A Focus on Philanthropy Featuring:
- Buffalo General Hospital
- Deaconess Skilled Nursing Facility
- DeGraff Memorial Hospital
- Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital
- Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
- Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo
- Visiting Nursing Association of WNY
- Adult Day Care Centers

Great Lakes Medical Imaging, LLC, formerly Western New York Radiology Associates, recently announced a $1 million commitment to Kaleida Health to support facility improvements and equipment upgrades throughout the system. According to group President, Ken Pearsen, MD, “Great Lakes Medical Imaging has enjoyed an excellent collaborative partnership with Kaleida Health dating back to 2003. As Kaleida embarks on its ambitious innovative expansion with the Heart & Vascular Institute to maintain and enhance its position as the preeminent health care facility in Western New York, GLMI is thrilled to extend our collaboration and partnership with the Kaleida Health Foundation. Great Lakes Medical Imaging shares Kaleida’s commitment to excellence and caring for the patients of our community through excellence in medicine and philanthropy.”

A $1 Million Gift

Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Ranks Among the Top Pediatric Hospitals in the US

According to the US News & World Report in its special August edition of “Best Children’s Hospitals.”

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Among the 177 hospitals invited to participate in the 2011-12 rankings, Women & Children’s Hospital ranked 46th in cancer care for children and 48th in Neurology/Neurosurgery, according to the US News & World Report.

The national ranking of Cancer care, led by Martin Brecher, M.D., Chief of the Hospital’s Division of Hematology/Oncology and Steven Ambrusko, MD., MS., the Hospital’s Medical Director for Hematology/Oncology, demonstrates the scope of pediatric oncology services available at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. This distinction also includes the highest survival rate of Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) patients.

The national distinction for Neurosurgery, led by Veetai Li., MD, the Hospital’s Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery and Neurology led by Arie Weinstock, MD, Medical Director for Pediatric Neurology, including EEG and the Long Term Monitoring Unit, recognizes the broad scope of expertise throughout the neuroscience areas. The distinction includes the highest score for surgical survival rates in neurosurgery.

The broad scope of Neurology/Neurosurgery services provided by Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo includes The Children’s Guild Foundation Autism Spectrum Disorder Center of Excellence, the WNY Regional Epilepsy Monitoring Center, the Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence as well as the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery and Pediatric Neurology.

“This national recognition of being named one of the best children’s hospitals is a great source of pride for our patient families, physicians, nurses and all others associated with Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo,” said Cheryl Klass, President. “It has been recognized throughout the United States that our entire community of Western New York and beyond receives excellent specialized pediatric and women’s health services available.”

Hyundai Gives Hope to Local Kids

Hyundai Hope on Wheels and Buffalo Area Hyundai Dealers were on hand to present Women & Children’s own Dr. Lorna Fitzpatrick, Director of the Multi-Disciplinary Brain Tumor Clinic, with a $100,000 “Hope Grant” to continue the team’s pilot program to enhance quality and safety. The Hospital is one of 71 recipients to share $7.1 million in Hyundai Hope on Wheels’ grants nationwide presented during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. To learn more about this program visit the website at www.hyundaihopeonwheels.org

Pediatric Neurology patient Mara Briggs with her mother Lindsay and Dr. Ann Yeh. The Briggs family lives in Lyons between Rochester and Syracuse but say it is all worth the two-hour drive. “We know there are other families who make even longer trips to receive this special care,” notes Mrs. Briggs. Mara, who has multiple sclerosis, benefits from many programs and services offered like the Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence, one of six Pediatric MS Centers of Excellence in the United States.
Members of the Lee family attended a dedication ceremony for the Patrick P. Lee Urgent Care Clinic. Enjoying the dedication are from left Lawrence Zielinski, President of Buffalo General Hospital; Dr. Maria Cartagena, Chief of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health; James R. Kaskie, President and CEO of Kaleida Health; members of the Lee Family - Patrick P. and Cynthia Lee; Chris and Michelle Lee; Mark O'Donnell, Patrick P. Lee Foundation Executive Director; JoAnne Paxon, Director of Behavioral Health and Social Services at Buffalo General Hospital; Roziland Adams, Patrick P. Lee Foundation Coordinator; and Lee Wortham, Patrick P. Lee Foundation Board Member

Thanks to the Lee family and a three-year $363,746 pledge, Kaleida Health will be able to provide after-hours treatment for citizens of the community who require services after traditional business hours — a service that does not currently exist in Western New York.

