

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

Named Among the Top 150 Best Places to Work in Healthcare 2017 by Modern Healthcare, it is an exciting time to be a part of the Advocate Sherman Hospital family. After earning a spot on the stroke honor roll and a grade A for excellence in patient safety from Leapfrog, we continue to strive for our best.



Linda Deering Dean

In 2016, we were also honored with the Patient Safety Excellence Award, which recognizes hospitals that have the lowest occurrences of 14 preventable patient safety events. The hospitals recognized are in the top 10 percent in the nation for patient safety.

We pride ourselves on providing quality patient care, safety and services—all of which is possible through your charitable gifts. Thanks to your support, we are able to continue to provide access to care and improve patient outcomes through innovation. We could not do this without you. Thank you.

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.



100

volunteers

40 

nursing students

20

speaking engagements and education opportunities

160,000

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES SCREENED

604 

children screened

YOUR IMPACT

OVERCOMING DISTANCE

The Patient Navigator Program was created to enhance the care delivered to acute myocardial infarction and heart failure patients from admission to after discharge and to reduce 30-day readmission and mortality. Since the start, Sherman Hospital has increased cardiac rehab referrals from an inpatient setting, increased completion and accuracy of discharge medication reconciliation and increased patient follow-up visits.

ENHANCING CARE THROUGH MUSIC

In the first half of 2017, Sherman Hospital’s therapeutic musician has visited more than 120 patients. Music is proven to have healing properties that include decreasing anxiety, elevating positive emotions and fostering a more calming, restorative environment for patients.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

Managing diabetes can sometimes mean costly medications. With the help of philanthropy, patients who can’t afford their prescription can apply for a free monthly supply. In 2016, 18 patients from the hospital’s Diabetes Center received medications support totaling \$10,000.

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