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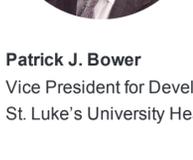
Connected for Good

Everyone in our St. Luke's family is closely connected—patients, caregivers, community members, and generous donors. It's a network of **people who care deeply about their neighbors** and the health and well-being of the place they call home.

Below, you'll meet a graduate of the St. Luke's School of Nursing with a passion for empowering future nurses; a travel company with local roots helping local kids; and a police department with a special tradition of giving. **Every story is different, yet connected by a desire to do good for others.**

Thank you for being part of this special community, where generosity powers innovation and healing.

With gratitude,



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



A Day of Celebration

This Thursday is Doctors' Day—a time to celebrate our physicians and support the important work they do. Gifts made in honor of Doctors' Day will help St. Luke's educate the next generation of physicians and acquire the most advanced technology to assist our doctors in providing world-class care. Your gift will also remind our physicians just how much they are valued by our entire community.

[Support Our Doctors](#)



Generous Support for Local Kids

Tina Dowd is a co-Founder of Sundance Vacations in Wilkes-Barre—and as a mother herself, she knows the mental health struggles kids are facing in the aftermath of a global pandemic and social media-driven world.

When Tina and her husband John learned about the St. Luke's "Your Emotional Strength Supported" (YESS) program, the couple stepped forward with an incredibly generous \$120,000 donation to help more children receive critically needed services.

[A Brighter Future for Mental Health](#)



A Proud Alumna for Life

Eleanor Massi graduated from the St. Luke's School of Nursing in 1955, but she never lost her connection to her beloved alma mater. According to Eleanor, she entered nursing school as a naïve 18-year-old girl and left as a responsible 21-year-old nurse. "I was exposed to all different aspects of medicine and made lifelong friends," she says.

When Eleanor and her husband Alfred began to talk about their estate plan, naming the St. Luke's School of Nursing as a beneficiary of a charitable gift annuity felt like the perfect way to give back by paying it forward.

[Empowering Future Nurses](#)



Growing Beards, Giving Back

Police officers from the Lower Saucon Township Police Department (LSTPD) retired their shavers and let their beards run wild for a good cause! The department raised \$520 for the St. Luke's Cancer Compassion Fund as part of their annual "Double Down December" initiative. Months later, a local business owner surprised the officers with an anonymous \$4,500 contribution to help amplify their already significant impact.

"We help people every day in our jobs—we are here for the community and our residents," explains LSTPD Chief of Police, Thomas Barndt. "The department is proud to support our friends, families, and neighbors when they need it the most."

[Uplifting Our Neighbors](#)



St. Luke's Charity Ball

You're invited to enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing at the 109th St. Luke's Charity Ball—Roots, Branches & Blooms—on Friday, May 5, at Saucon Valley Country Club. This year, we are celebrating our St. Luke's nurses of the past, present, and future. Proceeds benefit the St. Luke's School of Nursing's ongoing effort to provide local students with a world-class nursing education. Please join us!

[Register Now](#)



St. Luke's Hospice Bike Ride

Pump up your tires, grab a helmet and water bottle, and join us for the 12th Annual Hospice Bike Ride, as we honor the memory of loved ones and support the important work of St. Luke's Hospice. This year's ride will be held on **Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m.** Participants can choose a 20- or 30-mile route on the picturesque Delaware & Lehigh (D&L) Trail. We hope to see you on your bike in June!

[Ride to Remember](#)

St. Luke's Development Office helps advance the network's mission through philanthropy. Your support allows us to deliver personalized care that makes a difference every day for every patient.

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