An After Hours Urgent Care Clinic will open at the site of Kaleida’s Behavioral Services building located at 1010 Main Street, Buffalo. This site will allow Kaleida to bring its comprehensive behavioral health programs including inpatient treatment, outpatient partial hospitalization, day treatment, counseling, psychiatry and substance abuse to the community after hours and in one convenient location.

According to Patrick Lee, “I am proud to make this donation to Kaleida Health. Our family felt it was something this community needed and Kaleida Health is uniquely qualified to offer these services and has the experience to do so.”

Kaleida Health President & CEO James R. Kaskie responded “we all agreed that even with the comprehensive services available, there was still something missing. A crisis can occur long after traditional clinic hours are over and families often turn to a hospital emergency department which is not always best for the patient or hospital. This partnership will help us complete the continuum of care. It’s great news for the people of our community any time of the day or night.”

Child Psychiatry Clinic Opens with TWIGs Dedication

Members of TWIGs, a volunteer auxiliary of Women & Children’s Hospital, got a tour of the brand new headquarters for Child Psychiatry now located at 1028 Main Street, Buffalo. The Children’s Psychiatry Clinic is a New York State Office of Mental Health licensed clinic. The Children’s Psychiatry Clinic of Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo serves children from two to eighteen years of age. Clinic staff recognized TWIGs for their donations totaling $60,000 to assist the department in furnishing its waiting area and creating a Family Therapy and Observation Unit — a service unique to Western New York. “TWIGs have helped us to create areas that are warm and welcoming with couches, furniture and tranquil surroundings,” noted Laura Benedict, Ph.D., Child Psychiatry Clinical Manager.

TWIGs are important auxiliary groups of the Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. They work in a variety of ways to support the Hospital through special events, fund raisers and service projects. Unlike traditional auxiliaries, TWIG groups work independently — raising funds and offering services in their own way in their own neighborhoods and communities. To learn more about TWIGs, visit our website at http://foundation.wchob.org/TWIG.
Buffalo General Hospital

A Word of Thanks from a patient,

The survey I completed did not begin to explain my recent stay at Buffalo General Hospital for a hip replacement.

First of all, I feel so lucky to have Dr. Rachala as my surgeon. He is caring, compassionate, reassuring, competent yet professional with a pleasant “bedside manner.”

I was pleasantly surprised with the beautiful private suites, the furnishings and feeling of comfort they provided. Most importantly, the care I received as a patient there was beyond impressive. Every person who walked into my room to care for me introduced themselves. They were all very helpful, caring, informative and professional. I was so impressed by how neatly dressed and professional they all were – even the gentlemen who mopped the floors each day.

I have been telling everyone I know what wonderful care I got at Buffalo General Hospital and how impressed I was with the cleanliness of the rooms, the care I received, the professionalism, competence and caring attitude of the staff, and everything involved with my “visit” there. Even being greeted by “Mike” – in a tuxedo on the morning of my surgery and the special attention he gave my husband and I was comforting. Both the pre-op and recovery areas were informative and caring also.

Whatever you have done to bring your hospital up to this level, please continue to do it, and “THANK YOU”.

Sincerely,
Joanne W.

* Sridhar R. Rachala, MBBS is an Orthopedic Surgeon at Buffalo General Hospital specializing in Lower Extremity Joint Replacement and Reconstruction, as well as general orthopaedics. He is an alumnus of the State University of New York at Buffalo Orthopaedic Residency Program and recently completed a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education

DID YOU KNOW...

Buffalo General Hospital Ranks Among Nation’s Top Hospitals for Quality & Image

- For three consecutive years, Buffalo General Hospital has received the Consumer Choice Award for highest quality and image. Its clinical excellence and innovation in cardic care, orthopedics, and bariatric surgery consistently achieve recognition.

Kaleida Health’s Stroke Program

- The Stroke Care Program Center, soon to be relocated to the Buffalo/Niagara Medical Campus, treated 1,742 strokes in 2010. That’s more than twice as many strokes as any hospital in Western New York and 716 more than any hospital in New York State. In 2011, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital became the latest Kaleida Health hospital to be designated a Stroke Care Center.

Kaleida Health Experts Rank #1 in WNY for Treating Cardiovascular Disease

- Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the nation and the combined cardiac programs of Buffalo General and Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospitals are the market leaders in treating cardiovascular disease. They are each recipients of the American Heart Association’s Get with the Guidelines Award and Buffalo General is one of the first 40 hospitals in the country to receive the Society of Chest Pain Centers cycle III accreditation with PCI.

The Heart & Vascular Institute and Buffalo General Hospital
HONOREES AT KALEIDA BALL HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Saturday, September 24th, 2011 — More than 950 guests were on hand as leaders in medicine and philanthropy were honored with the Spirit Award during a ceremony at the annual Kaleida Ball Black Tie Gala at the Buffalo/Niagara Convention Center.

