

Garden welcomes guests while honoring patients and donors



The Memorial and Honor Garden centerpiece, a Silent Messenger statue, may also be named as part of the fundraising campaign.

Visitors to Kosair Charities' campus on Eastern Parkway in Louisville will find that several sprucing projects have taken place and new features have been added. Entryway landscaping, access improvements and signage have been added to make the grounds of the historic building more inviting to guests. Most noticeably, a Silent Messenger statue surrounded by a colorful garden now stands as a focal point to the main entrance.

The Memorial and Honor Garden includes flowery plants, trees, paved pathways and park benches in a donor tribute that stretches the length of the Kosair Charities building. Campus improvements also draw attention to the charity's location which is nestled among homes on Eastern Parkway, reminding those passing by of Kosair Charities' impact on the community's children. Future plans also include a serenity garden outside the W. Barnett Owen Annex on the south side of the campus.

"Our building and offices have become more open to the public," reported Jarrett Stull. "Our donors drop in for a visit and our community room is regularly booked for group gatherings. The Memorial and Honor Garden is their first impression of Kosair Charities and the impact we have on improving the lives and addressing the medical needs of children."

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Kosair Charities' \$12 million grant will fund six leading-edge scientists with strengths in clinical research, biostatistics and translational research. The grant will provide annual training for four pediatric clinical trial fellows and establish one of the largest training programs in the country. Also, funding will provide innovative clinical trials—including support staff, clinical research nurses and data managers—to give more treatment opportunities to children with cancer. U of L will receive quarterly payments of \$500,000 beginning October 2007 until July 2013.

Sam Swope Road Rally drives a record-setting \$80,000 for Kosair Kids



Road Rally founder Sam Swope contributed \$40,000 to the success of the 2007 event. This year, he was presented with a shirt signifying the road rally's dedication to his late wife, Barbara.

For the eighth year, the Sam Swope Road Rally proved to be one of the region's hottest events on two wheels. It also generated a record-setting \$80,000 for Kosair Charities.

More than 900 riders participated in the July 15 event. The 118-mile ride route takes bike enthusiasts from Swope Auto Center on Hurstbourne Parkway to Kentucky Speedway while promoting Kosair Charities at each turn.

The event is a group effort, according to event chair Don Smith. "There are so many people involved in the planning—Sam's staff Sue and Fran, the management at the Pontiac store, all the different units from the Temple and especially the Motor Corps," said Smith. But, Smith recognizes the biggest asset to be co-chair David Owen who even had to cancel vacation plans to make sure the event went smoothly.

The 2007 event received additional television promotion thanks to advertisements on Shopping Kentuckiana and interviews on Louisville Now and FOX 41's morning news show. The Kosair Shrine Motor Corps also passed out flyers at local bike night events. "More than half of our participants pre-registered this year. I thought my phone would catch fire," said Smith who has coordinated the event for five years.



Noble Scott Blakeman rode home a 2007 Harley Davidson Fat Boy. A motorcycle raffle is a traditional feature of the Sam Swope Road Rally.

Camp Quality campers receive celebratory send off from St. George Lodge



Kids attending Camp Quality received an afternoon of food, fun and well wishes from members of the St. George Lodge #239 F&AM who cooked up a celebratory lunch before the kids departed for camp. With a proper send off from the members of St. George Lodge, the kids could look forward to the days of fun ahead. St. George Lodge also presented Camp Quality Director Eric Wint with a \$500 check.

Ranging from four to 18 years old, children who attend Camp Quality are in varying stages of cancer treatment or remission. Camp Quality provides a camping experience and ongoing support program.

During their stay, children are allowed to be children again. They enjoy a stress-free environment with opportunities to foster new friendships and gain courage, motivation and emotional strength. Meanwhile, the families of children with cancer receive a much-needed rest, knowing their child is happy, a companion will ensure their child's safety, and medical supervision will be provided.