

INSPIRING GENER SITY



*State-of-the-Art Cancer Center
Opens in Dearborn County
Bringing Quality Care
Close to Home.*

THE MISSION OF ST. ELIZABETH FOUNDATION

... is to inspire and connect our generous community with St. Elizabeth programs and projects dedicated to improving the health of our families, friends and neighbors. We will elevate St. Elizabeth to lead the communities we serve to be among the healthiest in America.

In this issue, you'll get a glimpse of the newly opened St. Elizabeth Dearborn Cancer Center and the exceptional continuum of care now available in Greendale, Indiana. This endeavor would not have been possible without the generous support of the Southeastern Indiana community – and their unwavering commitment to bringing cancer care local. Thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to this historic initiative. You'll also read about a significant donation we received from longtime friends of the Foundation, Houchens Insurance Group, which will support both the Edgewood Cancer Center and the Florence Wormald Heart & Vascular Institute. We're incredibly grateful for their ongoing dedication to healthcare improvement, and we're excited to see the positive impact this gift will have on our community.

As a nonprofit, St. Elizabeth Healthcare relies on our community's generosity and shared commitment to elevate and improve patient care. Time and again, our neighbors have risen to the challenge of meeting our region's growing healthcare needs and bringing superior care closer to home. This spring, propelled by the generosity of the local community, the Dearborn Cancer Center opened its doors, ushering in a new era in cancer care in Southeastern Indiana. With services ranging from advanced diagnostics and state-of-the-art treatment to cutting-edge clinical trials and wraparound support, it will make a profound difference, not only in our region's fight against cancer but in the individual journeys of patients and families, who can now access world-class cancer care right in their own backyard. It's yet another example of how, together, we're building a healthier future for all.



Carri Chandler

Vice President,
St. Elizabeth Foundation



Bob Hoffer

Chair, St. Elizabeth Foundation
Managing Partner, DBL Law



SAMARITAN SPOTLIGHT: Matt & Jen Swendiman

"It was a happy accident." That's how Matt Swendiman describes the circumstances that brought him and his wife, Jen, to Northern Kentucky from Washington, D.C., in 2006. And it didn't take long for them to put down new roots.

One of the couple's Park Hills neighbors, former St. Elizabeth Provider Network President & CEO Chris Carle, approached Matt with an invitation to learn more about the nonprofit healthcare organization, and a new passion – and friendship – was born.

Eighteen years later, Matt is seven years into a role as chair of the St. Elizabeth Foundation Samaritan Committee. The financial services attorney also serves on the organization's audit, finance and investment committees.

Over the years, Matt and Jen have dedicated their time and treasure to a number of other

local organizations and causes, including Horizon Community Funds, Catholic Charities, Trinity Episcopal Church, Xavier University, Northern Kentucky Association of Realtors – Jen is president-elect – and the American Cancer Society's Men Wear Pink campaign.

"We've met so many people and been a part of so much because we were willing to share and offer up that time," explains Matt. *"We've definitely gotten more out of it than we ever imagined."*

When they're not volunteering, you'll find them running from lacrosse matches to track meets, in support of their younger children, Charlie and Maggie, or checking in on their oldest son, Jack, and his newlywed wife, Stephanie, who live in Virginia.

HONORING HENRIETTA CLEVELAND WITH FOUNDERS WEEK CELEBRATIONS



St. Elizabeth associates united to mark a milestone for St. Elizabeth Healthcare with the first Founders Week celebration honoring the legacy of Henrietta Cleveland. She led the efforts to establish St. Elizabeth Hospital on Seventh Street in Covington on January 23, 1861. Founders Week is a new addition to the Associate Vision Campaign to show appreciation to our generous associates for their support and the work they do for the system every day.

Channeling her own grief and sorrow after losing both of her children and husband, Henrietta Cleveland made it her mission to care for the poor and sick on the streets of her hometown with the help of the Diocese of Covington and the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor.

St. Elizabeth Foundation marked the 163rd anniversary with Founders Week events to celebrate Henrietta Cleveland's work and honor those both past and present who provide the innovative and compassionate care our community relies upon. The commemorative events included a special mass at the Chapel in St. Elizabeth – Edgewood and treats to thank associates.

"While we have grown alongside the community we serve, our purpose has remained the same. We still provide high-quality, compassionate care to our family, friends and neighbors and we remain deeply rooted in our community," said Carri Chandler, Vice President St. Elizabeth Foundation.

For more on the history of St. Elizabeth, visit stelizabeth.com/care/history/

HOUCHENS INSURANCE GROUP DONATES \$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT VITAL PROGRAMS



“From prevention to diagnosis to treatment, we hope to make a positive impact on people in Northern Kentucky who are touched by cancer or heart disease and their families,” said Andy Barker, CEO Houchens Insurance Group.

Houchens Insurance Group, longtime supporters of St. Elizabeth Foundation, expanded its investment in our region by making its largest donation to date to support our community’s well-being and vital St. Elizabeth Healthcare programs.