Frank Curci, President and CEO of Tops Markets, and emergency physicians Robert McCormack, M.D., and David Janicke, M.D., Ph.D., accepted the prestigious spirit award given in appreciation of their significant and spirited support of Kaleida Health as it seeks to improve the health of the Western New York community.

• Curci, named to his current position with Tops in 2007, has led the supermarket chain’s rebirth, including an unyielding and tireless commitment to the community in Western New York. In 2010, Tops donated more than $580,000 to Kaleida Health’s Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo through various campaigns including Tops’ annual golf outing, in-store campaigns and Tops’ Free Gas and Groceries for a Year fundraiser. Tops Markets, with more than 14,000 employees, operates 132 full-service supermarkets in upstate New York and northern Pennsylvania.

• Dr. McCormack, a practicing Emergency physician at Buffalo General is chief of emergency medicine for Kaleida Health and associate professor and vice chair of emergency medicine for the University at Buffalo School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

• Dr. Janicke, a practicing Emergency physician at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital, is the ED site director, Board President of Professional Emergency Services, PLLC, and Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. Both are leading the integration of Buffalo General and Millard Fillmore Gates Circle hospitals emergency services. In November, a new emergency department will open in the first floor of Kaleida Health’s new heart and vascular institute, the first step that will begin the full consolidation of the two hospitals next spring.

Proceeds from the Kaleida Ball will support Robotic Surgery at Buffalo General Hospital. Thanks to community support, funding for new technology like this enables Kaleida Health to provide the most advanced and highest quality health care to our region.
It was yet another special day when the entire British Semi-Pro Soccer Team – the Bedlington Terriers made their way to Women & Children’s Hospital. Thanks to Rich Products Chairman and Team Owner, Robert E. Rich, Jr. who made it possible for the team to visit Western New York, play some soccer to a sold-out crowd at All-High Stadium and visit kids at the Hospital.

Thanks to area Home Depots, Women & Children’s Hospital’s Gazebo got a much needed facelift and new coat of paint.

In April Women & Children’s Hospital had the privilege of hosting the executive leadership and the management team from Tops Friendly Markets for a reception, tour and celebration. Tops President Frank Curci and the entire Management team received a memento of our long-term partnership from Kaleida Health President & CEO James R. Kaskie.

They’ve done it again!! Known as the “buzz cut buddies,” Ferguson Electric leaders stepped up to the challenge of helping some very special patients in the Hematology/Oncology Unit at Women & Children’s Hospital in 2011. The group shaved their heads for the Ferguson Electric Company Golf Tournament and donated a record $2,408. Facilities leadership and Hemoc Unit staff took part in the celebration.

Thanks to Cash Cunningham (center) for hosting a summer gift gathering party - it’s always a winner for the kids.
Kaleida Health Executive Vice President & COO
Connie Vari (left) and Kiss 98.5 Personality Janet Snyder present a special gift of thanks to Lisa & Kent Keating for graciously hosting a pre-event Wine Tasting and participating in Wine Women & Shoes

Thanks to Rick & JoAnne Leugemors, shown here with Ryan Seward from Polaner Selections, for graciously opening their home for their very first Wine Tasting Event.

Enjoying a Summer Wine Tasting are from left Scott Elder from Martin Scott Wines; Jon Notarius from Premier Wines & Spirits; Gerry Buchheit, event host; and Victoria DeCrescenzo from Bevan Cellars, Santa Rosa, California.

Kaleida Health Chairman of the Board and Shoe Guy John Koelmel prepares to “walk the runway” with wife Marsha

Great Lakes Medical Imaging, President and Shoe Guy, Dr. Kenneth Pearsen, was a hit at the “Sequel”

Stealing the Show on the Runway for Fashion is Gerry Buchheit and his daughter Carly, modeling for Tony Walker & Company.

Thanks to our Friends at Northtown Automotive Companies – from left Joe Calabrese, Larry Schreiber and Craig Schreiber – for sponsoring the Men of Wine Women & Shoes Calendar and hosting the first-ever kick-off at the new Northtown Lexus Dealership.

Kaleida Health Executive Vice President & COO, Connie Vari with event chairs Betsy McGraw & Steve Riessen and Mistress of Ceremonies, Janet Snyder from Kiss 98.5
Volunteer Recognition

Kaleida Hospital Presidents joined Connie Vari, Chief Operating Officer and James R. Kaskie, President & CEO at Park Country Club for the Foundations of Kaleida Health annual reception honoring women’s board volunteers for continuing their time-honored tradition in service to their beloved Hospitals.

