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A Tribute to Our Volunteers

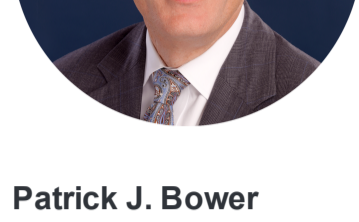
April is National Volunteer Month, and the perfect time to celebrate our dedicated St. Luke's volunteers. Since last July, **more than 1,200 volunteers have contributed a collective 78,000 hours of service.**

They are a core part of our team, and their work allows our caregivers to focus on our patients first.

Volunteers serve in so many ways—from hosting special fundraising events, to serving on our Network's Board of Trustees, to providing companionship and support to patients battling a life-changing diagnosis.

This special edition of our eNewsletter highlights a few of these inspiring individuals. If you are a St. Luke's volunteer, please accept our thanks and appreciation for all you do.

Gratefully,



Patrick J. Bower
Vice President for Development and External Affairs
St. Luke's University Health Network

Luanne B. Stauffer, Chairman of St. Luke's University Health Network Board of Trustees



*"I learned at a very young age **the importance of serving my community.** And today, when I am deciding where to focus my time and attention, I look for areas of greatest need and organizations doing meaningful work to improve the overall health of the community."*

Throughout its 150-year history, St. Luke's has been governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. These dedicated men and women understand the importance of strong and vibrant local hospitals. We are grateful for their leadership and ongoing support of our charitable mission to care for all, educate future healthcare providers, and improve the health of the communities we serve.

[Read Luanne's Story](#)

Will Towne, St. Luke's Hospice Volunteer



*"My work for St. Luke's Hospice is challenging but **extremely gratifying.** No two patients or families are alike, and I try to provide whatever might make the biggest difference in the few hours I have with them each week."*

St. Luke's Hospice began in 1986 with only four patients. Today, our hospice team cares for thousands of patients each year, bringing compassionate end-of-life care to the communities we serve.

[Read Will's Story](#)

Abena Nettles, St. Luke's Upper Bucks Campus Junior Volunteer



*"I love volunteering at St. Luke's because it gives me an opportunity to see what working in the medical field is like in a hospital setting. **I can learn about many different healthcare careers all in one place.**"*

St. Luke's operates our region's largest healthcare volunteer program for high school and college students. Many of these young people are considering medical careers, and we have structured our program to give them a great start.

[Read Abena's Story](#)

Marjorie Hess, St. Luke's Warren Campus Volunteer



*"I have learned from every patient to be brave during **difficult circumstances**—and that with love, patience, and dedication, we can help them tremendously."*

Each year, hundreds of volunteers like Marjorie work in our clinical areas to help our nurses and care team support patients in meaningful ways. Marjorie's work in our St. Luke's Warren Campus Infusion Center has benefited many and helped her understand the power of compassion.

[Read Marjorie's Story](#)

2022 Boutique at the Rink Co-Chairs



From left to right: Barbara Vinci, Carol Jacoby, Janet Binsau

*"Knowing that we can make such a significant difference for patients in our community brings so much satisfaction. **All Boutique volunteers pour their heart and soul into this event each year—and it really shows.**"*

Forty years ago, a Bethlehem tradition was born. Boutique at the Rink has grown to become an enormous and beloved rummage sale, taking place each spring. It involves hundreds of volunteers who help collect, sort, and sell used treasures—with the profits donated to improve cancer and hospice care in our community.

[Read Their Story](#)

Ready to start your volunteer experience?



If you're inspired by what you read and are thinking about getting involved, we would love to have you! Volunteering is much more than just providing service; it's about bringing hope, comfort, and encouragement to our patients, staff, and visitors.

Make your impact by finding the opportunity closest to your heart.

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Boutique at the Rink

May 31 to June 4: Boutique at the Rink engages more than 5,000 community members through opportunities to shop, donate, volunteer, and sponsor each year. The most recent events have generated more than \$200,000 annually to benefit St. Luke's Cancer Center, St. Luke's Hospice, and Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley. After the hardships we have all faced these past two years, we look forward to making this year's event more successful than ever before.

[View the Event Schedule](#)



Hospice Bike Ride

Saturday, June 4: The St. Luke's Hospice Bike Ride began in 2010 and has since evolved to draw more than 200 riders who gather on the Delaware & Lehigh (D&L) Bike Trail to celebrate the lives of family and friends they have lost. Year after year, they honor their loved ones, support hospice, and enjoy a beautiful day of biking along the picturesque Lehigh River. Bike enthusiasts of all ability levels can participate, and [special sponsorship opportunities](#) are available.

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