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Jimmy Thomas with his mom Jen and Noah's Children music therapist Caroline Bryan enjoy some popular tunes including one of Jimmy's favorites, "Hound Dog!"



Meet Jimmy: One of the faces of your generosity

With cerebral palsy, along with vision issues, low muscle tone and a paralyzed right diaphragm, Jimmy Thomas is lovingly described by his mom, Jen, as "a beast." She goes on to say, "He works harder than anyone I know. I think about how hard he pushes himself every day, and he doesn't complain."

Intensive therapy through Bon Secours Richmond Hope Therapy Center has been helping the 10 year-old work on his balance and strength to help out when he's getting dressed or being moved. His family notices these differences in day-to-day activities. The family is also seeing the impact of the Noah's

Children community. Jimmy and his three younger siblings see the Noah's Children team as friends. The music therapy, family-focused events and spiritual support have been nothing short of life-changing.

The Thomas family now participates in inclusive racing, which has been a rewarding way to bond as a family and with others in the community. Jen says she doesn't know how they'd function day-to-day or get through the hard times without these Bon Secours groups. Generous contributions make these services possible and, with a smile like Jimmy's, the gratitude is felt a million times over.

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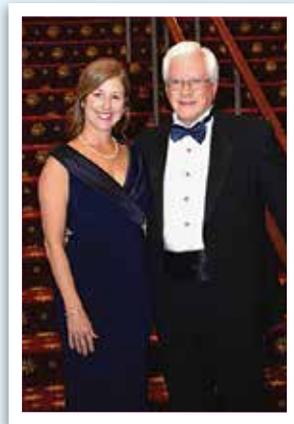


Children's Hope Gala celebrates milestones

More than 340 attendees celebrated the 20th anniversary of Noah's Children and the expansion of the Richmond Hope Therapy Center at the 2017 Children's Hope Gala. The March 18th event at The Jefferson Hotel featured live and silent auctions where bidders could win items like artwork from local artists, trips

to fabulous places like Los Cabos and the Cotswolds, stunning jewelry and more.

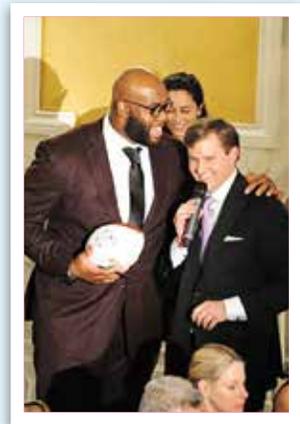
The generosity of sponsors, attendees, auction bidders, and other donors helped raise more than \$200K for these two remarkable Bon Secours partners.



Cindy Richards, founder of Richmond Hope Therapy Center and Bob Archuleta, founder of Noah's Children



The Richmond Hope Therapy Center team takes a selfie before the event begins



Redskins offensive tackle Morgan Moses signs a football auctioned off by enthusiastic auctioneer Justin Swisher



The Children's Hope Gala wouldn't be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the gala committee. 2017 gala committee co-chairs are Becky Sirpis (far left, front row) and Lauren Hepper (third from left, front row).



Mike and Melanie Baker offer the reflection to kick off the evening's program. The Bakers' daughter Elsie has been wonderfully impacted by the services of both Noah's Children and Richmond Hope Therapy Center.

Richmond Hope Therapy Center team ready for updated space

For several months, the team at Richmond Hope Therapy Center could not stop talking about the renovations taking place at their facility that will give them the opportunity to serve more patients in more ways.

By May, the staff will move back into their Innsbrook-area location that will be nearly 2,500 square feet larger than before. New therapy equipment will be available, along with a few new team members. In addition to hiring a new physical therapist, an occupational therapist and a speech and language pathologist will join the mix.

Richmond Hope Therapy Center founder Cindy Richards says, "The support for this project has been outstanding. I have not been able to contain my excitement and gratitude for this expansion of our services and cannot wait to show it off... It will surely impact our current patients and I look forward to the services and hope we can bring to more children in the future."



Employee Giving Campaign raises more than \$160,000

Bon Secours employees are heroes every day as they display their super powers of compassion and healing, and the 2016 employee giving campaign brought out another super power of generosity. More than \$160,000 was raised in a few short weeks. The campaign raised funds for all areas of Bon Secours services, including the Evelyn D. Reinhart Guest House, the Community Hospice House, Noah's Children, Pet Peace of Mind, the Memorial College of Nursing, Care-A-Van, as well as each of the hospitals and their various funds supporting patients, nursing excellence, and other enhancement opportunities.