• The Junior Board of Buffalo General Hospital
• Women’s Board of DeGraff Memorial Hospital
• Deaconess Women’s Board
• Women’s Board of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
• Women’s Board of Women & Children’s Hospital

• The Josephine Goodyear Committee
• TWIGs of Women & Children’s Hospital
  Blue Spruce  Elm
  Hydrangea  Jasmine
  Lilac  Magnolia
  Miracle  Willow Oaks

Members of the Women’s Board – Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo

Members of the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Women’s Board

Josephine Goodyear Committee representatives with Miss Buffalo

Representing the DeGraff Women’s Board

Representatives from TWIGs of Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo

Deaconess Women get ready for the Annual Tee-off for Tots, a benefit for pediatric long-term care
It was a pleasure to visit with and reminisce with long time Gates Hospital volunteers and Past Presidents of the Women’s Board (from left) Mrs. Joan McCulloch, Mrs. Betty Oppenheimer and Mrs. Norma Marlette.

Nurses – past and present – gathered together to celebrate generations of the most noble of Nursing Care at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital.

DID YOU KNOW...

• In 1872, the wife of a local homeopathic physician formed a group to establish a homeopathic institution. They raised money and purchased a modest three story house on the corner of Washington and North Division and named it Buffalo Homeopathic Hospital. Within two years, increasing demand forced a move and the hospital purchased the Bidwell family homestead at 74 Cottage St. By the turn of the century, still larger quarters were needed. Land was purchased on Gates Circle in 1908 and on June 4, 1911, the Buffalo Homeopathic Hospital opened at its new location. In 1923, no longer restricted to homeopathic physicians, the hospital changed its name to Millard Fillmore Hospital.

• About 800 past and present physicians, administrators and employees gathered at Samuel’s Grande Manor on Sunday, June 5th, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital. The event was bittersweet, though, as the hospital prepares to close its doors and relocate to the new Heart & Vascular Institute adjacent to Buffalo General Hospital in spring 2012. The evening featured speakers, a video presentation and the opening of a time capsule from 1973.
A Commendation from a grateful patient

I just wanted to commend the entire staff during my outpatient procedure at DeGraff Memorial.

I went in for the VNUS Closure procedure with Dr. Vasquez on two different days. From the time that I walked in until the time I left, I was taken care of by everyone from admitting staff to people that took me in and out of the operating room.

Dr. Vasquez informed me of what the procedure would entail before I went up to the operating room and was not only very kind but efficient as well. The staff in the operating room was tremendous both times and I can’t say enough about the nurses that took care of me before and after the procedure!

I wish that I could remember all of their names, but Sherry, Denise and Mary (the nurses in the operating room) were the three that really stood out. I was treated warmly and with respect and dignity throughout my entire two visits. I was very apprehensive at first, but was immediately made to feel better thanks to the warm and professional care I received on both days.

Thank you.

Mary Jo
Kaleida Health’s distinguished donors were recognized at the annual White Coat Society Reception at the Buffalo Historical Society.

Clockwise from left - Donald & Barbara Newman receive their White Coat from James R. Kaskie, Kaleida Health President & CEO

Society Members front row from left Master Sun Chong, Jeff Addeo, Shawn Mulvaney, Jeff Wopperer, Annette McMahon, Colin McMahon, MD; back row from left Joyce Monaco, Alan Monaco, Marci Barthold, Enzo Dentico, Kenneth Pearson, MD; George Narby, MD and Ann Nicholson-Wright

Master Michael Mortens, Keum Chong and Grand Master Sun Chong receive White Coat honors as a result of the annual "Kicking for Miracles" hosted by Master Chong’s Tae Kwon Do

Management of B&L Wholesale and their families and Site Director for Pediatric Anesthesia, Doron Feldman, MD, dedicate the B&L Wholesale Family Lounge

Women’s Summer Spectacular Chairwoman (right) Liz Grader with Event Sponsor and LP Ciminelli representative Gail Et taro

Members of Maple-Gate Anesthesiologists pose for a photo at the Kaleida Ball - The group recently announced a $500,000 commitment to support priority projects at Kaleida Health hospitals. The group is represented at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, Buffalo General Hospital and the soon-to-be-opened Heart and Vascular Institute
A Quilt that will Warm Your Heart - Veronica Federiconi, Executive Director at Autistic Services made a very special presentation to The Children’s Guild Foundation Autism Spectrum Disorder Center. Students from Autistic Services created the quilt and came together during Autism Awareness Month to donate their masterpiece.