Houchens Insurance Group donated \$1 million to support the Edgewood Cancer Center and the Florence Wormald Heart & Vascular Institute, amplifying the donation’s impact across two crucial areas of healthcare.

“We are avid supporters of St. Elizabeth Healthcare and the invaluable service it provides to the community,” said Bill Holocher, Executive Vice President at Houchens Insurance Group.

Houchens Insurance Group announced the donation on January 26th at St. Elizabeth Healthcare’s State of the System annual address.

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

With the generous support of our community, St. Elizabeth Foundation helps ensure a continuum of outstanding, compassionate health care for our families, friends and neighbors.

Together, we'll continue to make a lasting impact *right here at home.*

GENEROSITY HEALS

Expanding Services and Programs

- St. Elizabeth Dearborn Cancer Center opened to the public in May 2024 with support of the Foundation's generous donors.
- First "See, Test & Treat" event to give uninsured women same-day access to cancer screenings and care planning.

2023 EVENTS

Supporting the region by sponsoring, attending, or volunteering at St. Elizabeth Foundation events.

17 NEW SPONSORS

across three signature events.

RECORD LEVEL SPONSORSHIPS

for the Style Show.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

yet at St. Elizabeth Style Show with nearly 500 guests attending in 2023.

GOLF PARTEE GROWTH

As the 45th anniversary of the annual event approaches, with nearly 500 golfers participating in 2023.

GENEROSITY BUILDS COMMUNITY

The Foundation raised nearly \$9 million in 2023.

- Launched its 11th Vision Campaign, focused on supporting associate well-being, food security and Associate Crisis Fund.
- More than 250 physicians are Caduceus Members of the Samaritan Society.

GRANTS



24 grants obtained



\$5.4M in grant funds secured

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Grant sponsored programs support projects addressing social determinants of health which include:

- Transportation assistance.
- Services for Substance Use Disorder and Survivors of Violent Acts.
- Provide mammograms for uninsured women.
- Fund care gaps across the healthcare system for those in need.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

CONNECT WITH
OUR GENEROUS
COMMUNITY BY
JOINING OUR
2024 EVENTS!



Golf ParTee

Dan Brannon and his foursome celebrate a successful putt during a round at Golf ParTee.



Golf ParTee

Left to Right: Stephanie Bonfilio and Nicole Rapier



Golf ParTee

Left to Right: Jonathan Thornberry, Nick Dorman, Paul Krallman, and Cory Curry



Candyland Style Show

Left to Right: Deborah Ramirez, Margo Baumgardner, Charia Mam, Maddy Recker and Nola Bilz



Candyland Style Show

Terry Foster, RN, Foundation's Ambassador with his granddaughter Ruby.



The Golf Classic

Adam Spaulding celebrates with his foursome on the course.



Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Left to Right: Mike Hayward, Ricardo Horn and Bill Banks



Samaritan Celebration

St. Elizabeth executives gather together with friends at the Samaritan dinner.



St. Elizabeth Annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon honored more than 200 Veterans.



Samaritan Celebration

Left to Right: Sara Browne and Michael Browne



Night to Remember

Left to Right: Natalie Ciulla, Debbie Holloran, Shannon Scherrer, Lynn Berberich, Dr. Lauren Roth, St. Elizabeth Hospice Medical Director, Sarah Curtis and Janet Bridwell



Night to Remember

Left to Right: Sarah Curtis, Kelly Lenhardt and Amy Thompson

A NEW ERA IN CANCER CARE – CLOSER TO HOME

On April 29, St. Elizabeth Healthcare opened the doors to the highly anticipated Dearborn Cancer Center and a new era in cancer care in Southeastern Indiana.

The three-story, 66,000-square-foot facility brings comprehensive, cutting-edge cancer care – from screening to treatment to survivorship – under one roof for patients in Dearborn and surrounding counties. The facility includes a \$3.5M LINAC treatment vault, for external beam radiation treatments. This piece of equipment hasn't been utilized in the region for the past decade.

“We believe everyone in our community deserves world-class care close to home,” said Garren Colvin, St. Elizabeth Healthcare President and CEO. *“And that’s exactly what we’ve brought to the people of Southeastern Indiana.”*

Now available at the Dearborn Cancer Center:

- Advanced imaging and diagnostic technology to help identify cancers sooner and increase survival
- State-of-the-art radiation oncology integrated with infusion services to tackle a diverse spectrum of cancers

- Precision medicine and genomic health to more precisely target cancer cells and improve treatment outcomes
- Access to clinical trials of groundbreaking treatments, offering new hope to patients and families
- Multidisciplinary oncology teams collaborating to deliver seamless personalized care
- Comprehensive support beyond treatment to guide patients through every step of their journey toward recovery

“The opening of the Dearborn Cancer Center marks the culmination of five years of dedicated planning and commitment,” said Douglas Flora, MD, Executive Director of Medical Oncology, St. Elizabeth Healthcare. *“This has been a collective effort from the community to bring this here. To each of the municipalities, each of the city councils, community foundations and donor families who partnered with us on the journey, we’re incredibly grateful for your relentless support in bringing cancer care closer to home. This is not something that works in a business plan. It only works in a community where everyone pitches in.”*

ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE CANCER CENTER DEARBORN

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LINEAR ACCELERATOR
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DR. D.P. SURESH RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD AT 2024 HEART BALL



AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION Bestows Top Award at Heart Ball

Dr. D.P. Suresh, Interventional Cardiologist and Executive Medical Director of the Florence Wormald Heart and Vascular Institute, received one of the highest honors at the 2024 Heart Ball, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Healthcare, in Cincinnati.

