



Summer 2016

Thank you for your recent gift supporting one of our Mission programs. Your donation makes a tremendous impact on the lives of families who need assistance at a vulnerable time in their lives due to illness or other circumstances beyond their control.

Mission Funds

- Associate Hardship Fund** - St. John Providence (SJP)
- Bridges to HOPE** - Community Health
- Care of the Poor Fund** - Providence-Providence Park Hospital (PPPH), Southfield
- Chaldean Community Education Fund** - St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital (SJMOH)
- Christmas Store Program** - PPPH, St. John Hospital & Medical Center (SJHMC) & SJMOH
- Clothing Closets** - SJMOH
- Craniofacial-Child's Sponsorship** - PPPH, Southfield
- Healthy Neighborhoods Detroit Initiative** - Community Health
- HOPE (Helping Our Patients in Emergencies)** - SJP
- Infant Mortality Program** - Community Health
- Jewish Community Initiatives** - PPPH, Southfield
- Lincoln Patient Care Endowment** - SJHMC
- Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment** - SJHMC
- Open Arms** - Community Health
- Palliative Care** - SJP
- Parish Nurse Program** - Community Health
- Pastoral Care and Chapel Fund** - PPPH
- Physicians Who Care Program** - Community Health
- Reach Out and Read** - Community Health
- Senior Wellness Program** - Community Health
- Share Program** - PPPH, Southfield
- Spiritual Care** - SJHMC
- St. John Community Health General Fund**
- St. Vincent de Paul Clinic** - Community Health
- Thea Bowman Community Health Center**
- Therapy Dog Program** - SJP
- Transplant Fund** - SJHMC

Your gift is a ray of hope to those struggling with poverty

Roshelle's story

Roshelle Pettaway was born and raised in Detroit by a single mother. Growing up was never easy, but life turned tragic after her mother's murder. The unsolved case led Roshelle to lose hope in the law, society and herself. She found herself in poverty, unable to handle life's challenges.

As time passed, Roshelle got stronger, attended Wayne State University and found employment in her field. Then, in 2013, she learned she had breast cancer. She persevered through treatment and went into remission but realized she needed help to improve her quality of life and get ahead.

In 2015, Roshelle found the Bridges to HOPE (Helping Others Prosper through Empowerment) program—a partnership between St. John Providence, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. The program provides coping skills and life-planning lessons for people wanting to create a path to self-sufficiency.

Facilitators and mentors use a person-centered, evidence-based approach to help participants identify and solve problems, build resources, and create a blueprint for a more secure, successful future. Thanks to program sponsors and gifts from donors, Bridges to HOPE is free for people in poverty.

Roshelle participated in the Bridges to HOPE "Getting Ahead" workshops at the Riverview Health & Rehabilitation Center in Detroit. Working closely with facilitators and mentors for eight weeks, she shared pivotal life moments that shaped her thoughts and character. The clarity she gained helped her identify opportunities for positive change and become a testament for success.

Through Bridges to HOPE, Roshelle acquired the skills needed to navigate life's obstacles. Unfortunately, the cancer returned just as Roshelle graduated successfully from the program in April. As she confronts new challenges, Roshelle continues to smile and share her zeal for life. She attributes much of her strength to Bridges to HOPE and is very thankful for those who support the program.

In the past 18 months, 109 caring donors contributed a total of 793 gifts totaling \$29,423 to Bridges to HOPE. Since September 2015, your gifts have helped 48 participants graduate from the program and break the cycle of poverty. The goal is to have 100 graduates next year. Thank you for your support!



Celebrating at a Bridges to Hope graduation are: (seated) graduates Roshelle Pettaway and Juanita Maxwell, Joyce Hytinen, Partner, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan; (standing) Takiyah Calhoun, SJP, Lead Facilitator; Kimberly Brown, SJP, Program Coordinator; graduates Michael Buford, Brenda Lewis, Brenda Johnson and Kanika Haywood, and Cassandra Jackson, SJP, Program Manager. Graduates not pictured: Hazel Anderson, Carlotta Braswell, Jeremiah Brown, Tanya Jennings and Tinisha Washington.



Thank you!

897 caring donors contributed **9,378** gifts totaling **\$680,666** to SJP Mission programs in **the past 18 months**

Donor Favorites



Associate Hardship Fund - SJP: Offers aid to SJP associates in crisis, helps with delinquent utility payments, evictions, medical bills, funeral expenses and other specific IRS-regulated needs through criteria met on an application submitted to Worklife Services. Since the fund's inception in 2009, 1,356 caring donors have contributed 2,942 gifts totaling \$540,639, and 670 associates have been assisted through March 2016.

