



OPENING CELEBRATED

The new Dallas Heart Center at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center was celebrated in a dedication and blessing ceremony held on January 13. The center is named for Larry and Dorothy Hennessy Dallas, a couple who held a special place in their hearts for children. Dorothy passed away in 2002 and her husband contributed to the cardiac care center for children to carry on her legacy.

The state-of-the-art facility holds nine exam rooms and rooms for exercise stress-testing, fetal echocardiography and physician echo reading. The center's GE Vivid 7 Dimension cardiac ultrasound machine will allow physicians to view three-dimensional images of the heart in real time.

"With this equipment, we are able to observe a 3-D image of cardiac structures as the study is being done," said Cardiology Director Kenneth Schowengerdt Jr., M.D. "It's about the closest thing you can get to the true appearance of the heart other than what is directly seen at the time of surgery."

The new technology will permit Glennon cardiologists to study tiny features, such as infant heart valves, in more detail and clarity than previously possible. The technology will be particularly beneficial for pre-operative planning handled by Andrew Fiore, M.D., Glennon's pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon.

The Dallas Heart Center covers much of the ground floor of the \$59 million West Tower that opened at Glennon in September 2007. The tower also holds the new 60-bed Dana Brown Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; a new 10-room surgical suite and a four-bed endoscopy suite.



Mark Your Calendars

The 21st Annual Bob Costas Benefit for SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center will be held at the Fabulous Fox Theatre, Saturday, April 18. This year's featured guest will be singer **Paul Simon**. Proceeds will benefit the Bob Costas Cancer Center at Glennon. For ticket information, call 314.577.5605.

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"We knew we were rounding hourly on our patients and families, but we weren't sure we were delivering the message that we were just there to check on how they were doing," Ames said. "We thought if we could enroll everybody in the process, one hour it might be me checking on them, the next hour it might be a different nurse or team member. They may be seeing a fresh face every hour to know we're making sure they're OK. It is a great bridge from teamwork to customer service."

About six months into the TAG Team process, Ames realized that nurses no longer needed to visit her to work out issues. "The culture changed from 'we and them' to 'us.' They were holding each other accountable. That was when we knew we made it."

The unit's patient, physician and employee satisfaction scores soared. "Our scores have gone up and stayed up," Ames said. "Our employee satisfaction almost doubled this year. Our nurses are happy to be here and our families know

we are here to make sure they have a good experience. They can see that we are genuinely happy to be taking care of their child and family."

In December, the TCU was awarded the annual Team Spirit award for its contributions to the Glennon mission.

"Through a model of shared accountability, team members are empowered to work with department leaders to contribute collectively to the decision-making processes related to safety, patient care, nursing practice and work environment," said Glennon President Sherlyn Hailstone, M.S.N., R.N., FACHE.

"This model has facilitated a high level of communication, developed leadership abilities and promoted accountability of all team members. The success of this team is evident by their outcomes, including team participation, patient outcomes and increases in patient satisfaction and employee satisfaction. The 2008 winner of Glennon's Team Spirit Award has been a great example of the little engine that could."

In Memoriam

Thomas Aceto Jr., M.D., 1929-2009

Thomas Aceto Jr., M.D., former pediatrician-in-chief of SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center and chair of pediatrics at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, died on Monday, January 26, at his home in Dallas. He was 79. He served at Glennon from 1980 to 1990, a period marked by tremendous growth.

"Dr. Aceto's chairmanship was important here," said Robert Wilmott, M.D., current chair of pediatrics. "Pediatrics was becoming increasingly subspecialized at the time. Dr. Aceto oversaw the first significant expansion of the department's full-time faculty, which led to a number of specialties. Under his guidance, the hospital grew into what would become a nationally-recognized children's hospital with academic faculty that were doing full-time teaching, clinical care and research. It was quite an evolution."

Dr. Aceto also led development of the Pediatric Research Institute at Glennon in 1981 and introduced developmental pediatrics to Glennon. The Knights of Columbus Child Development Center, which opened in 1982 with the support of Knights in Missouri and Illinois, continues to treat children with conditions such as mental retardation, neurological disorders, learning disabilities and autism.

Thousands of children with complex endocrine disorders benefited from Dr. Aceto's care in the division of endocrinology. He was widely known for his extensive research on growth hormone replacement, which led to better understanding of the physiology of growth and therapy for children with growth disorders.

Dr. Aceto is survived by his wife, Arne, and two daughters. Susanna is a dentist in Texas and Friederika is a psychologist in California. Another daughter, Caterina, preceded Dr. Aceto in death.

