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## Stronger Together

COVID-19 has upended daily life. In the span of a few short weeks, we've become professional hand washers and experts at social distancing and sheltering in place—practices that keep us safe by increasing the distance between people.

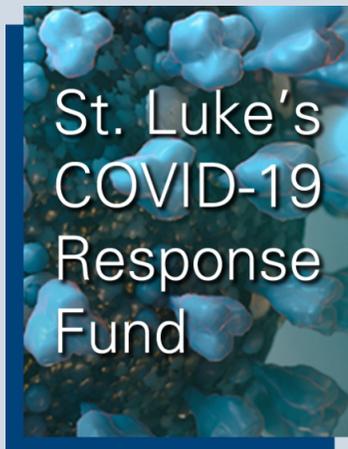
Something else is happening, too. Even as we retreat to our homes and private spaces, we're growing closer and more connected as we unite to flatten the curve and care for the sick. Your support makes a difference—and your good deeds, acts of kindness, and selfless service to others are needed now more than ever before.

We've included a few stories of everyday heroism in this issue, with many more to come. Thank you for being our partner in this important effort.



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## Announcing the COVID-19 Response Fund



The COVID-19 Response Fund will provide critical support to St. Luke's during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Donations will be used to expand diagnostic testing capacity; provide special equipment and supplies; support the extended time and benefits needed for healthcare providers working directly on the crisis; provide emergency assistance for vulnerable patients and SLUHN employees; and help offset the cost of caring for non-insured or under-insured patients who require COVID-19 care. Your contribution will make a significant impact during this challenging time.

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## A Special Thanks



In recent weeks, Dr. Kara Mascitti, an infectious disease expert and President of Network Medical Staff, has helped St. Luke's prepare to meet the challenges ahead. Her frequent emails have helped keep the St. Luke's team well informed. We are a stronger team thanks to her leadership and the leadership and professionalism of thousands of St. Luke's medical, nursing and allied health professionals, and the teams that support them. If you have any words of appreciation or encouragement for our teams, they would love to hear them!

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## An Extraordinary Gift for COVID-19 Relief



The Tara and Jim Knicos Foundation, long-time benefactors of St. Luke's, reached out to see how they could partner with St. Luke's during this challenging time. They chose to support our newly created COVID-19 Response Fund, and their \$20,000 contribution was the first gift to the fund. "This gift comes with my heartfelt prayers for all St. Luke's employees who are working tirelessly on behalf of our communities," said Tara. We are enormously thankful for the Knicos' extraordinary leadership and generosity.

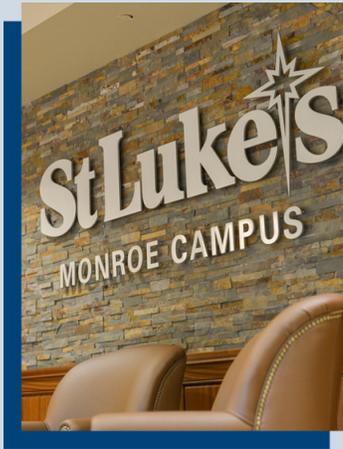
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## Donating Supplies and PPE



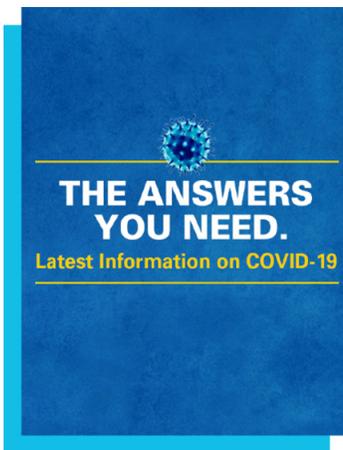
Over the past few weeks, organizations and community members from across the region have generously offered their services and supplies to help support our front-line caregivers—including an incredible 27 gallons of "rum-scented" sanitizer donated from Christmas City Spirits! Thank you to all those who have stepped up at such an important time. St. Luke's welcomes and appreciates donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies. More information, including a list of supplies being accepted, drop-off locations, and frequently asked questions, can be found [here](#).

[See Accepted Donations](#)



## Great Generosity

Monroe County residents responded to the arrival of COVID-19 with some extra special kindness as Girl Scout troops donated cookies and local restaurants supplied meals to help feed our Monroe Campus emergency department team. Thank you for this thoughtful gesture of support. It brought smiles to the faces of our St. Luke's team—proving that even in a crisis, Girl Scout cookies help make things a little sweeter.



## COVID-19 Questions? We Have Answers

Visit our [website](#) or contact our hotline at [1-866-STLUKES \(785-8537\)](tel:1-866-STLUKES), option 7. You can also find answers to commonly asked questions [online, here](#). Learn about symptoms, practices to keep you and your family safe, and where and when to access care.

## Important Fundraising Event Updates

All spring fundraising events are being cancelled or rescheduled. If you previously registered for any of these events, you will receive a separate special communication with additional details.

### Atta' Girl

Original Date: April 4, 2020

Status: POSTPONED (new date will be announced as soon as possible)

### All-Star Awards Night

Original Date: May 6, 2020

Status: CANCELLED FOR 2020

### Charity Ball

Original Date: May 1, 2020

Status: POSTPONED (new date will be announced as soon as possible)

### TGIF @ Flynn's

Original Date: May 15, 2020

Status: CANCELLED FOR 2020



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