Each day is a gift. This is a feeling often expressed by someone who has recovered from a severe accident or harrowing illness or by a close friend or relative of a survivor. It’s an outlook many may experience when life is suddenly winnowed down to its most basic components.

A passion for living.

And for a fortunate few, it’s a way of life realized through commitment, courage, generosity, and hope. In this report, we’d like you to meet some of these people—remarkable people whose work and determination are an inspiration to many at Kaleida Health and throughout our community.
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I am often asked how a large organization like Kaleida Health can maintain a personal connection with the many healthcare needs of our Western New York community. You’ll find the answer in the pages of this report—in the stories of courage, generosity, dedication, and passion exemplified by the many men, women, and children who support and benefit from the year-round work of our foundations.

With the expansion and growth of our facilities, including the near completion of the Global Heart & Vascular Institute and the Long-Term Care Facility, these are indeed exciting times at Kaleida Health. But regardless of how sophisticated and technically advanced our medical environment becomes, the bottom line of our organization is still the difference we make in the lives of individuals—our patients and their families—who depend on our skills and compassion to deliver the very best care and treatment at every Kaleida hospital, clinic, and care center.

To achieve this, our philanthropy community is the vital link between our will and our mission. And in 2010, as in previous years, many deserving men, women, and children benefited from the magnificent generosity of our donors. Please take a moment to read their stories and to share in the gratitude we extend to everyone who worked so hard and gave so much to make a difference.

With best wishes for good health and another rewarding year.

James R. Kaskie  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Kaleida Health
"It is an honor to support Kaleida Health and the tremendous work it does to provide care for the residents of the Buffalo-Niagara region. We hope to make a positive impact on the quality of people’s lives, today, particularly during a time of so much need. Kaleida gives us this opportunity and we look forward to a great partnership with them."

--Ralph C. Wilson Jr.

Mary Wilson presents a $1 million donation to James R. Kaskie, Kaleida Health President & CEO.
Thanks to a $1 million gift from Ralph and Mary Wilson for Kaleida Health’s Adult Day Care Centers and the Visiting Nurses Association, seniors like Mrs. Dorothy Farley are enjoying more freedom and a better quality of life. Previously Dorothy, who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease, was only able to occasionally attend the Amherst Adult Day Care Center. With new funds available, she is now able to spend five days a week at the center, with convenient transportation to and from home. This has been an enormous help to her daughter and her family, who care for Mrs. Farley at their home.

Kaleida Health is helping seniors with a network of care and services that extend beyond the hospital setting. The Geriatric Center of Western New York at DeGraff Memorial Hospital comprises a comprehensive team of caregivers—from an emergency department with a short wait time to comprehensive evaluations, long term care, and rehabilitation—all in one convenient location. The Center’s director, Kenneth Garbarino, MD, specializes in caring for aging patients, with an emphasis on those dealing with complex medical issues and/or memory loss. Kaleida’s two adult day care centers—located in Amherst and Tonawanda—offer support and camaraderie for chronically ill and impaired adults through socialization, assistance with personal care, and a host of planned activities.

While use of these vital Kaleida programs increases, a growing number of families rely on our caregivers who help individuals maintain independence and promote feelings of self worth. The Visiting Nurses Association, the first of its kind, was founded right here in Buffalo and today continues to assist homebound adults who are sick, recuperating, and disabled. Meanwhile, funds from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation are being used for daily needs like the cost of adult day care attendance as well as senior transportation, furniture, appliances, and necessary supplies. Education programs stressing home safety and the risk of falls are being funded and personal emergency response and telehealth monitoring services will be made available to individuals and families.

“Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, for your generous gift! Because of the difficulty in managing my mother’s disease, it has made a huge difference in the life of everyone in our family. My mother is now able to attend the Amherst Adult Day Care Center every weekday to receive the attention and care of their terrific staff.”