"Tom will be missed for his kind attention to individuals in all walks of life around the hospital, especially the medical students and residents," said William J. Keenan, M.D., director of neonatal and perinatal medicine at Glennon. "He was very interested in students and faculty development. His department rounds, which he held nearly every day, were inclusive of trainees and colleagues in other departments and became known as great social and educational events."

Glennon pediatrician Dennis O'Connor, M.D., said Dr. Aceto will best be remembered for his unwavering advocacy for the rights of children to be safe, educated, healthy, happy and loved, as well as his belief that we need to protect and enhance the planet on which they will live.

Upcoming Events

March 4-6	KEZK Children's Miracle Network Radiothon
March 7	Trivia for Glennon 2009
April 18	Annual Bob Costas Benefit
May 10	Mother's Day
June 15	Metro East Golf Classic
June 21	Father's Day
July 18	Scoops of Fun
September 11	Columbia Golf Classic
September TBA	Dierdorf Golf Classic
October 12	First Gift Women's Golf

GLENNON RECEIVES NATIONAL MARKETING AWARDS

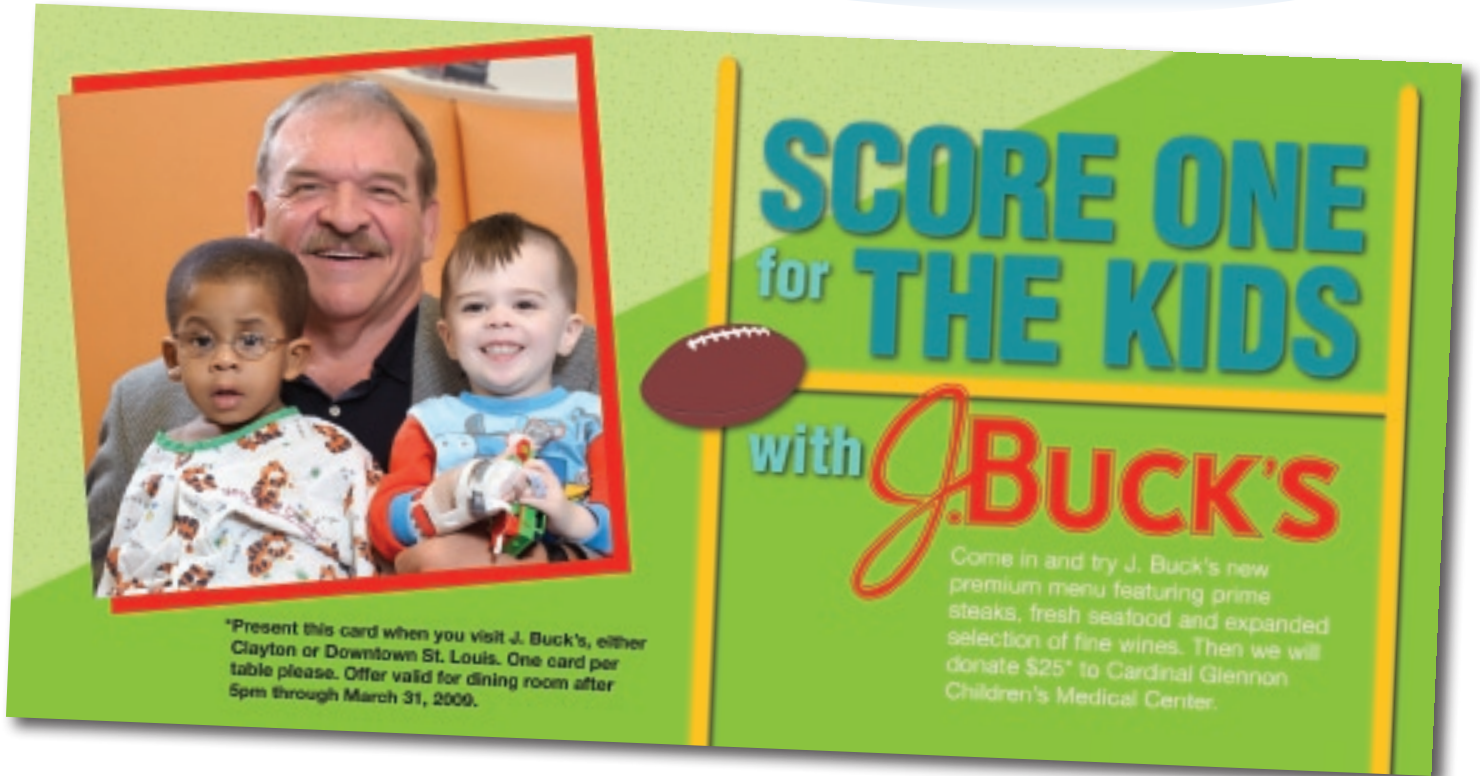
Cardinal Glennon's public relations and marketing department received five national advertising awards in 2008. For its television advertising, the department received a Platinum Award from the Hermes Awards, a Silver Award of Distinction from the Communicator Awards, a Bronze "Telly" Award and a Bronze Award from the Summit International Awards. Glennon also received a Gold Award in outdoor advertising from the Aster Awards.

