



I am both flattered and humbled to be named the successor to Doug Ries as president of SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Doug's leadership over the past 25 years has left an impressive legacy that will long benefit Glennon and the children and families it serves.

Recently I had an opportunity to reflect on the traditions of Glennon by reading "The Spirit of Glennon: Fifty Years of Caring," the book written for the hospital's golden anniversary. I was taken by the fact that, from day one, Glennon has been a community of volunteers, donors, physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals who, by combining their energies and talents, built **one of the country's great pediatric medical centers**.



As you read this issue of Glennon Magazine, that community is diligently at work planning and building the Larry and Dorothy Dallas Heart Center, a unique facility that will open in December. The center will hold a dozen cardiology exam rooms, including one furnished for expectant mothers visiting for fetal echocardiograms. The center will allow Glennon to expand its cardiology staff and serve more Missouri and Illinois children referred for heart diagnosis and care.

The completion of the Dallas Center follows in the footsteps of other recent milestones such as the opening of the Dana Brown Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and surgical suite in our new west wing. The funding of the J. Eugene Lewis Jr. Chair of Pediatric Surgery by the Board of Governors allowed us to recruit Dr. Dennis Vane, a nationally-respected leader in his field, to become Glennon's surgeon-in-chief.

The Cardinal Glennon campus has come a long way since 100,000 St. Louisans contributed to the fund-raising campaign that created the original buildings in 1956. All the services that Glennon provides are made possible through the generosity of today's community of **caring volunteers and donors**.

During these times of economic uncertainty, I hope that you will again include Glennon in your year-end philanthropic gifts and **help us to continue** our five-decade mission of serving all children in need, regardless of family circumstances. Rest assured of our intent to be worthy of your generosity and a good steward of your gifts.

Thank you so much for being a part of the Glennon community. I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks and months ahead.

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