Shout out to the employees at St. Francis Medical Center and the Bon Secours Medical Group for greatly exceeding their participation and dollar goals from the year before. Each contribution from all of the Bon Secours teams will greatly impact our patients and their families. The Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation is extremely grateful!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Below is a list of current board members who donate their time and resources to the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation. Their contributions to our success are very appreciated.

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Meet our new board members

There are 10 new members of the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation board of directors. They come with a wealth of professional, educational and volunteer

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experiences that will be a great asset to meeting fundraising goals and supporting programs vital to our community’s health and well-being.

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Bocciarelli, Tamara Charity-Brown, Betty Neal Crutcher, Greer P. Jackson Jr., Corey L. Nesmith, Paula L. Peaden, Rupa Tak, and Thomas Winfree.

Cindy Reynolds, chief executive officer of the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation says, “This group of philanthropic individuals brings new perspectives, new contacts and unique circles of influence to our board, while all having the same understanding and compassion for supporting the Bon Secours Health System. Each of these new members will help us

connect to the broader community to ensure those at greatest need in our community are reached.”

To learn more about our new board members, please visit bsvaf.org/about/board.

Returning the favor in nursing education

Mary Kay Rotert started on her nursing career path as a young girl, reading all the books in the Cherry Ames series which illustrates Cherry's nursing adventures. She believes nursing is a

“Mary Kay is an inspiration; we are grateful to her for her generosity,” said Melanie H. Green, Ph.D., RN, provost, Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing.

calling. Eventually, her formal nursing education began. She says “I had to search out every nursing or financial scholarship I could find, and now I feel an obligation to give back to the next generation of nursing students.”

Mary Kay, a member of the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation board of directors, has created an endowed scholarship for the students of the Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing. She is a firm believer in continuing education and nurses reaching their full desired potential in the medical field. She is delighted to play a part in providing students the resources to do that.

“This gift fulfills my professional obligation, and also fulfills for me personal satisfaction best described by St. Luke: To whom much is given, much is expected.”



Mary Kay Rotert

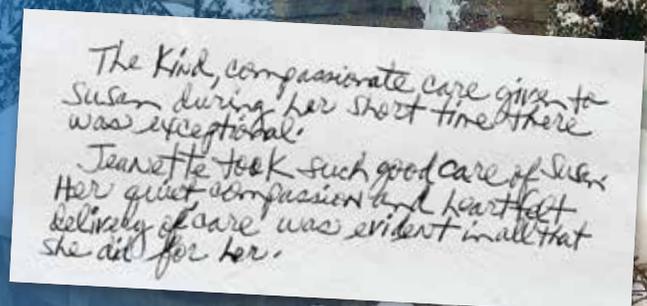
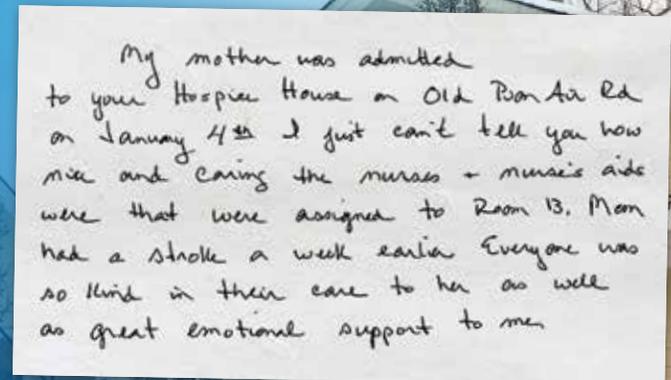
For more information on creating a scholarship for the students at the Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing, please contact Jennifer Goins at jennifer_goins@bshsi.org.

With a full house, Community Hospice House building updates continue

Since opening in 2015, the Community Hospice House in Bon Air has served more than 150 families; families who are going through a whirlwind of emotions and looking for strength, comfort and support. The response from the community has been overwhelming with more than 15 health systems, home care and hospice organizations referring patients to the Hospice House. Thank you notes are received regularly from family members who are touched by the compassion and care their loved ones received.