Dr. Suresh was the first recipient of the Dr. Creighton B. Wright Healthcare Leadership Award, a special honor awarded to healthcare professionals who have worked alongside the American Heart Association to improve heart and brain health.

"It's a huge honor to accept the award from Dr. Creighton B. Wright, who has been a heart health pioneer in our community for the past 30-plus years," said Dr. Suresh.

Dr. Suresh has worked alongside St. Elizabeth Healthcare leadership to establish the Florence Wormald Heart and Vascular Institute to improve the community's heart health and advance innovative approaches in cardiovascular care.

"It's a practice that is state-of-the-art, but at the same time it's local," said Dr. Suresh, *"My goal has been to bring a national expertise to what we do."*

His involvement with the American Heart Association dates back more than 25 years, after receiving his first research grant from the AHA to expand cardiac research as a fellow at the University of Cincinnati.

Since then, Dr. Suresh has served in leadership roles for the American Heart Association and supported the AHA internationally by traveling to India where he helped train 4,500 CPR instructors.

Dr. Suresh has practiced at St. Elizabeth Healthcare as an interventional cardiologist for more than two decades and has been a leader in clinical care, research, and community engagement. He was named the Executive Medical Director of the Florence Wormald Heart and Vascular Institute in 2021.

LEADING THE WAY WITH UNPARALLELED HEART CARE AT FLORENCE WORMALD HEART AND VASCULAR INSTITUTE

HEALTHGRADES:

- America's 50 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Surgery Award™ Edgewood, 2024
- Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award Edgewood, 2023

SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS:

- 3 out of 3 stars - Cardiac Bypass Surgery Edgewood, 2023

US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT:

- #2 in Kentucky, #2 in Cincinnati Metro, 2023

First in Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati region to implant the Aurora EV-ICD™ system:

- New device that treats fast or irregular heartbeats and prevents sudden cardiac arrest.

First in Kentucky to use new angiogram technology, CathWorks FFR:

- Less-invasive procedure to detect and diagnose heart blockages.



ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT: Jess Fuchsman

MEET FOUNDATION DONOR RELATIONS COORDINATOR JESS FUCHSMAN!

This year, she celebrates five years with St. Elizabeth. If you don't recognize her face, that's because she's often behind the scenes, working diligently to ensure our donors are recognized appropriately for their generosity and support. It's something that comes naturally to the detail-oriented multitasker with a mind for data and a heart for helping others.

"I grew up in a philanthropy focused family, so working in nonprofit and being able to give back in some way has always been important to me," explains Jess, who spent the first four years of her career working for a domestic violence nonprofit in her hometown of

Dayton, Ohio. *"It's been really rewarding to watch projects like the Dearborn Cancer Center being built from the ground up now opening their doors to patients. The difference we've been able to make in the community with the support of our donors is incredible."*

Jess earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and currently lives on the city's east side. When she's not writing letters and managing databases, you can find her cheering on the Reds, Bengals, FC Cincinnati, and her alma mater

— Go Bearcats!



VISION 2023 CAMPAIGN Addressing New Associate Needs

For more than 30 years, Vision has been a way for our St. Elizabeth family to unite to help our community and each other. The new Vision 2023 Campaign: Right Here For Each Other is underway with the ongoing mission to provide for the immediate needs of associates through the Associate Crisis Fund, while also broadening our associate support system with enhanced mental health services and resources to address food security.

The new Vision 2023 Campaign launched with Associate Appreciation Days with food trucks delivering coffee and sweet treats at St. Elizabeth hospital campuses and St. Elizabeth Physician offices.

Over the past three years, hundreds of associates were supported through the Associate Crisis Fund, 76 local students received academic scholarships to pursue careers in healthcare-related fields, and an educational program to combat youth vaping was launched.

Since 1990, associates have donated more than \$10 million through the Vision Campaign to support St. Elizabeth initiatives and the needs of those they work alongside each day. It has also provided more than \$1.2 million to more than 1,500 applicants through the Associate Crisis Fund.



Associates enjoy free treat trucks to celebrate the Vision 2023 kickoff.



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GOLF PARTEE

Tuesday, September 10

*Highland Country Club,
Kenton County Golf Courses,
Lassing Pointe Golf Course, and
Triple Crown Country Club*

SAMARITAN CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 12

North by Hotel Covington

STYLE SHOW & LUNCHEON

Monday, November 25

MegaCorp Pavilion

**TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE A LASTING
IMPACT – RIGHT HERE AT HOME.**