--Nancy Gilani, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Farley
Molly suffered a stroke at age 18 and was rushed to Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital where she was treated by its world class, innovative stroke team.

Like Molly, Pat from WNY, Jamie from Canada, and Stephanie, a Kaleida employee, didn’t expect a stroke at their ages. Neither did the nearly 1,600 other patients who were treated at Kaleida Health’s Stroke Center in 2010.
Strokes affect men and women, and young and old alike. They can strike when you least expect it and wherever you may be. When it comes to stroke, it’s about who is best prepared to care for you or your loved one. The Stroke Care Center at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital is internationally recognized for excellence in stroke care. The Center has what we—and people around the world—believe to be the most qualified, experienced, and innovative stroke team anywhere. This expertise, coupled with state-of-the-art technology like the area’s only 320-slice CT scanner and treatment options unavailable anywhere else in Western New York, make the Stroke Care Center at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital one of Kaleida Health’s proudest achievements.

Funding for programs like this one ensures our medical teams have the most modern and sophisticated tools available to assist them in their lifesaving work. That’s why signature events like the Kaleida Ball, one of Western New York’s most prestigious black tie events, are so important. Proceeds from past events have provided funding for stroke, cardiac care, diabetes, geriatric programs, and seed money for emergency room expansions at Millard Fillmore Suburban and Buffalo General Hospitals.

L. Nelson Hopkins, III, MD, Chief of Service for Neurosurgery at Kaleida Health, is one of the area’s most respected surgeons and has spent the past few decades building the stroke care team in Buffalo and traveling the world sharing information. Because of his dedication and leadership, the program has grown, improved health outcomes and saved thousands of lives. Dr. Hopkins is also a driving force behind the new Global Heart & Vascular Institute, a first-of-its-kind medical institute located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus adjacent to Buffalo General Hospital.
It's always difficult when someone you love is sick and even more so when that someone is your child. Our friends at Tops Friendly Markets understand this and have been making a difference to children like Gianna and their families for longer than we can remember. Company President Frank Curci and his team have made it their mission to partner with Women & Children’s Hospital whenever they can to make a difference in the life of a child or a family in the community. They’ve come to know the staff at Women & Children’s Hospital as well as their patients and families. They continue to do what they do best—“living here giving here”—giving of themselves personally and as a team to make a family’s life a little easier.

“Our daughter, Gianna, had been complaining about back pain. Thanks to her wonderful pediatrician, Dr. Josey Welliver, we were sent immediately to Women and Children's Hospital for a blood test. Gianna was then diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia. Eager to learn about her diagnosis, Gianna questioned everyone about the disease and the doctors and nurses gave her knowledge, information, and everything she needed to know. After six months of chemotherapy, and now into her first of two years of maintenance, we know she is going to be okay! A strong-willed, silly, comedic little ten-year-old who loves to draw, added to her repertoire ... COURAGE! She is energetic, vibrant and through it all she has maintained her SPUNK amidst great and enduring pain. Each day Gianna fought through the effects of her treatment, including losing her hair—a very traumatic experience. But it hasn’t stopped her from doing what she loves the most—hanging out with her sister and friends, dancing, riding her bike, and just being herself. Everyone keeps telling her how beautiful her eyes are!!! We’ve heard ‘the eyes are the window to the soul.’ This now has a much deeper meaning for our family.”

--Deonne Pezzino (Mom)

One company making a difference for children and their families.

Making A Difference!
Gianna was a big hit at the Festival of Trees Black Tie Gala and selected the winning ticket in the Tops Friendly Markets Gas & Groceries for a Year promotion. (l. to r.): Janet Snyder, Kiss 98.5, Mistress of Ceremonies; Dr. Colin & Annette McMahon, Festival of Trees Chairpersons; Gianna & Deonne Pezzino; Andrew Brocato, Tops Director of Community Relations.
Gavin demonstrates features of his new iPad for his brother Evan and visiting Buffalo Bandit Jon Harasym.
Thanks to the gift of an iPad through the Stone’s Buddies program, Gavin is now connecting with his family, with other children, and with the world through his own power and curiosity. America’s Children’s Fund President Rob Moore purchased the iPad for Gavin, who has learned to use the device’s apps to ‘talk’ with his family for the first time in his life. Watch Gavin with his iPad at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCzkUlG9O_o.