Often at capacity, the 16-bed facility is looking to complete a portion of the building that will link the East and West halls and enclose the courtyard. The House is currently in the shape of a “U,” so the new construction will provide easier indoor access to patient rooms for families, physicians, nurses and transportation providers. The connector will also be designed to serve as a weather-safe zone for anyone in the House during severe storms. This much-needed update will only improve the care provided to those facing an end-of-life journey.

If you'd like to learn more about the Community Hospice House or support this project, please contact Keith McMullin at keith_mcmullin@bshsi.org.





*Donate
your books to
any Little Free
Library!*

Children from Central Montessori School stock one of Richmond Community Hospital's Little Free Libraries. Grateful and proud hospital staff cheer them on. The children are posing with Chief Medical Officer Dr. Richard Bennett Jr., Richmond Community Hospital Volunteer Coordinator Monica Cort, and Senior Development Officer with the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation Sean O'Brien.



Little Free Libraries receive donations from young donors

Service learning is an important part of the curriculum at Richmond's Central Montessori School. They focus on giving back to the Church Hill community. The Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary classes recently made two trips to Richmond Community Hospital to make book deliveries for the Little Free Libraries. Books for all ages are available at each entrance of the hospital.

The Little Free Library stations at Richmond Community Hospital were built with donor support in 2015 and are often being restocked as the books head out into new readers' hands. Nurse practitioner and mother of one of the young donors, Alysha Nakoneczny says, "The Little Free Library is not only an amazing way to get books circulating in our community, but it's also a little piece of comfort at the hospital. I encourage anyone who loves to read as much as these kids do to donate their books to any Little Free Library."

One young volunteer certainly sums it up quite well, "Books are awesome and everyone needs books! Kids and adults should always be learning."



Save the date!

Lexus of Richmond

**Champions for
Charity Golf
Tournament
June 15, 2017**

benefitting
Bon Secours East
End community
health programs

Have you toured the Sarah Garland Jones Center yet?

The East End community center, named to honor the first black female physician to pass the Virginia Board of Medicine and one of the founders of what is now Richmond Community

facility, but it's open for visitors.

Tuesday Tours kicked off in March to allow community members to see the cafe that will be great for coffee with friends, the demonstra-

tion kitchen that will soon be ready for healthy meal preparation lessons, and the multipurpose community room that will be filled with educational opportunities for all ages. These tours also highlight the partnerships Bon Secours is building with organizations like Peter Paul

"Through my work with the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation, I've seen the work being done in the East End of Richmond that will have a long-term impact on the lives of people of all ages. The new Sarah Garland Jones Center and other area programs are bringing educational opportunities for these families to live a healthier lifestyle. I'm proud to be a small part in raising awareness of this work and the continuing need in the East End."

- Tom Flood, General Manager, Lexus of Richmond

Development Center, Tricycle Gardens, USDA and Church Hill Activities and Tutoring (CHAT).

Hospital, has been weaving itself into the local chatter. The Bon Secours Center for Healthy Living Sarah Garland Jones Center brings healthy lifestyle practices and community engagement to those throughout Richmond's East End and beyond. Construction is almost complete on the

If you'd like to attend a Tuesday Tour or to learn more about the center, please email BSV-healthy-comm_east@bshsi.org.

Reinhart Guest House donations offer sustainability for ministry of hospitality

In the spring of 2014, the Evelyn D. Reinhart Guest House was dedicated in the presence of donors, Bon Secours leaders, volunteers and community guests. On that day of celebration, an important stage in the continuum of care and a vital element of the ministry of hospitality at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital joined together. Since welcoming its first guest, the Reinhart Guest House has served more than 3,000 families in need, offering not just a home away from home, but also a sanctuary of compassion for caregivers and families of patients at

St. Mary's. In 2016, with a strong desire to ensure this ministry remains viable for years to come Bud Reinhart and family generously established the Evelyn D. Reinhart Endowment with a challenge to raise \$500,000 by December 31, 2017. With a \$250,000 match and an initial investment of \$250,000 by the Reinharts, the \$1 million endowment will help sustain the Guest House operations.

To learn more about the endowment or other ways to give, please contact Lisa Patten at lisa_patten@bshsi.org.



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June 8, 2017

Rockin' on the Avenue
Evelyn D. Reinhart Guest House

September 25, 2017

Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation Charity Golf Tournament
Country Club of Virginia

October 22, 2017

Wine, Women & Shoes
*Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/
Short Pump*



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JUNE 8, 2017 6-9 PM

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