Members of the Lewiston Kiwanis are joined by Miss Peach Queen of Lewiston, Courtney Corbetta, during their check presentation and tour of the Hospital. Courtney, her mom Michelle and Kris Trunzo headed the summer Bachelor Auction which raised $4,000.

Ashley Goodrow plays a round of the party game, Gotcha! with her aunt, Vicki McGraw, Child Life Specialists Deb King, second from right, and Mackenzie Mattison and Laurie Mahoney of Buffalo Games. Thanks to Buffalo Games for donating a variety of games and puzzles.

Dr. Wayne Waz and Mary O’Shea of the Kidney Dialysis Center were presented a check by Sue Severin. After 15 years of hosting the 5K Joanne Severin Cinelli Run & Walk, the family decided to refocus their efforts to a Community/Family Night raising $4,750.

Niagara University’s Dwyer Arena, was the site of the Buffalo Sabres Alumnae and Niagara County Sheriff’s Department Charity Hockey game. Fans got a game packed with action and excitement. Women & Children’s Hospital got a beautiful gift of $5,000.

Disney on Ice characters, shown here with Isaiah, visit Women & Children’s Hospital.
Games and electronics were the gifts of choice when the employees of Ontario Specialty made their annual visit.

The Buffalo Athletic Clubs kicked off their 10th Anniversary Fitness Frenzy by hosting outdoor spin classes at club locations throughout Western New York. Fitness Frenzy, a four hour fitness marathon, got its start in 2001 by BAC Instructor/Personal Trainer, Traci Terlecky in memory of her son Samuel. BAC Managing Partner, Rick Leugemors, each year hosts a post-event celebration for Club staff and participants in honor of their commitment. Since its inception, Fitness Frenzy has generated camaraderie, childhood illness awareness and $400,000 for Women & Children’s Hospital.

Assemblyman Kevin Smardz (R-I-Hamburg) brings Christmas in July to Women & Children’s Hospital. Despite the warm weather, Santa and some of his merry elves (the Buffalo Jills) delivered hundreds of toys and joy.

With Thanks
Lime Lake Walk organizers, Wendy and Sean Thompson join grandparents Marty & Pat Adduci and Kristin & Tim Adduci with their son and Hospital patient Owen to present a gift of $7,100 to NICU Chief, Dr. Satyan Lakshminrushima to help purchase important equipment.

The walk was held in honor of Owen and the late Olivia Adduci. Due to the excellent staff of doctors, nurses and other support staff, Owen is home and doing great.

A very special visit by Clifford the Dog

BAC Celebrates 10th Anniversary Event
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Variety Kids Telethon

Channel 7 Meteorologist Mike Randall interviews Women & Children's Hospital President Cheryl Klass, RN BSN

The Miss World visit to Buffalo included a stop at Women & Children’s Hospital - Miss World, Alexandria Mills and Miss World Africa, Emma Wareus completed their whirlwind tour with a gala dinner at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens

Kaleida volunteers do it again on Buffalo News Kids Day – making it fun and festive for all
Variety Kids Telethon

DID YOU KNOW...

- Variety Club will Celebrate 50 Years of Telethon with the Variety Kids Telethon on March 25th 2012
- SAVE THE DATE for a Gala Celebration 50th Anniversary Dinner on March 22nd
- The Buffalo News will Celebrate 30 Years of Kids Day on March 20th 2012 in support of the Variety Kids Telethon

They do it every year for the kids – Children’s Hospital Employee Fund representative Kevin Potts is happy to represent employees of Children’s Hospital by continuing an important tradition of giving started by the late Mike Olszowka

Teleton honorary chairs Paula & Joe Salvatore (center) look on as the final figure for Telethon 2011 is unveiled
Living Here Giving Here

Young Madisyn, hospital patient and putting contest participant, steals the show and the hearts of all as she and Tops President & CEO Frank Curci announce a record $375,000 gift to Women & Children’s Hospital.

Local Radio, Television and Sports personalities participate in the Tops Celebrity Putting contest – the kickoff for the annual Tops Charity Golf Outing – a Children’s Miracle Network inspired event sponsored by Fusion Sales and Pepsi Bottling.

Every year, Tops employees present a very special gift of miracles featuring the child of hope. In 2011, Natalie Berg accepted with great pleasure and hope - the Cookie Balloon.

Getting Ready for Some Late Afternoon Golf are representatives from Pepsi, the Tops Golf Outing Sponsor from left, Scott Perry, Mike Matrey, Tops President & CEO, Frank Curci and John Reale.