Although Stone Filipovich left us shortly after he celebrated his fourth birthday, his great spirit and exceptional courage were the inspiration for Stone’s Buddies, a program that provides a network of care for chronically ill children who are patients at Women & Children’s Hospital. To meet more of Stone’s Buddies and for more information on this terrific program, go to http://www.stonesbuddies.org/about/.

“Three years ago, our family was blessed with Gavin, who was not expected to live through the night. Gavin was diagnosed with an extremely rare neuromuscular disease, nemaline myopathy, and spent seven months in the NICU at Women & Children’s Hospital. The disease is characterized by muscle weakness, which affects his ability to eat, talk, breathe, and walk on his own. Although Gavin was unable to talk, he spoke volumes with his beautiful green eyes! They danced and sparkled with excitement and we knew that he had a lot to say! Recently, Gavin was blessed with the gift of the Apple iPad, which has made an AMAZING difference in his life. It has given him independence and the ability to communicate. All it takes is the lightest touch from his tiny little fingers and he can read books, listen to music, watch cartoons, and play computer games with his brothers and sister. His smile lights up the room! We are so thankful to the generous donor who made this all possible for him.”

--Michelle Croce and Family

Stone’s Buddies: Support for families and inspiration for everyone.

Stone’s Buddies: support for chronically ill children and their families.

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Highlights of Stone’s Buddies events and activities

- **Ferguson Electric Construction Company** supplied funding for the Family Matters support group, a six-week program designed especially for families experiencing the stress of a chronically ill child. In addition, Dr. Robert Perelli, the group facilitator, donated the proceeds from his book to cover the cost of individual couples’ counseling.

- **America’s Children’s Fund** donated $20,000 to help families with gas, medicine and other needs inherent to people dealing with chronic illness. They also fund the Beads of Courage® program for oncology patients.

- **Buffalo Sabre Jordan Leopold** regularly visits patients at Women & Children’s Hospital and supplies Stone’s Buddies members with tickets each month to Sabres games and the opportunity to meet players and staff after the game.

- **Practice Management Center and Rick Winter Jewelry** donated 500 tickets for the December 17th Theater of Youth production of “A Little House Christmas.”

- **The Jaros Family** sponsored the annual Night with the Buffalo Bisons in the party suite. **New Era Cap, Battenfeld Grease & Oil Corp., Kaleida Health, and the Buffalo Sabres** donated additional suites to accommodate nearly 100 people.

- **Xerox** sponsored A Day at the Buffalo Zoo.

- **Pepsi Bottling Group** funded a tree lighting party at the Buffalo Hyatt and **Tops Friendly Markets** provided the Ginger Bread Houses.

- **John Koelmel and First Niagara Financial** gave families the opportunity to attend Opening Ceremonies at the Empire State Games.

- **Fantasy Island** donated over 100 tickets so families could enjoy the park in May.

- **Home Depot** hosted A Day at the Erie County Fair…Ride wristbands were donated by the Swartz family.

...and the story continues.
The White Coat Society of Benefactors

The White Coat Society was established in 2007 to recognize and honor those who generously provide philanthropic support to advance the work of the Foundations of Kaleida Health. The 2010 White Coat Society inductees joined a growing number of benefactors who are committed to providing Kaleida Health with the means to continue its pursuit of quality medical care through state-of-the-art technology, new and improved facilities, and compassionate care.

Exciting developments in medicine have occurred during the past decade and Kaleida Health is keeping pace as more discoveries, treatments, and transformations are introduced each year. Gifts of support today will help change the healthcare landscape for you, your family, and your community. Kaleida Health is proud to be a leader and innovator in healthcare and we continue to invest in programs and services that provide the best choices for medical care and treatment.

