maximize our services,” Finn says proudly.

The clinic on wheels was the first of its kind in the Midwest when it hit the road 16 years ago. Today, it continues to be a prototype for programs across the region and country. “Loyola is proud to be on the leading edge of mobile health care services,” says Dr. Jerold Stirling, Chairman of Pediatrics. “We strongly believe that our healing mission must extend beyond our hospital halls and into communities that need us.”
The Pediatric Mobile Health Program van travels to medically underserved communities in the Chicago area, visiting some 300 sites each year including schools, community centers, social service organizations and churches. To date, more than 110,000 children have been served by the program, leading to reduced school absences, fewer emergency department visits and better health outcomes for all.

Services on board include routine physicals, immunizations, vision and auditory screenings, lead screening, disease prevention, health promotion, injury prevention and education, childhood obesity screening, nutrition education, and asthma care.

With Chicago facing an epidemic of childhood asthma — with disproportionately higher rates in urban settings — the Pediatric Mobile Health Program is a frontline service provider. Children and their parents can breathe easier knowing that Loyola’s expert care is literally curbside.

Karen Slater, the district nurse for the Bellwood Public School District, reports that Loyola’s partnership is critical. Her district includes six schools and 2,000 students from Pre-K to 8th grade. “The biggest issue we face is non-compliance,” reports Slater, “students who are not up to date on their immunizations and physicals.”

Slater says she can’t recall a time when Finn and her team weren’t available to her. “The van is awesome,” she says, “but it’s what inside that makes all the difference — Finn and her team.”

For many children, the Pediatric Mobile Health Program team is their primary source of healthcare and an important point of access for broader medical services. “We are getting the children into the system, establishing good medical records, and connecting them with other providers for follow-up care,” reports Finn.

Kate Mulvaney, City of Chicago Regional Director and Director of Health Initiatives for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, says that Loyola is having a tremendous impact in medically underserved areas across the city. The Pediatric Mobile Health Program serves as a safety net and a trusted source for health care. “Loyola brings services with such dignity and respect that families feel welcomed,” Mulvaney says.

Loyola’s Pediatric Mobile Health Program is funded 100 percent by philanthropic support — a testament to the spirit of generosity that defines the Loyola family. It is the ongoing generosity of Loyola donors, including Children’s Care Foundation, U.S. Bank, The Brinson Foundation, the Edmond and Alice Opler Foundation and The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation, that keep the program up and running — and on the road to better health.

If you are interested in learning more about the Pediatric Mobile Health Program and how your gift can make a difference, contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201.
On Course to Make a Lasting Difference

Burn Survivors Volunteer at Burn Center; Raise Funds and Hope through Golf Outing

Tony Gonzalez, left, with his foursome at the 2014 Burn Awareness Golf Outing.

Tony Gonzalez refers to the staff at Loyola’s Burn Center as angels. “Honestly, we are blessed that such people walk among us,” he says. Gonzalez is a burn survivor who has volunteered in the Burn Center since 2001. He provides comfort and support to other burn victims being treated at Loyola. “I give them hope,” he says, “and hope is powerful medicine.”

In 1997, Gonzalez was burned over 93 percent of his body in a propane gas explosion. He has since undergone more than 80 surgeries. Despite his monumental challenges — or perhaps because of them — he is on a mission to help others.

Loyola’s Burn Center is one of the busiest in the Midwest, treating nearly 600 patients annually in the hospital, and another 3,500 patients each year in its clinic. As a Level 1 trauma and burn center, Loyola treats the most complex and difficult burn cases. The Center’s staff of 70 includes doctors, nurses, social workers, technicians and trained volunteers like Gonzalez. “We’re all in it together,” he says. “The sense of teamwork at Loyola is incredible.”

When asked if there is one patient who stands out among the many he has helped over the years, Gonzalez is quiet for a moment. He thinks first about the patients who didn’t make it. And then he mentions Jamie Nieto.

