



3800 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

phone: 314-577-5605

glennon.org

"Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." James 5:8

March 2016

At this time, Lent is coming to a close, Easter is just around the corner; and spring is in the air. And spring brings baseball! St. Louis Cardinals left fielder Matt Holliday announced the kickoff of his 2016 Homers for Health and K's for Kids program, benefiting patients and families of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Holliday is joined again this year by his co-chairs, fellow home run hitter Matt Carpenter, along with Trevor Rosenthal and Adam Wainwright representing the pitchers.

Donations to Homers for Health and K's for Kids have come from all 50 states and gone to support departments and programs at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon. Improvements have also been made through creating child-friendly spaces in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, The Costas Center and Imaging Center, where children receive the lowest dose, safest radiation treatments in a colorful and interactive environment.

Program donations benefit the Children's Fund to meet the immediate needs of the hospital. A portion of the funds from 2015 and 2016 will go to renovating the fourth floor inpatient cancer care unit at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon. The area is part of the original structure of the hospital and plans are in place to create a beach-themed, child friendly environment. This renovation will bring all private rooms, along with private baths and showers, as well as a comfortable place for parents to sleep and remain at the side of their child. A refreshed atmosphere will help alleviate stress on patients and families while they are in the hospital for extended periods of time. Call Andrew if you want to learn more.

Your charitable gift annuities have greatly benefited the children in many ways over the years. Thank you! If you are interested in a custom illustration or if you change your address or bank account for electronic payments, please contact Rose.

May God bless you and have a blessed Easter.

A blue ink signature of Rose Brower.

Rose Brower
314-633-7351

A blue ink signature of Andrew Sutton.

Andrew Sutton
314-678-6647

A blue ink signature of Laura Wulf.

Laura Wulf
314-678-6635

Major Gifts and Planned Giving Team

Please consider making a gift to Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation in your will and financial plan.

Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

YOU make a difference for the children at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

If you are in town, we hope to see you at our upcoming events.

May 21	Scoops of Fun
June 5	Glennon Sunday
June 16	Homers for Health Game Shows
July 28	Ambassador Choice Awards
Sept. 9	Glennon Golf Classic
Sept. 17	Glennon Gallop Polo Match
Oct. 10	Dierdorf-Pronger Golf Tournament
Nov. 17	Tree of Hope Opening
Nov. 18	Light Up Glennon Glow (60 th Anniversary Gala)
Dec. 7	Foundation Holiday Party
April 20, 2017	Glennon Guild Fashion Show Boutique & Luncheon

OUR MISSION: THROUGH OUR EXCEPTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, WE REVEAL THE HEALING PRESENCE OF GOD.



For more information about these events,
please call **1-800-269-0552** or visit **glennon.org**

Please consider leaving a heartfelt gift to help our kids in need
by including SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation
in your will and financial plan.

Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.

March is Social Work Month

The official theme for social work month this year is “Social Work: Forging Solutions Out of Challenges.”

Indeed, the staff at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital forges solutions out of challenges with great competence and excellence every day. These workers connect children and families with resources and advocacy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; 366 in this leap year! Furthermore, they serve as consultants for the SSM Health Cardinal Glennon satellite offices located throughout the community, serving 52 specialty areas.

This month we want to celebrate the contributions of our hospital social work staff on behalf of our children and families at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon. Below is an overview of how they help our kids.

- ♥ They provide **case management** for medical services such as neurology, diabetes, endocrine, cardiology, cancer and nephrology, or any case when children are in and out of the hospital for an extended period of time. The child is assigned a worker who is responsible for making sure his or her medical and social needs are met.
- ♥ Our social workers assess all children who are **victims of trauma**, in the Emergency Department or any hospital unit. **Victims of violence and child abuse** are assessed using detailed protocols. These children are protected while in the hospital and through protective arrangements post-discharge, which are coordinated by social workers.
- ♥ Social workers expedite **discharge planning** with medical and nursing staff to assure that patient and families have the equipment, nursing and medicines they need upon departure from the hospital.
- ♥ Other **vital services** are budgeted for transportation services (cab vouchers, gas cards, bus tickets) for appointments; patient and legislative advocacy; financial assistance to help with family meals, bills, medications and basics to keep health care the priority; and temporary housing to support families traveling to St. Louis for medical care.

According to Valerie M. Akerson, LMSW, Interim Team Leader–Case Management/
Social Service:

“The Social Work staff at Cardinal Glennon is unique in that several of our staff have been here for over 30 years. Some of them, this was their first job out of graduate school and their only job. That speaks to the amazing people that work here and those we get to work with, our amazing families that people “sign on” here and spend the life time of their career in one place.

‘For me personally, I know how difficult it once was to do more than offer a family a list of resources to contact for help and if they were out of funds, our hands were tied. Having generous grants and donations that we are able to utilize at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Foundation has changed the way we do our jobs and the number of families we can truly impact. Thank you from all of us here at Social Service at Cardinal Glennon for your giving hearts that help us help our families!’

Yes, your gifts also make it possible for the Cardinal Glennon Children’s Foundation to support social work in their mission to address the social needs of our children and families. Without your gifts, they could not do what they do. Thank you!



Valerie holding her daughter, Camryn, who is a patient of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Valerie is proud to be part of the Glennon work family and benefit from the love and care her daughter and family receive from Glennon as a patient family.