Kaleida Health Foundation and Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Foundation

2010 White Coat Society Inductees:
The Alfiero Family Charitable Foundation
America’s Children’s Fund
B & L Wholesale Supply, Inc.
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Tops Friendly Markets, LLC
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Wilson Farms, Inc.
New Emergency Department honors Edward F. Walsh, Jr.

The Edward F. Walsh, Jr. Emergency Department is on schedule to open in November 2011. In recognition of the services of Edward F. Walsh, Jr., outgoing Kaleida Health Board Chairman, “Mr. Walsh managed to effect great change for Kaleida Health amidst some very difficult times,” said James R. Kaskie, Kaleida Health President and CEO, during the formal announcement and presentation to Mr. Walsh.

In 2007, the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century, also known as the “Berger Commission,” ordered the closure of Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital. Under the leadership and guidance of Ted Walsh, Kaleida Health decided to shift the hospital’s cardiovascular and stroke-related services to a facility next to Buffalo General on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, and today substantial progress has been made on integrating the two hospitals. The $291-million facility will bring together Kaleida Health physicians and UB researchers in a collaborative effort to deliver state-of-the-art clinical care, produce major breakthroughs on the causes and treatment of vascular disease.

The Edward F. Walsh, Jr. Emergency Department, which is the first component of this 10-story structure, will be fully equipped to handle the most challenging medical needs with one urgent care and three acute care areas. It is projected that the combined Emergency Department will treat more than 65,000 patients during its first year.

Junior Board celebrates 75 years of volunteerism

A beautiful stained glass window will commemorate 75 years of volunteerism in the name of the Junior Board of Buffalo General Hospital when it goes on display upon completion of the Buffalo General Hospital renovation and opening of the Heart & Vascular Institute.

Current President Susan Diefenbach made the announcement during the Board’s 75th anniversary celebration. “We are proud of our many accomplishments on behalf of our beloved hospital and we are privileged to leave this legacy in honor of all who gave of their time, talent and treasure before us,” said Ms. Diefenbach.

The Junior Board has a storied history dating back to its founding in 1935 with 50 members and grew to over 125 active and associate members at one time. Throughout the organization’s 75-year history, Junior Board volunteers donated nearly $5 million to purchase equipment, fund building renovations, provide nursing education scholarships, and award grants to hospital departments. Their gift will be given to the new Emergency Department currently under construction.
New da Vinci® system creates breakthrough surgical technology in WNY

The future of surgery arrived at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital when it became the first site in the Kaleida Health System to offer robotic surgery, a $2 million investment made possible with financial support from the Kaleida Health Foundation. This investment was precipitated by the availability of breakthrough surgical technology that is less invasive, more precise and offers faster recovery.

One year later, the da Vinci Surgical System is changing the surgical experience for many Western New Yorkers. The da Vinci system acquired its name in part because Leonardo da Vinci invented the first robot. He also used unparalleled anatomical accuracy and three-dimensional details to bring his masterpieces to life. The da Vinci Surgical System similarly provides physicians with such enhanced detail and precision that the system can simulate an open surgical environment while allowing operation through tiny incisions.

In addition to greater surgical precision, surgeons experience increased range of motion, improved dexterity, enhanced visualization and improved access. For patients, the system may provide a shorter hospital stay, less pain, less risk of infection, faster recovery, and a quicker return to normal daily activities. To learn more about robotic surgery and the procedures performed today with the da Vinci Surgical System, visit http://suburbandavinci.com.

Dennis Weppner, MD, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Site Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology, demonstrates the accuracy and efficiency of the DaVinci System from afar.