$1 is your ticket to win during the Gas & Groceries for a Year promotion at any Tops Friendly Markets location between October 30th and November 12th - for more information visit our website at www.fotbuffalo.com.
JAM Tournament organizers - Jeff Wopperer and Scott Addeo - present a $6,500 gift to Hospital President Cheryl Klass for important equipment upgrades.

Rite Aid regional Managers Brian Taylor and Rob Augustine accept a memento of their good work from Hospital Vice President of Operations - Allegra Jaros.

The Monaco Family continued their 13-year golfing tradition in memory of Mark A. Monaco by donating proceeds from their annual tournament to help create a Recovery Room in the Intensive Care Unit of the new Heart and Vascular Institute.

The Winners of the Women's Summer Spectacular …..from left - 9-hole champion team - Harriet Ortolani, Judy Jarmusz and Joan Taggart; Chris Lane, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital President; and the 18-hole champion team - Mary Pat Schreck, Angel Thomas, Patty Thomas and Mickey Mariacher.

Patients and families from the Multi-Organ Transplant Center continue to benefit from the annual Richard & Genelle Shanor Memorial Golf Tournament. Founded in 1964 the transplant Center at Buffalo General Hospital is the leading kidney/pancreas transplant program in Western New York. Front row from left: Aren, Kathy and RJ Shanor, Dr. Mark Laftavi (far right) Chief of Transplant Services at Kaleida Health. Back row: John, Jessica, Joey, Jim, Sue and Jack Shanor.

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The Seneca Diabetes Foundation surpassed its $1 million pledge with a donation of $100,000. Accepting on behalf of Women & Children’s Hospital from left - Cash Cunningham, James R. Kaskie and Cheryl Klass with Seneca Diabetes Foundation representatives Michael Militello, JC Seneca and Barry Snyder.

Tony Giardina introduces the winning foursome from New Era Cap - (left) Peter Augustine, Ed Flammer, PGA Pro Dudley Hart, Chris Koch and Tom Frizzell.

Foundation volunteers (seated) Phyllis Partacz and Debbie Mondo put in a full day setting up the silent auction display at the Annual Women & Children’s Hospital Golf Tournament Auction at the Woodlawn Beach Pavilion.

Tournament Committee member Mary Grace Bauer surprised the Mazurkiewicz family during the Pebble Beach Trip for Four drawing announcing Jay Mazurkiewicz as the winning ticket holder. Jerry accepted on his behalf.

Foundation Board Member and 2011 Tournament Chairman, Tony Giardina with Hospital patient and Child of Hope Miss Natalie Berg.

Tony Giardina (left) recognizes the skills contest winners at the Pro/Am reception.
Kaleida Classic

It was a very special day for Kaleida Classic participant Bill Mathias as he registered the Tournament’s only and his very first-ever hole-in-one. Congratulations Bill!

Kaleida Classic Chairman, David Pfalzgraf, Jr. presents Parting Gift Sponsor and Kaleida Health Physician Evan Evans, MD with a memento of the day’s event

Kaleida Classic morning flight top honors went to Team Gibson McAskill featuring Richard Slisz, Victor Oliveri, Tom Renzi and Vincent DiRe

Kaleida Health President & CEO, James Kaskie (far right) with his teammates from left Robert Gioia, David Pfalzgraf and John Koelmel, celebrate top honors in the afternoon flight as the Kaleida Classic Winning Foursome

Park Country Club Assistant Pro, Tim Falkner along with Kaleida Foundation Board Member and Sponsor of the Chipping Contest, Barry Swartz, present a $500 gift certificate to contest winner Lou Piccone during the Kaleida Classic
Celebrating Our Facilities Crews

The annual Kaleida Health facilities picnic hosted by the Foundations of Kaleida Health has become a time-honored tradition during July. It’s an enjoyable way to say “thank you” and share some relaxing conversation and good food. Kaleida Health is proud of these remarkable teams who are always ready, willing and able to help – with a professional attitude, a smile and a kind word. Kaleida President & CEO, James R. Kaskie and the management team make it a summer priority.
Steve Lana, MD was on hand to accept a donation from Walmart leadership during the Golfing for Kids tournament at Arrowhead Golf Course.

A beautiful day brought out many local celebrities in support of WNY Golfing for Kids, a Walmart sponsored event in partnership with Rochester’s Golisano Children’s Hospital at Strong.

The Walmart Celebration kicked-off with a reception and presentation of more than $200,000 to Hospital President, Cheryl Klass.

Former Buffalo Sabre Rob Ray makes a surprise appearance at Walmart #2107 to announce the top fundraising store in Western New York. A personally signed jersey will be proudly displayed at the Transit location in Williamsville throughout the year.