Nieto was brought to Loyola in 2003 after suffering burns over 55 percent of his body, the result of a fire pit accident in his backyard. “When Gonzalez walked into my room,” recalls Nieto, “I realized there was life after a burn injury.” The two men formed a strong bond through their passion for golf, and a shared recognition that as burn survivors they were on a similar course for the rest of their lives.

Today, with just two full fingers on each hand, Gonzalez is able to play golf using a special glove. “Before the injury, the game was a part of my identity and I wanted it back,” says Gonzalez. For Nieto, golf is more than a past time. It is his profession. He is the head pro at Pheasant Run Golf Course in St. Charles and uses a surgical rubber band to keep the club in his damaged hands.

Like Gonzalez, Nieto is also a volunteer at Loyola’s Burn Center. “I’m never
going to say it is my calling, but maybe it's the reason why I was hurt," Nieto says. Gonzalez and Nieto frequently work as a team when they visit with patients. They also work together to raise funds for the Burn Center.

Nine years ago, Gonzalez established Loyola's Burn Awareness Golf Outing to support survivors and their families on the road to recovery. Since it began, the outing has raised more than $100,000 to fund Links of Hope, a burn survivor support group, and to sponsor burn survivors attending an international burn conference each year. Thanks to Nieto, this year's outing was hosted at Pheasant Run Golf Club and raised nearly $32,000 for Burn Center patient care programs, making it the most successful outing to date.

Gonzalez and Nieto hope that more friends of Loyola will continue to tee up for the cause. Expanded philanthropic support for Loyola's Burn Center will help further burn research and expand patient care programs. "Giving back to Loyola just might improve my golf game," laughs Gonzalez.

The 2015 Burn Awareness Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 18 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. If you are interested in learning more about the outing or Loyola's Burn Center Patient Care Programs and how your gift can make a difference, contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201.
A Fish Story We Can All Believe

Tournament-Winning Fisherman Donates Prize Winnings in Wife’s Memory

Mike Gabel presents his winnings to Gayle Payonk, (L), executive director, Cancer Services, Loyola University Health System, and Sallie Hazeldrigg, vice president of development for Loyola University Health System.

MIKE GABEL IS ALREADY RIGGING HIS RODS FOR AN upcoming bass fishing tournament in Kentucky. This is right after returning home from a tournament in La Crosse, Wisconsin where he placed 24th.

Twenty-fourth place, as it turns out, is a very good showing. Gabel took home $2,462 in prize earnings. “I’ve been hooked on fishing since I was a young boy,” he says, “from the moment my dad told me the story about the big one that got away.”

What did Gabel do with his winnings? This same thing he’s done every time he has won a tournament in the past year. He has donated his prize money to Loyola’s Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center where his wife, Richay, was treated for brain cancer before passing away in January 2014.

“I promised my wife before she died that I would give $10,000 to the center in her name,” Gabel says. “I was determined to do whatever I could to give back to Loyola for caring for her.” The Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, which depends significantly on philanthropic support, is dedicated to cancer research, diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

With his latest donation, Gabel says he’s very close to reaching his $10,000 goal — maybe even over the top. “I’m proud to be helping others in my wife’s memory,” he says. Gabel is supporting Loyola’s cancer research fund — investing in the brightest minds and the best facilities in the fight against cancer.

The sheer size of the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center’s basic research facilities, including 34 laboratories, demonstrates the strength of Loyola’s research commitment. “It’s the power of philanthropy that leads to grand medical discoveries,” says Sallie Hazeldrigg, vice president of development.

In the meantime, the fish keep biting. Gabel says he never really believed in “all that karma stuff” until he started winning tournaments. Now he says he understands how doing a good thing brings even better things into your life. “Fishing is about having hope,” says Gabel.

