Commitments in support of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center

The Auxiliary supports the following initiatives:

Backpack Program

Ellen Needham Fund

Sister Wilhelmina Scholarship Fund

$1 million gift to the Capital Campaign

Emergency Room Care and Share Closet

Sister Mary Obrist Scholarship

A first-grade student chooses one of over 700 backpacks children were given at St. Joseph’s Maternal Child Health Center through the St. Joseph’s annual Backpack Program.

Auxiliary Mission Statement

To promote and advance the welfare of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center and to serve the needs of this institution by assisting the Administration in any and every way possible.

Auxiliary

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers at St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center may choose from a broad range of options. These include services providing patient contact, non-patient related services, and fundraising activities. Volunteer opportunities are available seven days a week, with convenient daytime and evening hours.

If you would like to participate in Auxiliary volunteer activities or programs, please contact the Auxiliary Office at 315-448-6100

Gift Shop

Heart Support

Information Desk

MCHC Reading Program

Surgical Waiting Room

Ted Pasinski, Former CEO of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center, and Mike Shaffer, CFO of St. Joseph’s, participate in the 2011 Follies.

St. Joseph’s is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis. Franciscan Companies is a member of the St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center network.
**St. Joseph’s Auxiliary History**

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The Auxiliary of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center is an organization of over 500 men and women dedicated to serving the needs of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center. The Auxiliary dates back to establishment of the hospital and has proudly served as the institution through the years.

**Past**

In 1869, moved by the need to care for those who suffered from the diseases of the time and desiring to extend their aid to the poor, five sisters of St. Francis purchased a dance hall and saloon on Prospect Hill for $12,000. On May 6 of that year, the sisters opened the doors of St. Joseph’s Hospital, then a 15-bed facility with a yearly payroll of $100. It was Syracuse’s first hospital. The Auxiliary was formed when Mrs. Hannah Pease, a physician’s wife, recognized that the sisters needed linens for the hospital. In 1870, Mrs. Pease, along with 45 other dedicated women, formed the Ladies’ Aid Society. They met in their homes to sew for the sisters. This group became the nucleus of the Women’s Auxiliary, officially formed in 1888. It is now called the Auxiliary of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center, Inc. (incorporated June 9, 2005).

**Present**

Over a century later, the Auxiliary still exists to benefit the hospital. Currently, the group has over 30 committees and service projects and is directed by a volunteer board. Recent fundraising efforts have provided the hospital with an annual six figure donation from the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has introduced many services to St. Joseph’s over the years, including the gift shop, baby photo service, television and telephone rental, coffee bar and vending machines. The Auxiliary works closely with the hospital’s Volunteer Office, and many Auxiliary members serve as hospital volunteers.

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**Revenue Support Programs**

- Baby Photos
- Book Fair
- Coffee Bar
- Gift Shop
- Memory/Honor Tree
- TV/Telephone Patient Rentals
- Vending Court/Machines
- Annual Wine Tasting
- Follies

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**Giving**

Please consider giving to the Auxiliary of St. Joseph’s Health Center by joining the Auxiliary. There are many membership levels for your convenience.

**Checks are payable to:**

**The Auxiliary of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center**

301 Prospect Avenue - Suite 803
Syracuse, NY 13203

Name_____________________________________
Address___________________________________
Home Phone_______________________________    Business Phone_____________________________
E-Mail_____________________________________

New Member ☐    Renewal ☐

Please check your membership level:

- Annual Membership - $10 ☐
- Life Membership (one time only) - $250 ☐
- Benefactor - $1,000 or more ☐

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“The Auxiliary of St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center is an important partner in the continued success of our hospital. The Auxiliary is committed to helping St. Joseph’s serve the community with enthusiasm and compassion.”

*Kathryn Ruscitto*

President, St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center