Wal-Mart Managers & Associates from the Western New York region joined Regional Manager John Smith, Dr. Kathryn Bass and Child Life Specialists Tara Young and Dena Sterns for a tour during the spring celebration at Women & Children’s Hospital.

Celebrations
Women & Children’s Hospital President, Cheryl Klass and the 2011 Miracle Family were on hand to celebrate with RITE AID as they reached a milestone $50 million in donations to Children’s Hospitals across the country. Local RITE AID District Manager, Brian Taylor, accepted a memento of the occasion from Miracle Child Natalie Berg.

It was a special day for many at Women & Children’s Hospital when Miss New York State, Kaitlin Monte, stopped by to visit during her trip across New York. Kaitlin toured the hospital facilities, visited with patients and shared her experiences as Miss New York.

Wilson Farms Store Manager Karen Woskowicz is proud of the associates at Store #316 for achieving “Top Fundraising Store” status during the 2011 Balloon Campaign. Karen accepts a memento of the occasion.

American Performing Arts Network executive Mike Goo (right) with Dr. Steven Turkovich following another successful presentation of Buffalo’s Most Photogenic Baby Contest.

Ed Wright from Children’s Miracle Network sponsor W.J. Cox meets with 7-year old Denton during his recent visit to the hospital. The Log-a-Load Program raises awareness and funding for the Hospital each year.

Children’s Miracle Network sponsor RE/MAX enjoys the company of Miracle Child, Gianna Pezzino, during their first-ever golf tournament.
Officers of the First Student Group, “the bus drivers that can” once again gather in the lobby at Women & Children’s Hospital to present their gift of $6,000 made possible through their tireless endeavors throughout the year. Wonderful, Wonderful!

Jack and Mary Crabtree of Crabtree Racing helped raise money for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals traveling in their red 1929 Ford Speedster from New York City to Paris during World Race 2011. Buffalo was their second stop on the tour - just as it was during the original World Race of 1908.

It’s a Wrap!! The crew from Kiss 98.5 is all smiles as they announce a record $400,000 in donations during the three-day Radiothon. THANK YOU Larry Robb, Wease, Janet Snyder, Nicholas Picholas, DJ Anthony, Sue O’Neil, the entire promotions crew at Kiss and one of the very special miracles of 2011 - Miss Gianna Pezzino

Getting in on the Act – Employees at Women & Children’s Hospital present KISS 98 with their donation on the set of Radiothon 2011

A Great Partnership becomes a Special Tradition as associates from First Niagara do their part taking calls and pledges during Radiothon 2011

Kiss’ own DJ Anthony, Shannon Steele, Ran Can, and Marybeth Calabrese take their turn fielding calls, sharing stories and caring about kids
The Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon present their gifts of giving - activity totes for patients and a $1,260 donation to the Lung Center.

Veronica E. Connors Middle School in Grand Island was the site of a Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale which raised a whopping $1,800 for the Hospital. Warm wishes and thanks go out to Mrs. Patricia Myers and everyone who participated.

Kudos to the students at Alleghany Limestone for hosting a spectacular community dance and donating $1,000.

Abigail & Courtney Kernahan found a very special way to honor Women & Children’s Hospital and the incredible care given to three of their family members following a life-changing car accident. Students at Edward Town Middle School gave more than $400 in donations.

As the school year came to a close, so too did the East Aurora Middle School student book collection project. More than 1,000 books were collected for patients to enjoy.

Congratulations to the young models of the American Girl Fashion Show 2011 brought to you by TWIGs of Women & Children’s Hospital (Together with Individual Goals) – Through their leadership and fun-raising skills the models donated more than $16,000 to help kids at Women & Children’s Hospital.
Serena Brown has been selling artwork created by the third grade class at Hillview Elementary to raise money for Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo in honor of their friend and long-time Hospital patient Ellie Delucia. Kudos Serena and all your classmates at Hillview Elementary.

For her birthday, Jessica Phillips invited friends and family to make a donation so she could give patients a “Build-A-Bear.” Jessica gave every child in the hospital this special and wonderful gift. Thank you Jessica (center), you’ve made us all proud.

150 young hockey enthusiasts played in their 3rd annual event – Hockey4Hearts – raising more than $5,000 for cardiac care at Buffalo’s Women & Children’s Hospital.

When Bethany Furman planned her birthday party at Jenny’s Clayhouse, she was excited to invite her guests to bring a special donation for the patients at Women & Children’s Hospital rather than a gift for her. Thank you Bethany, you are the real gift.

