Children’s Hope Gala raises $200,000 for pediatric programs

On Feb. 20, more than 350 attendees gathered at The Jefferson Hotel for the Children’s Hope Gala to benefit Noah’s Children and Richmond Hope Therapy Center. The festivities included a raucous live auction featuring items such as trips to Bermuda, the Bahamas, Costa Rica and Whistler, British Columbia; the ultimate Washington Redskins’ fan package; and a catered dinner for 20 at Dulcinea Farms. Thanks to all our sponsors and generous auction bidders who helped raise $200,000 for these two worthy causes!

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St. Mary’s celebrates rededication ceremony

On Jan. 9, 2016, past and present administrators, Sisters of Bon Secours, staff and friends were among those who attended a rededication ceremony in the Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital chapel. Fifty years ago, 350 employees served the seven-story, 160-bed hospital, the first Catholic hospital in Richmond. Today, the Bon Secours Richmond Health System operates five hospitals, a college of nursing, a school of medical imaging and two family practice residency programs. The rededication service was the first in a yearlong schedule of events celebrating the anniversary.

To learn more about the 50th anniversary of Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital or to make a donation, please contact Ashley Sheets, senior development officer, Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital, at 804-281-8589 or Ashley_Sheets@bshsi.org.
The Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation owes much gratitude to its Board of Directors. Below is a list of current board members who donate their time and resources, which contribute to our success.

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**Pet Peace of Mind**

Pet Peace of Mind, a groundbreaking national program from Banfield Charitable Trust, has come to Bon Secours. The program enables hospice patients to keep their pets at home throughout their end-of-life journey. Working with local hospice partners, the program helps provide pet food, veterinary care and other pet care needs at no cost to patients because no one should have to give up a pet when they are terminally ill. A staff member of the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation wrote the grant to create the program within Bon Secours.

Pet Peace of Mind hospice volunteers are specially trained to offer in-home pet care assistance when patients need it. Many hospices also assist with re-homing a patient’s pet should the need arise. With this kind of compassionate support, patients can complete their end-of-life journey without worrying about their pet’s current or future needs.

To learn more about the Pet Peace of Mind program or to make a donation, please contact Patricia Ambler, grateful patient philanthropy program manager, at 804-287-7169 or Patricia_Ambler@bshsi.org.

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**Foundation welcomes three new board members**

The Foundation welcomed Christopher M. Carney, T. Patrick Collins and Claire Rosenbaum to our board beginning in January 2016.

Carney, recently retired as president and CEO of Diamond Healthcare, has extensive experience in the health care industry and a wealth of knowledge and outstanding leadership experience in medical-surgical, psychiatric and chemical dependency health care administration. Prior to Diamond, he was the CEO at Virginia Eye Institute. He enjoyed an extensive career with Bon Secours, having served as CEO of St. Mary’s Hospital, CEO of Bon Secours Richmond Health System and CEO of Bon Secours Health System. He now also serves as chair of the St. Mary’s Hospital 50th anniversary campaign committee.

Collins is the regional president and CEO of TowneBank Richmond. His commercial banking career spans four decades and includes regional leadership positions for national banks with locations in the Richmond area.

Rosenbaum has worked as a special education teacher and counselor in Richmond city schools, bereavement care coordinator for St. Mary’s hospice program, director of the WILL program, interim dean of Westhampton College, adjunct faculty in the University of Richmond education department and in various capacities with numerous area museums.

To learn more about our new board members, visit www.bsvaf.org/about/board.
Our Bon Secours volunteers do so much to support our hospitals, patients, families and visitors. In honor of National Volunteer Month in April and to celebrate, we want to acknowledge our many volunteers and highlight their invaluable contributions to the mission of Bon Secours.

Did you know?

■ In 2015, 630 St. Mary’s volunteers provided 70,338 hours of service to our patients, families and visitors. The volunteers also donated more than $200,000 to provide patient newspapers and to support the Care-A-Van, student volunteer college scholarships, the hospital for the retail corridor project and more! The Sister Mary Monica Good Samaritan Fund, which assists patients after they leave the hospital (there are similar funds at other Bon Secours Richmond hospitals), raised additional money for prescriptions and medical equipment.

■ The 334 volunteers at St. Francis Medical Center serve in almost every unit of the hospital. In 2015, they provided 20,722 patient visits and more than 10,000 discharges, flower deliveries, lab runs, etc. They also raised $153,527, of which, $35,000 went to the St. Francis Care Fund, which assists patients upon discharge. The rest of the funds went toward medical equipment and hospital programs.

■ In 2015, the group of 456 active volunteers at Memorial Regional Medical Center raised $65,920 through proceeds from the gift shop, a basket raffle, monetary donations and a used-book sale. The funds supported three college scholarships, and a five-year commitment of $60,000 per year was made to MRMC and the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation toward a new pharmacy project.

■ The 28 active volunteers at Richmond Community Hospital serve in the hospital’s clinical units, Bon Secours Medical Group practices and across Richmond in five Outpatient Infusion Centers. They raise funds to provide medications for patients upon discharge and are active in community initiatives such as the hospital’s healing garden and Parsley’s Center for Healthy Communities.