Women’s Board fulfills pledge for new renovation at Suburban

The Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Women’s Board presented a $75,000 gift at their Fall Fashion Gala which formally completes their $250,000 pledge to renovate the Mother Baby Unit and women’s service area at the hospital. Alice P. Russ, Women’s Board President, presented the check to Christopher Lane, President of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, at the hospital’s annual Fall Fashion Gala.

Since its inception in 1962, the Women’s Board has raised nearly $4 million for Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. Their fundraising efforts include an annual golf tournament for women, fall fashion show, the hospital’s café, art gallery sales, baby portraits and management of the hospital gift shop.

Making their final gift to fulfill a $250,000 commitment to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital President Chris Lane are from left, Women’s Board President Alice Russ, Diane Kazmierczak, and Joyce Lenda.
Charity begins at home and, for the 10,000 employees of Kaleida Health, that means being passionate about their work, caring for our patients with expertise and compassion, and considering Kaleida Health an organization worthy of their financial support. The generosity of those who supported the 2010 Charity Begins at Home employee giving campaign is a reflection of a common commitment and speaks to a belief in our future success.

Philanthropy plays a major role in helping Kaleida Health maintain it’s facilities and advance its world-class programs and services through modern technology, comfortable surroundings, research, and education. Gifts can be made to the Kaleida hospital of choice or an area of service meaningful to the donor. Support from our employees along with contributions from the Western New York community combined to provide more than $6 million in 2010. Following is a sampling of some of the purchases made possible by philanthropy.

### Generosity of the community and Kaleida employees assists new projects, programs, and equipment

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Making a mark on childhood cancer.

Martin Brecher, MD, has dedicated his career to caring for hundreds of children besieged with cancer and developing innovative treatments for brain tumors in children. Research efforts at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo were recognized in 2010 when Dr. Brecher was named a Hyundai Scholar and awarded an $80,000 donation during the Hyundai Hope on Wheels National Tour.

The Hope on Wheels Tour is a united effort of Hyundai dealers across the country to raise awareness about childhood cancer and celebrate the lives of the courageous children battling the disease. In 2010, Hope on Wheels traveled to 44 children’s hospitals across the country and donated more than $2 million to support further training and research for doctors involved in childhood cancer research.

The 2010 Tour also hosted Handprint Ceremonies for cancer patients, both past and present, at the hospitals receiving donations. The symbol of the Hope on Wheels Tour is a white Hyundai Santa Fe vehicle covered with colorful handprints representing childhood cancer patients from all over the country. The Handprint Ceremonies celebrate the courage of these patients, with children placing their own handprints on the car to commemorate their personal battle with cancer.
Why handprints? Because there’s nothing more personal than a handprint, and the goal of the Hope on Wheels Tour is to share the personal triumphs of each of these children with other childhood cancer patients and their families across the country. Whether it’s completing a round of chemo, celebrating a beautiful new head of hair, or receiving a clean bill of health, one childhood cancer patient’s milestone can be another’s symbol of hope. Since its inception, Hyundai Hope on Wheels has donated more than $23 million to children’s hospitals across the country to help kids fight cancer. Every time a new Hyundai vehicle is sold in the U.S., a donation is made to Hope on Wheels.
Kiss 98.5 sets the bar for radiothons here and across the country

In 2010, Janet Snyder & Nicholas Picholas represented Entercom and Buffalo’s Women & Children’s Hospital at the Children’s Miracle Network Celebration in Orlando, when they received “Radio Station of the Year” honors.

Each year, the team from Kiss 98.5 goes live for three days on site at Women & Children’s Hospital with the annual Kiss Cares for Kids Radiothon, raising more than $2 million in its 7-year history. One hundred percent of the proceeds stay in Western New York to benefit the important work at Women & Children’s Hospital. Proceeds from the 2010 Radiothon helped construct a new Orthopaedic/Spinal Surgery Suite.