If you are interested in learning more about cancer care at Loyola and how your gift can make a difference, contact the Office of Development at (708) 216-3201.
In Memoriam

James C. Dowdle
1935 – 2014

James C. Dowdle, a former member of the Loyola University Health System Board of Directors, passed away on February 17, 2014. Mr. Dowdle also served on the Board of Trustees for Loyola University Chicago, and received the Sword of Loyola in 2001.

With his wife Sally, Mr. Dowdle played an instrumental role in ensuring Loyola could fulfill its mission to “go beyond the illness to treat the whole person.” Through the Sally and James Dowdle Family Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Dowdle provided unwavering support of Loyola’s cardiovascular clinic and cardiac research programs, the Heart Attack Rapid Response Team (HARRT), oncology research and the medical resident resiliency program. The Jim and Sally Dowdle Electrophysiology Laboratories was named in their honor in 2008.

Jack E. Burgess
1932 – 2014

Jack E. Burgess, a dedicated supporter of Loyola University Health System, passed away on June 13, 2014.

Mr. Burgess established the Christl Burgess Memorial Endowment for the Early Detection, Treatment and Research of Ovarian Cancer at Loyola in 2011 in memory of his wife. “With cancer, you need to be at a place like Loyola, where all the resources are first-rate,” Mr. Burgess had said. The endowment supports the work of Ronald Potkul, MD, who managed Mrs. Burgess’ care, and efforts to promote earlier detection and vaccine studies of ovarian cancer. Through his generous support, Mr. Burgess ensured his legacy, and his wife’s memory will live on at Loyola.
Hyundai Provides “Hope on Wheels”
For Pediatric Cancer Patients

$250,000 grant supports pediatric leukemia research

Kennedy Khalimsky, a pediatric leukemia survivor who was treated at Loyola, participates in the handprint ceremony.

THIS SEPTEMBER, FIVE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN treated at Loyola added their handprints to the fight against pediatric cancer. Hyundai also did their part to end pediatric cancer by granting $250,000 to Charles Hemenway, MD, PhD, to study childhood leukemia, specifically acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

Since 1998, the Hyundai Hope on Wheels program has granted more than $87 million to hospitals, including $350,000 to Loyola University Health System. In 2010, Hyundai expanded the program in recognition of National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with the Hyundai Scholar Hope Grant. This competitive, two year, $250,000 award is presented to the nation’s best and brightest pediatric cancer researchers during the month of September. Dr. Hemenway is one of the 2014 chosen researchers.

"AML remains a challenging disease to treat successfully, and we have reached a treatment plateau," said Dr. Hemenway. "Better understanding the biology of this disease could lead to new treatments."

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Dr. Hemenway is studying a protein called MLLT11, which occurs in high levels in more aggressive types of childhood AML. Once the function of the protein is determined, a focused approach could be employed to develop drugs to block that function. In order to reveal the protein’s function, Hemenway will identify other proteins that are partners of the MLLT11 protein. He also will use genetic tricks to block the protein in AML cells, in order to determine its importance to the survival of these cells.

Paul Lamb, General Manager of the Central Region of Hyundai Motor America, was joined by Chicago area Hyundai dealers at the grant presentation and handprint ceremony at Loyola on September 4. The ceremony featured five pediatric oncology patients and survivors capturing their handprints on a white 2014 Hyundai Sonata.

Hope on Wheels awarded a total of $9 million in research grants this September. Loyola is one of 36 recipients of a 2014 Hyundai Scholar Hope Grant.

To learn more about how you can support pediatric oncology research at Loyola, call (708) 216-3201.
New Resident
On Call Quarters
Dedication

The new Charles M. Schwartz, MD Resident On Call
Quarters was dedicated on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.
Friends and family of the late Dr. Schwartz gathered
to celebrate the opening of the space, which provides
medical residents with a comfortable and inviting
space to relax during their shifts. The event also
recognized the generosity of the Charles M. Schwartz
Memorial Foundation and the Schwartz family.

