

# 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

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Dominica Tallarico, and I am the new president of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. I have been with Advocate for nearly thirteen years, most recently as president of Advocate Condell Medical Center. I am honored to now be a part of the Lutheran General Hospital community and look forward to learning more about the impact philanthropy is making around the hospital and in the community.



*Dominica Tallarico*

What an exceptional year so far. We were named among the 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Analytics, Inc., and received awards for patient safety and more. I know that a health care organization can only achieve greatness if it has talented and dedicated physicians, clinicians, support staff, volunteers and donors. Thank you for your commitment to Advocate Health Care's mission and vision.

With the ever-changing health care landscape, philanthropy plays an important role in our health care ministry now more than ever. We continue to thrive thanks to your generosity and support. Thank you!

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The Adult Down Syndrome Center located at Lutheran General Hospital is celebrating 25 years of service in 2017! The Center was established in 1992, in an effort to better support and enhance the well-being of adolescents and adults with Down syndrome.



The Center opened as a twice-a-month clinic. Now it is a primary care practice with more than 7,500 patient visits annually in a 6,500 square-foot facility expressly designed for patients with Down syndrome. The Center is nationally recognized for their comprehensive, holistic, community-based health care services. Philanthropy is key to expanding services, developing new programs, providing community outreach and conducting research.

## YOUR IMPACT

### IMPROVING PATIENT CARE

Our new Cardiac Catheterization Lab features larger rooms with state-of-the-art equipment that decreases exposure to radiation, and shortens hospital stays and recovery times. The hospital is now able to perform two high-risk ablations at the same time, providing expedited care to our patients.

### FUNDING RESEARCH

Donations help improve the quality of care we provide to our patients and access to the most innovative research opportunities. The Leona Loeber Memorial Cancer Research Laboratory is home to more than 10 coordinators using the facility for clinical trial research studies in a variety of areas.

### EMBRACING INNOVATION

Cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy face the almost inevitable prospect of losing their hair. Patients at Lutheran General Hospital's Cancer Center now have access to a scalp cooling system proven to help reduce hair loss. Thanks to a generous gift from Dignitana, the "cool caps" can be used select types of chemotherapy.

### ENRICHING OLDER ADULTS

Through the help of philanthropy, Older Adult Services at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is able to enrich the quality of life of older adults through a full range of services that respond to the needs and desires of individuals across the aging continuum—keeping them healthy, safe and enjoying life. In addition to overall program support, philanthropy helps provide music and art therapy, special events, home-delivered meals and more.



8,000  
meals delivered



13,000  
annual visits



Field 6,000  
resource calls

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# BRAIN AND SPINE INSTITUTE

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Advocate Brain and Spine Institute at Lutheran General Hospital provides the highest level of neurological care, in an environment where our patients receive the individualized and appropriate attention they need and deserve. The most experienced specialists in the region use the latest diagnostic and treatment technologies to treat the most complex cases, close to home.

The Center for Neurosciences includes our Comprehensive Stroke Center, spine program, neuro-oncology program, memory center, pediatric and adult neurology and neurosurgery, rehabilitation program and more. Our team of experienced neurologists, neurosurgeons and physiatrists work with primary care physicians, neuropsychologists, rehabilitative therapists, specially trained nurses and other specialists to create personalized care plans for each patient. This multidisciplinary approach ensures that our patients receive the best care with the best possible outcomes.

New equipment, interventions and therapies are evolving and being developed to further advanced outcomes and recovery. Philanthropy plays a significant role in acquiring the latest tools and providing ongoing training and education for our caregivers to remain at the top of their field.

## MEET ASHLEY...

"I still have trouble believing it happened, but at the age of 30, I had a stroke. A small tear in the inner lining of my artery that caused a blood clot to form and it traveled to my brain causing the stroke. The neurologist told me I was extremely lucky. That if the clot traveled to a different part of my brain, or I did not come to Lutheran General Hospital—a certified Primary Stroke Center—when I did, the results would have been devastating. I am so grateful for the nurses, physicians and my entire care team at the Advocate Brain and Spine Institute at Lutheran General Hospital."

- Ashley Burton, RN



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