The Kiss Cares for Kids Radiothon is coordinated with the Children’s Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids by raising funds for local children’s hospitals across North America and is supported by major contributions from First Niagara Bank, Magee Company, Tops Friendly Markets, Tim Horton’s Smile Cookie, Wilson Farms, Trans-Siberian Orchestra and The Home Depot.
A powerful message of hope and healing

Children and young adults across Western New York each year find unique and meaningful ways to make a difference at Women & Children’s Hospital—through financial support or donating gifts of comfort, hope and inspiration. In 2010, these young ambassadors were responsible for providing thousands of dollars in financial contributions. They also donate stuffed animals, games, toys and craft projects. Forty schools were represented in the Kiss 98.5 School Spirit contest working together to collect pennies for the Kiss Cares for Kids Radiothon. The school that collected the most pennies would win a private concert with rising star Justin Bieber. More than 152,000 pennies were collected and, in the end, Edward Town Middle School was the grand prize winner and enjoyed an incredible concert. The real winners were the patients at Women & Children’s Hospital!

The students at Gowanda Middle School put everything in perspective by sharing a powerful message of hope and healing with us all:

Dear Kiss 98.5:

Gowanda Middle School would just like to thank you for hosting your School Spirit Contest. We have had a fantastic time participating in this contest. You gave us an opportunity to truly come together as a school to work for something and it really makes us proud to see how all staff members, students, and community members pulled together to fight. Win or lose, all the money is for a fantastic cause.

Coincidentally, we are hosting a Middle School Dance on Friday and we have changed the times so all the students will be together in the gym during the live broadcast of the grand prize winner. Whether we win or lose, we will do it together as a team.

Again, thank you. Kiss 98.5 stepped in to help out this community when we needed a helping hand. Gowanda would like to do anything we possibly can to return the favor to you.

Love,
Gowanda Middle School
Children’s Miracle Network

The Children’s Miracle Network was founded more than 27 years ago with two goals:

1) Help as many children as possible by raising funds for children’s hospitals. The organization’s sponsors and their employees are doing just that—providing Children’s Miracle Network hospitals with more than $4.3 billion in support, most of which has been donated one dollar at a time.

2) Keep funds in the community in which they were raised to help local children. Children’s Miracle Network funds have helped Women & Children’s Hospital renovate the same-day surgery waiting area, upgrade the adolescent care unit, purchase state-of-the-art equipment like the $1.3 million CT scanner, and construct a new Neuro-Surgery Operating Room.

Today the spotlight is on the sponsors of Children’s Miracle Network and their grass roots efforts in support of thousands of children right here in Western New York. In 2010, our local sponsors donated more than $1 million to projects such as the construction of a new Orthopaedic/Spinal Surgical Suite and the purchase of critically needed equipment like heart monitors.

We salute the following sponsors for their continued support in providing both the tools and connections needed for us to succeed in serving the children entrusted to our care.

Ace Hardware
American Car Care Centers
American Legion
American Performing Artists
Photogenic Baby Contest
Blockbuster, Inc
Carmike Cinemas
Co-Op Financial Services
Credit Unions for Kids
Dairy Queen Corporation
First Group America
Great Clips Inc.
IHOP Restaurants
Independent Charities of America
KISS 98.5
Kiwanis International
Log A Load
McLane Company Inc
Miss America Organization
Mission Fish
Ollie’s Bargain Outlet
Panda Restaurant Group
Rite Aid Corporation
Tops Friendly Markets
Walmart Stores Inc
The Women’s Board and the Birthday Bed Fund

Dear Women & Children’s Hospital:

Today I received the annual reminder about my daughter’s birthday. She was born at Women & Children’s Hospital and spent four days in intensive care. She received such compassionate, expert care that she was quite quickly well enough to go home. We were very fortunate and so each year we continue our tradition of giving thanks to Women & Children’s Hospital by making a gift to the Birthday Bed Fund in honor of our daughter’s good health. This year will be no different.