■ At Rappahannock General Hospital, more than 80 RGH Auxiliary volunteers help with patient services and run the hospital gift shop. Volunteers at Seconds Unlimited, a premier thrift boutique in the Northern Neck, raise $195,000 to $225,000 annually from sales that benefit the hospital. (See story on page 6.)

Volunteer funds provide much-needed support

To make a donation to one of the Patient Care Funds at any of our hospitals, visit www-bsvaf.org-patientcarefund.
Leave a legacy with a charitable bequest

With thoughtful and careful planning, donors can leave a legacy of support for Bon Secours Richmond Health System and its mission of providing compassionate care to those in need. One of the easiest ways is to include a bequest in your will and/or revocable living trust. A bequest holds many planning advantages:

- No current transfer of cash or assets is made. You retain full use of your wealth for your lifetime. The gift is made to Bon Secours only after your death when you no longer need the money.
- The gift is revocable and can be altered if your needs change.
- Your gift can be for a percentage of your estate so that your family, loved ones and Bon Secours receive the same relative amount regardless of the final value of your estate.
- Your attorney can write a will or revocable trust that may provide you additional estate-planning benefits such as providing for loved ones, designating heirlooms for certain persons and other planning priorities. A simple amendment or codicil to an existing will or trust may be an inexpensive way to plan a gift.
- Your bequest can be designated for a specific program, department or initiative of Bon Secours.

By leaving your legacy with a bequest, you will be recognized as a member of the Bon Secours Legacy Society – Guardians of Good Help. Members of the society are not only an integral part of Bon Secours’ present, but are the keys to its future. They are visionaries who recognize the importance of sustaining our health care system where best medical practices and compassionate care can continue to be offered to our families, friends and neighbors.

To learn more about leaving your legacy, please contact Lee Boykin, senior development officer, principal gifts, at 804-287-7988 or Lee_Boykin@bshsi.org.

Recipients say “thank you” to our donors

You may not realize the impact of your generosity. But your gifts have the power to change lives and the people pictured here know that firsthand.

1. Dr. Fernanda H. spread the mission of Bon Secours caring for others across the world. “I traveled to Ghana with my residency to help people in need,” she said.

2. When Edie W. received cancer treatments at St. Mary’s Hospital, she stayed at the Evelyn D. Reinhart Guest House. “The Guest House was my home away from home,” she said.

3. Jen T. and her family use the services of Noah’s Children and Richmond Hope Therapy Center for her oldest child, Jimmy. “Richmond Hope and Noah’s Children have been a blessing for our whole family,” she said.

4. Kaylee R., RN, improved her nursing skills by continuing her education at a prestigious national meeting. “I got to go to a Magnet conference,” she said.

5. LaWanda D., graduated from the Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing with the help of a scholarship. “I get to achieve my dream of helping people like you,” she said.

6. Lilly H. entered this world at 33 weeks and was treated for 10 weeks in the St. Mary’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Today, she’s ready to take on the world. “I’m a NICU baby and I’m going to be 12 years old this year!” she said.


8. Children at Peter Paul Development Center in the East End learned about healthy eating habits through the Class-A-Roll, Bon Secours’ mobile kitchen. “I love vegetables now,” they said.
Thrift boutique supports Rappahannock General Hospital

In 2003, Missie Arenson began volunteering at Seconds Unlimited, the premier thrift boutique in the Northern Neck, which raises funds for Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital. Two years later, she became manager of the popular shopping spot.

With her staff of 45-55 creative volunteers, the store thrives on donations of “gently used” clothing and household goods priced from $3 to $5. The store, located at 77 Irvington Road in Kilmarnock, serves shoppers from all walks of life who enjoy browsing and taking home bargains, some for need and some for want. Arenson remembers several winning items from her 11 years as manager. There was a beautiful oriental carpet worth thousands of dollars that sold for $1,500. There was a beaded ball gown worth $5,000 from a donor in Washington, D.C., that sold for $200. And then there was a pristine washer and dryer from a new home that the owners didn’t like. “They donated it to us and bought a new one,” Arenson said.

Seconds Unlimited has made a significant impact on the community both through the goods it sells and for its important financial contribution to Rappahannock General.

To learn more about Seconds Unlimited or to make a donation, please contact Missie Arenson, manager, at 804-435-2836.

College of Nursing welcomes new team member

Jennifer Goins, formerly with Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital, has joined the Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing as its senior development officer. Goins will work on college fundraising initiatives, including the renovation of the Westhampton School, where the college will be moving in the next 3-5 years. She can be reached at (804) 298-3604 or Jennifer_Goins@bshsi.org.
Volunteers help build healing garden

Last fall, volunteers helped transform a previously unused space between Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital and its medical office buildings into a healing garden. The garden will provide healthy foods for patients, create a refuge from the stresses of the hospital setting and provide a peaceful environment for staff, patients and the community to gather. More work days are planned this spring when planting will begin. A huge thank you goes to the generous support of donors who made the healing garden a reality, especially Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation board member Marilyn H. West.

To learn more about the healing garden or to make a donation, please contact Sean O’Brien, senior development officer, Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital, at 804-343-6422 or Sean_O’Brien@bshsi.org.
Save the date!

Join us for one or all of our upcoming events! For more information, visit bsvaf.org/newsandevents.

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