The original resident on call quarters were built in the
late 1960's and had not been updated since, having
served more than 24,000 medical residents over
the last forty plus years. The Charles M. Schwartz,
MD Resident On Call Quarters offers new sleep and
study pods, computer stations, updated technology
and additional amenities to Loyola's more than 650
medical residents enrolled in 62 graduate medical
education programs.
The Schwartz family gathers in front of the Charles M. Schwartz, MD Resident On Call Quarters.

Physicians and former LUHS residents tour the space.

(left to right): Jack Schwartz, Helen Schwartz, Marc Schwartz and Kim Schwartz.
Heart Attack Team Receives Platinum Award

Loyola is among 255 hospitals nationwide to receive the American College of Cardiology's Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2014. The award recognizes Loyola’s commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients. It signifies that Loyola has reached an aggressively high standard in treating these patients under the guidelines and recommendations of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association.


Loyola Performs 750th Heart Transplant

Loyola University Medical Center recently performed its 750th heart transplant, a milestone that places the hospital among an elite handful of heart transplant centers. Loyola long has been a leader in heart transplant in Illinois, establishing its heart transplant program in 1984 and two years later performed its first heart-lung transplant.

Among heart transplant patients, Loyola’s one-year patient survival rate is higher than both the national rate and the rates of other Chicago-area heart transplant centers, according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients.


Loyola and Alexian Brothers Partner for Pediatrics

Alexian Brothers Health System (ABHS) and Loyola University Health System (Loyola) are partnering to expand the breadth and reach of their pediatric service lines in the Chicago area. This new affiliation will benefit patients by building on and expanding the clinical program strengths of each health system, making them more available to the communities we serve.

The affiliation will enable ABHS and Loyola to offer a comprehensive array of pediatric specialties and will increase access to pediatric sub-specialists, who often can be hard to find. ABHS and Loyola will recruit and share pediatric sub-specialists and will collaborate on other physician-sharing opportunities.

ABHS and Loyola also plan to work with community-based pediatricians on population health management opportunities and to expand access at each institution.


Loyola Named in Top 100 for Cancer Care

Becker’s Hospital Review has named Loyola to its 2014 edition of “100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Grea: Oncology Programs," a compilation of organizations that are leading the way in quality patient care, cancer outcomes and research.

Becker’s Hospital Review selected hospitals for inclusion based on rankings and awards they have received from a variety of reputable sources. Loyola’s Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center offers a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care, which brings together a wide range of medical experts who evaluate conditions and provide a comprehensive treatment plan, often on the first visit. Becker’s Hospital Review is a monthly
publication offering up-to-date business and legal news and analyses relating to hospitals and health systems.

**READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE:**

**Four Loyola specialties nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report**

With four nationally ranked specialties, Loyola ranks third in Illinois in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2014–15 Best Hospitals rankings. Four Loyola specialties that are ranked among the top 50 in the country are Ear, Nose and Throat, 25th; Cardiology & Heart Surgery, 29th; Urology, 39th; and Cancer, 47th. Loyola’s Cardiology & Heart Surgery program is the only cardiology program in Chicago to be nationally ranked for 12 years in a row. Only 3 percent of hospitals earn a national ranking in any specialty.

Eight Loyola specialties are high performing meaning they are among the top 25 percent of hospitals in these specialties. They are Diabetes & Endocrinology, Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Gynecology, Nephrology, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, and Pulmonology.

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, which is part of the Loyola University Health System, has four high-performing specialties in the new rankings: Geriatrics, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics and Urology.

**READ ALL ABOUT IT ONLINE:**
Save the Date

Be a part of the 4th annual Health, Hope & Heroes 5K Run/Walk benefiting:

- Ronald McDonald Children's Hospital
- Loyola University Medical Center

Sunday, June 1, 2014
Loyola University Medical Center Campus

Register and learn more at LoyolaMedicine5k.org