Sincerely
A Grateful Mother

The Birthday Bed Fund came into existence some time around 1945. The fund is managed by the Women’s Board volunteer committee, the same group that manages the hospital’s gift shop. Each year more than $15,000 in donations are made by grateful parents, grandparents, even aunts and uncles to commemorate the very special and personal celebration of the birth of a child at Women & Children’s Hospital. Individual gifts range from $2 to $100 and some continue their support 20, 30, even 40 years later. I personally give a dollar for each year since my son’s birth 43 years ago. And, yes, we even receive lovely notes from grateful parents from time to time.

In the early years, volunteers would visit new moms who stayed in the hospital for a week or more. Now with such short stays, there is less time to reflect on the expert care, modern equipment and technology available that we might otherwise take for granted. Monies are always donated to the Mother Baby Unit for equipment for newborn isolettes, as well as heart monitors and even the all-important rocking chair that keeps both mom and baby comfortable.

For years, the ladies gathered quarterly to hand address envelopes and write notes reminding folks to support this fund on the anniversary of their child’s birth. Now, technology requires only a handful of people to do the note writing and we print over 1,000 labels each year. We hope to continue this program by encouraging new mothers or any family member or friend to join by making a donation in honor of a child you know and love. Visit our website at http://foundation.wchob.org or call the Women & Children’s Hospital Foundation and get all the information you need to make your special birthday gift today.

Joan Sanford
Women’s Board Member
Continued support from TWIGs and Josephine Goodyear Committee

TWIG Council Co-chairs Peg Jarnot & Deanne King (center) are surrounded by TWIG membership as they accept the Burt P. Flickinger, Jr. Award on behalf of the TWIG organizations – Blue Spruce – Elm – Hydrangea – Jasmine – Lilac – Magnolia – Miracle – Willow Oaks.

TWIGs (Together with Individual Goals) and the Josephine Goodyear Committee—both important volunteer auxiliary groups—continue their strong traditions in support of the children and families cared for at Women & Children's Hospital. Each year, gifts from these organizations help the hospital by funding priority projects and purchasing sophisticated equipment important to the daily care of patients.

Both TWIGs and the Goodyear Committee remain devoted to patients and families through annual support of the Child Life and Pastoral Care programs. The groups have found creative ways to encourage high school and college students to volunteer and engage young children to be ambassadors of hope by participating at events like the American Girl Fashion Show, Lunch with Barbie and more.

Variety Kids Telethon celebrates fundraising success

Variety Kids Telethon celebrates fundraising success with a national cast of stars and hometown celebrity children, as well as former and current patients from Women & Children's Hospital. The volunteers from Variety create awareness about childhood illness and its effects on families, generating important dollars in support of the Robert Warner MD Center for Children with Special Needs and Women & Children’s Hospital.

The Telethon has brought together communities through Satellite Groups to rally support. It empowers companies and employees to get involved and make a difference through events like Buffalo News Kids Day—a 25-year tradition. Most importantly, proceeds from the Telethon help kids at Women & Children’s Hospital get the care they need. A $1.7 million pledge made the completion of a 4,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Variety Kids Telethon Pharmacy possible. This pharmacy was named the only leading practice for medication safety among pediatric facilities in results gathered from a survey of hospital pharmacy systems directed by the New York State Patient Safety Center.

Accepting the Burt P. Flickinger, Jr. award from Women & Children's Hospital President Cheryl Klass and patient Alejandro Badillo are Carol McMahon and Ed Smith.

For nearly five decades, the Western New York community has wrapped its arms and its hearts around an event rich in tradition. Each year, the Variety Kids Telethon has provided entertainment
Philanthropy at work

Ordinary people with extraordinary talent lend their hand of help each year bringing to life events that have become synonymous with Kaleida Health and our network of hospitals. Nearly $1 million is provided annually through signature events like the Kaleida Ball, golf tournaments, Wine Women & Shoes, Festival of Trees, and reinvested to sustain facilities, train our workforce and provide the most advanced technological equipment to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of all our patients.