Kudos to the creative and generous students and teachers at JFK Senior High School in Cheektowaga for hosting a pre-Prom dress and suit sale and raising nearly $1,500.
Stones Buddies

The Jaros family invited Stone’s Buddies members to enjoy the excitement of Bandits Lacrosse in the Suite. To accommodate the more than 100 children and families who wanted to attend, additional suites were provided by New Era Cap, Kaleida Health, Battenfeld Grease & Oil Corp. of NY and Thomas Vanek.

Members of Temple Beth Zion and Westminster Presbyterian Church joined forces to bring a special Mitzvah Day celebration to the Hospital. Artists-in-Residence, Colleen Darby and Cristina Pippa, helped plan the Hawaiian themed party and celebrated their newly published book “Hippos in the Hospital” with a group reading.

Thanks to Karen & Barry Swartz, Practice Management and Rick and Peggy Winter from Rick Winter Jewelry for creating a very special holiday evening for Stone’s Buddies members only. Five-hundred seats were donated for the Theatre of Youth production - “A Little House Christmas” — WOW

DID YOU KNOW...

Stone’s Buddies is a program of support for seriously ill young children and teens at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo

Monthly events are held at the hospital and throughout the community bringing patients and their families together to celebrate the joys of living, drawing strength from one another and sharing experiences with others of similar circumstance.

Volunteers help stock family lounges with non-perishable food items - for those times when it may be difficult to get a hot meal. Others donate magazines, books, gift cards, toiletries, electronic games and so many other items patients can enjoy while confined to their rooms.

Want to sponsor or plan an event or volunteer, please contact the Stone’s Buddies office at 878-7272 for more information.

* Students can receive community services hours for planning and running arts and crafts drives, food drives, and volunteering at our events.

Buffalo Sabre Jordan Leopold during one of his many visits

Carson Dayka got the chance to meet Sabres owner Terry Pegula during his tour. What a treat!
Thanks to...

- Tops Friendly Markets, Moore for Kids and American Express, Stone’s Buddies and their families got to enjoy a special day at the Erie County Fair.
- Tickets to the SOLD-OUT Josh Groban concert got into the hands of Stone’s Buddies enthusiasts and their families thanks to the Live Nation donation through First Niagara Center.
- Xerox for sponsoring Stone’s Buddies Day at the Zoo and inviting employees from Buffalo and Rochester to host the event.
- Buffalo Sabre Jordan Leopold for making it possible for Stone’s Buddies members to enjoy a hockey game once a month. Members get a personal tour of the locker room and a chance to meet other players.
- Stone’s Buddies members like Carson Dayka host fundraising events to bring joy to other Stone’s Buddies members.

Panera Breads Orchard Park and Lockport cafes invited Stone’s Buddies members to participate in the “bakers-in-training” program. The children got a tour and an opportunity to learn some well guarded secrets of the trade.

Members of Stone’s Buddies got to see a Buffalo Bandits practice up close and personal and then attended a private brunch with teammates immediately following.

Rob Moore and the The Moore For Kids Foundation sponsored Beads of Courage at Women & Children’s Hospital. Beads of Courage Founder Jean Baruch traveled from Arizona for the official dedication. The program, like others across the country, is remarkably well received.

Carson Dayka sponsored the “Heart Smart” Valentine’s Day Party by donating money he raised from an ice cream sale. Massage therapist Jennifer Greene demonstrates to stone’s buddies members the role relaxation and healthy living plays on our health.

Mill Middle School “adopted” the Stone’s Buddies program and will stock the parent lounges and participate in Stone’s Buddies Events.

Members of Stone’s Buddies at the Evan’s Day sponsored Valentine’s Day event.
The Wait Is Over
Kaleida Health’s new Emergency Department will officially open on November 11, 2011, and will be the first step in consolidation of Buffalo General and Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospitals. Located on the first floor of Kaleida Health’s new heart and vascular institute, currently under construction next to Buffalo General Hospital, the Edward F. Walsh, Jr. Emergency Department is designed to handle 64,000 patients per year with 53 patient rooms in more than 37,000 square feet of space.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
Lunch with Barbie™
Presented by:
The Josephine Goodyear Committee
The Barbie™ Committee
November 12, 2011
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens
6461 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043

Festival of Trees
Nov. 19 - Dec. 3, 2011
Festival of Trees Black Tie Gala
November 19
Hyatt Regency Hotel
2 Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202
www.fotbuffalo.com

Festival of Trees Designer Showcase & Reception
November 22
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FEbruary
9th Annual “Kiss Cares for Kids” Radiothon
Presented by: WKSE 98.5 & Entercom
Live at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo
February 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Thurs. & Fri. 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.