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GUTHRIE LOURDES AUXILIARY NEWS

We've joined the Guthrie family!

On February 1, along with the rest of Lourdes' departments and satellite offices, Lourdes Auxiliary became part of the Guthrie Clinic regional health system. We are now "Guthrie Lourdes Auxiliary." Our name may have changed, but our all-volunteer organization will continue to support the hospital, its staff and patients, and the greater community in a variety of ways, including:

- fundraising for hospital projects
- grants to local non-profit organizations
- annual associate appreciation event
- scholarships for hospital junior volunteers
- children's books for pediatric clinics
- The WHALE™ Child Identification Program
- "We Care" bags for oncology patients
- "Patient Cheer" tray favors
- emergency relief for staff and community

See the back page for how to become an Auxiliary member! ●



Community Outreach: Patient Cheer

Auxiliaries assembled and delivered tray favors to patients in October ("You Deserve a Treat"), December (holiday candle) and March (tea/candy in a spring bag with poem).

Auxiliary Vice President Denise Consol coordinates the Patient Cheer program. ●



Auxiliary presents \$100,000 at Lourdes Ball 2024

On February 24, Lourdes Ball 2024 transported a capacity crowd at The Riverdale in Endwell, NY, to the Mediterranean coast for "Amalfi Escape," an evening of refreshing limoncello cocktails, elegant Italian cuisine, dancing and a well-appointed espresso bar.

Proceeds from the event enabled Guthrie Lourdes Auxiliary to pay \$100,000 on our \$386,000 pledge to cover purchase of sophisticated orthopedic surgery equipment. Payments on that pledge now total \$300,000.

The Auxiliary and the 2024 Ball Committee appreciate the generosity of all those who contributed to the success of this fundraiser, including the following corporate sponsors:

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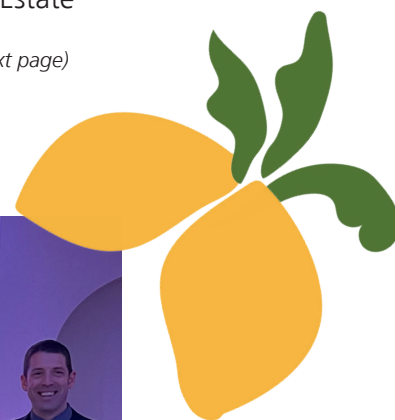
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Guthrie CEO Dr. Ed Sabanegh,
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Kate Newberry & Barb Palmer,
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Kathy Connerton
& Dr. Rob Van Gorder



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Special thanks to the following generous jewelers for donating gorgeous items for our raffle:

Jewelry Donors

Comfort & Son Jewelers
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The Jewelry Shop

Kudos to Ball co-chairs Kathy Connerton and Micki Matthews for their exemplary leadership. They were backed up by an imaginative and enthusiastic committee: Patti Dowd, Laura Freeze, Elizabeth Garufi, Jennifer Gates, Renee Kashou, Jodi Miller, Kate Newberry, Barb Palmer, Marina Resciniti, Sophia Resciniti, Samantha Schreck, Beth Taylor and Bonnie Zulick. Finally, thanks to Cheryl Marshall for being an invaluable source of information.

Plans for Lourdes Ball 2025 are already in the works! Details to follow. ●



Lourdes Ball 2024 Committee & Auxiliary Board members (L-R):
Jodi Miller, Bonnie Zulick, Kate Newberry, Renee Kashou, Samantha Schreck, Barb Palmer, Elizabeth Garufi, Kathy Connerton (obscured), Carole Hagopian, Micki Matthews, Patti Dowd, Marina Resciniti & Sophia Resciniti

Vendor sales support Auxiliary programs

The Auxiliary hosts sales at the hospital by outside vendors, taking in a portion of each merchant's profit. This income goes toward Auxiliary projects.

We are indebted to Guthrie Lourdes

Volunteer Services Office Operations Supervisor Jennifer Gates for scheduling, overseeing and keeping records of these sales!

Our current vendors offer a variety of appealing wares:

- Lavendel Fields (bath and body products, candles, lavender- and flaxseed-filled hot and cold packs, honey)
- Pit Stop Popcorn (theater-style popcorn, kettle corn, caramel corn, cheddar and other flavors)
- Olivia Chin (an array of jewelry and other items)
- Lori Rae (handcrafted jewelry)
- Rosemary Scarlet (wreaths, banners, yard flags, pocket watches, car charms and more)
- Joe Laparco (wood clocks, wall hangings, and ornaments; Joe also takes custom orders)
- Robilotti Salon (products for bath, body, home and hair) ●

Community Outreach: Auxiliary grant supports GiGi's Playhouse in transition to larger space

On January 12, Auxiliary Co-Presidents Barb Palmer and Kate Newberry presented a \$2,000 check to Anne Laubisch and Anna Bruce of GiGi's Playhouse. The donation subsidizes the recent move of the Southern Tier GiGi's Playhouse from Vestal to a larger location at the Oakdale Commons.

GiGi's Playhouse provides therapeutic, educational and career development services for individuals with Down syndrome, and support for their families, all free of charge. It also promotes public awareness and understanding of Down syndrome and acceptance of those who have it.



Auxiliary Co-President Barb Palmer, GiGi's Volunteer Coordinator & Board Member Ann Laubisch, GiGi's Co-President & Programs Coordinator Anna Bruce & Auxiliary Co-President Kate Newberry

There are GiGi's Playhouses across the United States and Mexico, and virtual Playhouses in 88 countries. The Southern Tier is fortunate to have a center in our own back yard.

For more information, go to gigisplayhouse.org/southern-tier-ny. ●



In memory of Lauren Maisano

We mourn the loss on February 6 of our dear friend Lauren Maisano.

During her short time on the Auxiliary Board she readily volunteered for leadership positions and contributed her time and energy whenever needed. She enriched the Auxiliary with her endearing kindness, cheerful spirit and deep faith.

Lauren will be greatly missed.



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Join us!

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Dues support Auxiliary projects.