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A Unique Bond

Great medicine is provided by people who care, and caring is something we take very seriously at St. Luke's University Health Network. Every member of our care team is encouraged to go above and beyond to ensure all patients and their loved ones are heard, supported, and cared for.

As a result, many patients express gratitude and a desire to stay connected. Many choose to volunteer. Others stay connected by supporting annual fundraising events, or helping St. Luke's purchase new technology—or providing scholarships to future doctors and nurses.

Today, I am pleased to share a few stories about people who are making a difference in the lives of others. We're so grateful for the special bond you have with St. Luke's, and for all you have done to advance the health of our community.

In good health,



Patrick J. Bower
Vice President for Development and External Affairs
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A House with Heart and a Strong Mission

Thirty years ago, a heartbreaking phone call changed life for Richard and Patricia Dillman when they lost their daughter Jennifer in a tragic accident. The Dillmans were deeply touched by the outpouring of support they received and decided to pay it forward by helping others.

In 1998 they opened Jenn's House, a temporary home for out-of-town families whose loved ones were receiving medical care in the Lehigh Valley. After decades of service to our community, Richard has found yet another way to meet community need: by establishing an endowed scholarship at the St. Luke's School of Nursing.

[A Life-Changing Gift](#)



Named After Champions

Horse racing fans from the Lehigh Valley may see some familiar names at the race track this summer, thanks to longtime hospital benefactor and former Lehigh University wrestling champion, Mike Caruso. Mike recently named two thoroughbreds in honor of St. Luke's and Jeffrey Jahre, MD—a physician he calls his "healthcare guru."

[St. Luke's and Doctor Jeff](#)



Reaching Further to Save Lives

Lung cancer is deadly—but St. Luke's is saving lives with the Monarch robotic bronchoscope, a game-changing device that enables physicians to diagnose lung cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage.

"We're so grateful to the generous donors who supported the purchase of this advanced technology," said William Burfeind, MD, Chief of Thoracic Surgery and Chairman of Surgery. "It is truly revolutionizing the way we can diagnose this disease and help our patients beat it."

[How the Monarch Works](#)



Delivering Hope at Home

St. Luke's is going the extra mile to ensure everyone in our community has access to the lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to delivering more than 350,000 vaccines via our hospital-based vaccine clinics, a team of caregivers from our Lehigh campus is traveling around Carbon County administering the vaccine to medically fragile patients who are unable to leave their homes—delivering hope and seeing some big smiles, too.

[The Travel Team](#)



Gift Annuities: A Win-Win Option that Pays You Back

Years ago, longtime St. Luke's volunteer Ann Clements invested in the health of our region by establishing a charitable gift annuity benefiting St. Luke's. Ann now receives guaranteed annual payments for life, understanding that the balance that remains when she passes will help St. Luke's in the future.

"Watching how St. Luke's has handled the COVID-19 pandemic has made me realize just how fortunate we are to have such dedicated and capable healthcare providers and leaders at St. Luke's," said Ann, adding, "and how deserving they are of my financial support."

[Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity](#)



Start Your Engines...

This weekend, hundreds of area motorists will participate in the annual *Caring for Kids Ride* benefiting St. Luke's Pediatrics. There is still time to join the fun—and as an added bonus, you can meet Phillies great and Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Steve Carlton at the after party at Silver Creek Athletic Association.

[Join the Ride](#)



Dust Off Your Golf Clubs

Join the Auxiliary of St. Luke's for a day of fun at the annual *Clubs on the Green* golf tournament on Monday, August 23 at Northampton Country Club. Event proceeds benefit nursing scholarships for students enrolled at St. Luke's School of Nursing—where more than 300 nursing students are preparing to serve our community.

[Meet Us on the Green](#)

COVID-19 Resources and Vaccine Updates

Our hospital-based vaccine locations are pleased to offer walk-in appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. We are now vaccinating individuals 12 and older.

If you prefer to schedule an appointment in advance, our resource center will provide details on how you can secure your time slot. We encourage you to reference it with any of your questions about the virus or availability of the vaccine.

[Find Resources](#)

Start Your Own St. Luke's Fundraiser

We're excited to announce the launch of a new St. Luke's peer-to-peer fundraising platform!

With peer-to-peer, you can turn your next birthday, outdoor adventure, or other milestone event into an opportunity to help others. It's easy to set a goal and share photos with your personal story—while also inviting friends and family via social media and email to join you in supporting the cause closest to your heart.

[Take a Look Around](#)