Bridges to HOPE - Community Health: Helping Others Prosper through Empowerment: Helps those living in poverty to prosper through improvement. Focus areas include access to healthcare and basic needs support such as adequate food, clothing, shelter, transportation, a safe environment and employment. Also addresses financial literacy and education, coaching and mentoring, along with volunteer opportunities. The goal is to replace despair with opportunity for those living on the outskirts of hope.

Christmas Store Program - PPPH, SJHMC & SJMOH: Supported solely by donations from associates, physicians and business vendors to provide a Christmas for the less fortunate in our community. Monetary donations and contributions of clothes, toys, games, grocery gift cards and other items of need are provided to families at an event where parents shop while children take part in holiday activities. In 2015, 503 families/1,449 children received gifts.

HOPE Fund (Helping Our Patients in Emergencies) - SJP: Helps patients with limited resources purchase medication, meal tickets, cab vouchers, small equipment (i.e., wheelchairs, walkers, tub benches), as identified through the social worker or caregiver.

Infant Mortality Program - Community Health: Provides free services for pregnant women, mothers, fathers, men, infants and families in metro Detroit. The reduction of infant mortality is accomplished by: supporting high-risk moms throughout their pregnancy, helping babies through their first year of life, improving women's potential through increased literacy, and providing mothers and fathers with parenting skills and information.

Therapy Dog Program - SJP: Purchases food, medication, veterinary care and other program-related costs for the SJP therapy dogs who visit and comfort hospital patients, visitors and associates. Specially trained volunteer handlers bring the dogs to the patient's bedside, therapy areas, common waiting areas and other patient service areas. Donations may also be used to purchase future dogs upon the retirement or death of current therapy dogs. In the last 24 months, 1,169 gifts totaling over \$57,000 have been received.

You've helped reduce infant mortality rate in Detroit



Detroit's infant mortality rate is about 15 deaths per 1,000 live births. That's worse than the countries of Jamaica, Syria and Jordan, and more than twice the U.S. rate of about 6 deaths per 1,000 live births. But the Infant Mortality Program, sponsored by St. John Providence, has been making great progress in its efforts to help reduce the high number of infant deaths in the Detroit area.

The Infant Mortality Program provides free services for pregnant women, mothers, fathers, infants and their families. The goal is to help build and sustain families, reduce the high infant mortality rate, promote literacy and increase access to health care.

Thousands of families have been benefited from the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), Strong Start Enhanced Prenatal Care Support Group, and the Jubilee Parenting Support Group. The majority of participants are African American women between 16 and 27 years old; 98% are single mothers living at or below the poverty line.

Since the program's inception in 1986, more than **2,000 healthy babies** have been born to families served by the program.

In calendar year 2015, your gifts to the Infant Mortality Program helped provide:

- 0 infant deaths for program participants!
- 2,702 recruitment calls to St. John Providence OB/GYN patients
- 1,001 phone encounters with eligible pregnant women
- 193 participants in the Strong Start support group, 128 in the Maternal Infant Health Program and 68 in the Jubilee Parenting program
- 12 Safe Sleep classes
- 18 pack-n-play cribs provided to new mothers

188 caring donors contributed 2,473 gifts totaling over \$53,978 to the Infant Mortality Program in the past 18 months. Thank you!

The Healing Power of Paws

Michele Robinet, a therapy dog handler at Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi, for six years, shares one of her most memorable experiences with Parker. While walking on the ICU floor, a nurse asked Michele to bring the dog into a patient's room. "The patient was in his mid-20s, physically challenged and unresponsive," Michele said. "His mom was there, and they wanted to see if Parker might make a difference."

Michele moved the chair by the bed so Parker could put his paws up and be eye level with the patient. "The young man blinked and then put his hand up," Michele recalled. "His mom and the nurse were so excited that he responded. The nurse went running and came back with three other nurses and a doctor. It was an emotional, happy day, a nice visit. We made a difference."

Every encounter the dogs have with individuals may not be quite as remarkable. But the eight furry friends truly make an impact at St. John Providence campuses as they bring comfort to patients, visitors, associates, physicians and volunteers every day. Our therapy dogs had 126,305 encounters in 2015! Bow WOW!



Campus	Therapy Dog	Number of Encounters
Brighton Center for Recovery	Lilly	18,500
Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi	Parker and Doc	24,000
Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield	Wilbur	19,000
St. John Hospital & Medical Center	Hope	17,650
St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Madison Heights	Quinn	2,800
St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren	Hoover	35,000
St. John River District Hospital	Murphy	9,355

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