In addition, the department received a Silver Award of Distinction from The Communicator Awards for an information packet given to parents when their infant is transported to the Dana Brown Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Board of Governors Elects New Members

The Board of Governors of Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation has elected **Dana Beffa**, the Honorable **Gerald B. Cohn** and **Jeffry N. Quinn** to three-year terms.

Beffa is vice president of employee benefits for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Cohn is a retired U.S. Magistrate Judge for the State of Illinois. Quinn is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Solutia Inc.



J. Buck's Offers Special Deal for Glennon's Friends

When you try the new premium menu at J. Buck's Clayton or Downtown location, they will donate \$25 to Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Just go to www.glennon.org, print out the J. Buck's flyer and present it when you visit. One flyer per table. Offer valid for dining room after 5 p.m. through March 31, 2009.

STAFF NEWS

Thomas Blondis, M.D., has joined the Glennon staff as professor of pediatrics and director of developmental pediatrics in the Knights of Columbus Child Development Center. After graduating from Universidad de Monterey Medical School, he completed his pediatric residency at Glennon and a fellowship in developmental pediatrics at the Kennedy Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Christopher Sallee, M.D., has joined the division of general academic pediatrics and will serve as an assistant professor at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He graduated from Saint Louis University School of Medicine and was a pediatric resident and chief resident at Glennon.

Kalyani Trivedi, M.D., has joined the division of cardiology and will serve as an associate professor of pediatrics at Saint Louis University. She received her medical degree from KM School of Postgraduate

Medicine and Gujarat University in India. She was a pediatric resident and fellow in pediatric cardiology at Babies and Children's Hospital of New York and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

Melissa Fuller, M.D., has joined the division of medical genetics and will serve as an instructor in genetic counseling at Saint Louis University. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati and trained at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and Bethesda North Hospital.

Donna R. Halloran, M.D., MSPH, of the division of general academic pediatrics was one of six physicians chosen to receive the 2009 Young Faculty Award from the Southern Society of Pediatric Research.

Heidi Sallee, M.D., of the division of general academic pediatrics will represent Saint Louis University at the annual St. Louis YWCA Leader Lunch.



WORLD RECORD BASEBALL GAME TO BENEFIT GLENNON

The "World Record Baseball Game" scheduled for October at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in St. Peter's, Missouri, will be played for the benefit of SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Players will attempt to set a world record by playing a 48-hour game that will begin on Friday, October 9, and end on Sunday, October 11. They will wear the uniforms of the 1944 St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Browns, teams that faced off in the only all-St. Louis World Series.

The weekend will include boys' baseball and girls' softball tournaments, baseball movies, an autograph and memorabilia show and silent auctions.

The group set the previous record of 32 hours in 2007 in a 92-inning game that included 40 players and ended in a score of 119-81.

Tax-deductible game sponsorships are available to support Glennon. Individuals also may sponsor players at rates beginning at 25 cents per hour. For information, visit the web site www.worldrecordbaseballgame.com.

Children's Miracle Network Radiothon Visits Glennon

The 2009 Children's Miracle Network Radiothon on KEZK-FM in St. Louis is scheduled for March 4 through March 6. The radiothon is scheduled to be broadcast from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Broadcasts will be aired live from SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center on Wednesday and Thursday, March 4-5. KEZK personalities visited Glennon in advance of the broadcasts to record interviews with Glennon staff members and patients.

visit our website www.glennon.org

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FUNDRAISERS

Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center is always grateful for fundraising efforts by area organizations and individuals. However, it is necessary for Glennon to approve all events that use the Cardinal Glennon name and logo. If your group would like to organize a fundraising event to benefit Glennon, please call us at 314.577.5605 and we will be happy to discuss the details.



Be an art benefactor, honor a friend or loved one, mark a special occasion and touch the life of a child at the same time.

Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center is pleased to announce its Art for Kids project — an effort to place throughout the hospital and its clinics original works of art and sculpture for the enjoyment of children and visitors. Each piece —

- is museum-quality framed and matted, assuring decades of enjoyment by thousands.
- is an original or signature piece of art or sculpture.
- contains a plaque providing space for appropriate recognition of the friend, loved one, etc.

For information on how you can be an art benefactor, contact the Office of Development at 314.577.5605 or 800.269.0552.