Your contributions to events like these enable Kaleida Health Hospitals to continue a strong tradition of providing outstanding care for all.
Philanthropy at work continued

Kaleida Health Foundation Board member Angelo Veanes and his team get ready to tee-off at the annual Kaleida Classic.

University Pediatric Associates support Festival of Trees - Women & Children’s Hospital Pediatrician-in-Chief, Teresa Quattrin, MD (far left), with guests.

Dr. Mark Laftavi & Dr. Oleh Pankewycz recognize Jack & Sue Shanor during the annual golf tournament to benefit the Kaleida Health transplant program.
Deaconess Women’s Board passionate about tradition

The members of the Deaconess Women’s Board continued their strong tradition in support of the patients and families at the Deaconess Long Term Care Facility throughout 2010. A highlight of the year is the Tee Off for Tots Golf Tournament sponsored by the Board in support of care for pediatric patients and their families.

Niagara Falls Country Club was the site of the annual Tee Off for Tots Tournament sponsored by the Deaconess Women’s Board. Proceeds will be used to decorate a new pediatric unit once the new building opens in 2011.

Members of the Deaconess Women’s Board - Patricia Ball, Patricia Baia, Dorothy Henry & Sondra Sabol - were recognized for their efforts during the annual Women’s Board reception hosted by Kaleida Health President & CEO James R. Kaskie.

Philanthropic Support sustains Community Hospital

The DeGraff Auxiliary continues its exemplary support of DeGraff Memorial Hospital today under the same auspices as when it was founded in 1946: for the purpose of rendering service and support to DeGraff Hospital, or its successors and its patients and to assist DeGraff in promoting the health and welfare of the community. Auxiliary gifts are made to the hospital in support of capital equipment purchases, annual scholarships and priority projects of Kaleida Health. Fund raising projects sponsored by the auxiliary include bake sales, specialty luncheons, auctions and management of the gift shop.

Auxiliary Leadership (back row l. to r.): Phyllis Gentner, MaryBeth Kupiec-President, Pat Dean, Shirley Molnar-Recording Secretary, Marcia Neri-Corresponding Secretary -- (sitting l. to r.): Cathy Feind, Michelle Day-Vice President, Paulette Brady, Debbie Hoffert -- Missing: Roberta Love-Treasurer, and Cheryl Schuler-Gift Shop Treasurer, and Susan Malchow.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas hosts its Annual Charity Clambake in support of DeGraff Memorial Hospital. For 14 years, the committee has presented an exciting, sunshine filled event along the banks of the Niagara River with something for everyone. Thanks to the generosity of the volunteer committee, sponsors and the lively auction hosted by renowned auctioneer Cash Cunningham, the event is always a success.
The gift of giving

Women & Children’s Hospital has been the recipient of an outpouring of generosity since its founding in 1892. We are especially proud of the hundreds of volunteers who have found unique and successful ways to help. This year’s spotlight is on the firefighters at Engine 1 Ladder 2 Ellicott Street who have, for many years, donated their talents in assembling children’s power ride-ons and oversize toys for a multitude of events and activities throughout the year. They also participate in the Festival of Trees, providing assistance in packaging and loading designer trees for delivery to Western New Yorkers.

We are grateful for the remarkable gifts of time, talent and creativity from all who extend their hand of help planning events and fund raisers, providing transportation, product assembly, refreshments, and so much more. Without you, we simply cannot do what needs to be done each and every day. Thank you!

Buffalo Firefighters — Representing Engine 1 Ladder 2 Ellicott Street
The following is a representation of gifts of giving—both financial and in-kind—to assist both The Women & Children’s Hospital Foundation and Kaleida Health Foundation in support of Kaleida Health in its mission to advance the health of our community every day through exceptional care, education and research. The Foundations of Kaleida Health are grateful for all donations made in support of this mission. If we have missed recognizing your contribution or acknowledged your gift incorrectly, please contact the Foundation office at 881-8260.

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