

**“Give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

November 2016

Greetings! The Thanksgiving season of gratitude and praise now flows into Advent—the season of hope. It is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Savior, at Christmas!

Hope and love fill the halls of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital. Our children and families are filled with expectation for God’s healing presence in their lives, just as it is reflected in our mission:

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

We are grateful for all you do to support our patients. At this time of year, we especially reflect on our blessings for family and friends, and we anticipate the joys of the coming Christmas season. You are a blessing to our patients and their families—Thank You!

As you make your plans for year-end giving, please join those who support us and our mission to bring hope, happiness and healing to our patients. Your heartfelt giving stokes the loving spirit of Christmas, warming the hearts of our hope-filled children and families all year long!

Our entire SSM Health Cardinal Glennon family wishes you and your loved ones a blessed and holy Advent season as you prepare for a joyous Christmas!

We pray for you and your intentions at daily Mass. May God bless you and your family during this blessed season and always.




Rose Brower, Director of Planned Giving


Please join us for our annual **HOLIDAY RECEPTION** on **December 7!**

For more information, please call **1-800-269-0552**

Our **TREE OF HOPE** appeal
runs through
December 31, 2016




Each day during the holidays, wide-eyed kids rise from their beds and head to our atrium with their caregivers to receive a message from our **Tree of Hope**. These inspirational messages, held in a sparkling treasure chest, scrolled in colorful thumb bands and handwritten from thousands of members in our community, bring joy and hope to the children in our care.




We hope you will take a moment to write a message of hope and make a gift. Learn more at glennon.org.

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Zachery—The Tin Man



As we give thanks for our many blessings with our family and loved ones, Zachery's family celebrated Halloween at the hospital in thanksgiving for a successful heart transplant with the amazing staff who contributed to this miracle.

At 20 weeks into her pregnancy, Zachery's mom, Amanda, learned he had a heart defect. By 24 weeks she learned that he had five congenital heart defects.

Zachery was born on December 21, 2015 at a local hospital and this is when Zachery went from the safety of Amanda's womb into the hands of God for care. On Christmas Eve, he was transferred to SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. On New Year's Eve, he had the first of three heart surgeries. Medical complications developed along the way and enlarged the hearts of others when the family published a Facebook page and openly shared their story asking for prayer.

In July, Zachery went into heart failure. Because he was not strong enough, the doctors determined that a bypass surgery was too dangerous. On August 9, his name was submitted to UNOS, the United Network for Organ Sharing, to be put on the list for a heart transplant. Prayers went out for a favorable outcome. As young Zachery waited, Amanda, expecting a long wait, began to plan a Halloween party for him at the hospital. As casting director, she chose "The Wizard of Oz" as her theme and began assigning the roles. Before her cast was complete, she and her husband, Jeremy, learned that a donor heart was available on October 6.





The team of our SLUCare physicians Andrew Fiore, MD and Charles Huddleston, MD, pediatric heart surgeons, performed the successful transplant.

Zachery went home October 21 and is making tremendous progress. Amanda said that “Words cannot express our gratitude to the donor family, who in their darkest hours, said ‘yes’ in answer to our prayers.”

Please keep the donor family and Zachery in your prayers.

