

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

An in-depth look at how you are making a difference for our patients, their families and the communities we serve through charitable giving.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an exciting year to be with Advocate Medical Group. Our services and facilities continue to expand. Because of your investment in our health care ministry, we are able to offer specialized services, invest in innovative technology, and reach out into the community.



Vincent Bufalino, MD

One of the highlights of the year is the new Spine Center at Good Samaritan Hospital, the first of its kind across the Advocate system. The Center brings together our spine specialists and pain management services in one convenient location. We also opened a new outpatient center in Des Plaines, and we celebrated the first anniversary of our AdvocateCare Center (ACC) in Beverly aimed at improving both clinical and financial outcomes for the patients.

I hope you are proud of all you have helped accomplish. Your generous gifts make a difference every day in the lives of the patients we are so privileged to serve. Thank you.

AUTISM TREATMENT PROGRAM

Timmie Shepherd was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. His parents were informed that he was significantly mentally handicapped, meaning he would likely never learn to speak or be functional. At the time, Timmie was nonverbal and often engaged in tantrums—screaming, crying, and kicking—most of the day.

With the help of Advocate's Autism Treatment Program, Timmie learned to communicate and his tantrums reduced significantly. With the support of his family, therapists and teachers, Timmy was fully integrated with his peers in fourth grade.

By high school, he was accepted to Northside College Prep. During his sophomore year was recruited by 66 universities, including NASA, because of his math and science scores. In order to stay close to his family, Timmie has chosen to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago, on a full scholarship.

For almost 20 years, generous gifts have made it possible for families without the financial means, like the Shepherds, to access services beyond what was being provided at school. A program that started with just four children, has become one of the largest, most comprehensive autism treatment programs in the region.



YOUR IMPACT

THE ADULT DOWN SYNDROME CENTER

The Center is celebrating 25 years of service! When the Center first opened, it was a twice-a-month clinic housed in one of the hospital's medical buildings. With the help of philanthropy, the Center has grown into a primary care practice with more than 7,500 patient visits annually. This summer, the Center was presented with the National Down Syndrome Congress 2017 Exceptional Meritorious Service Award, recognizing contributions of local, state and national significance to this incredible community.

YOUNG HEARTS FOR LIFE

Sudden cardiac death claims the lives of 30 young adults every week in the United States. One-third of these deaths might have been prevented through a simple, inexpensive heart screening. With the help of philanthropy, the Young Hearts for Life Program provides free electrocardiograms to high school students at risk for sudden cardiac death. Since 2006, the program has screened more than 160,000 high school athletes. As a result of these screenings, 2,100 athletes "at risk" for sudden cardiac death were identified.

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