S sometime in 1951, someone snapped a photograph of little Sue Duff, a Kosair Kid® who wore a full-body cast to treat an underdeveloped hip. The image ended up on a poster advertising Kosair's summer picnic fundraiser.

Today, Sue Duff Russell is 65 and recently retired as assistant manager of the purchasing department at the University of Louisville. She has warm memories of her time at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital, where she received life-changing medical help that let her walk normally throughout her life. And she still has one of the posters.

A new treatment

Sue was trying to walk at 13 months old but kept falling, and doctors realized her hip bone and socket were underdeveloped.

The standard treatment at the time, Russell recalled, was to have a pin inserted. But Kosair doctors wanted to try something new — they wanted to put her in a series of full-body casts for nearly a year. The body casts kept Sue in the hospital for months at a time before she graduated to leg braces for 2½ years.

“I was very familiar with the brace shop,” she said. “I loved the hospital. I went there all the time until I was 18, and there were so many people there in such pitiful shape that I always felt grateful. I would tell the kids it was going to be good and to not be scared.”

She doesn’t remember being frightened during her hospitalizations.

“I can remember a ‘gazillion’ X-rays,” she said, “but I only remember being happy. I credit my mom, too. The doctors told her not to treat me any differently, and she didn’t. It was hard — people gave us dirty looks.”

A family legacy

Sue’s experience at Kosair hospital also had a big effect on her family. Her dad and brothers joined the Shrine and were active volunteers and fundraisers.

Today, Sue and her husband belong to a street rod group that raises funds for Kosair Charities.

She has two children and four grandkids and lives near her mom in Shepherdsville, Ky. She enjoys attending charity car shows, sewing, crocheting and crafts.

She eventually had a hip replacement and today has rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. But she has no complaints.

“The regular doctors didn’t know what to do with me at the time,” she said. “If not for the doctors at Kosair, I don’t think I ever would have walked normally.”
The fourth annual Reach Out for Kosair Kids® was held on Aug. 1 at the Cave City Convention Center. Hosted by the Glasgow Shrine Club and Willie 94.1, the fun-filled day for the whole family raised over $30,000 for Kosair Charities!

The festival-like atmosphere provided free activities for kids under 18, games that required only a coin to play, and a dunking booth starring the Kosair Shrine’s Illustrious Sir JR Riggs! Many kids won prizes such as an Xbox, a bicycle or a basketball goal.

In four years, Reach Out for Kosair Kids® has raised more than $91,000 for Kosair Charities. None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Glasgow Shrine Club, various Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters, the Rainbow Girls, and local businesses and individuals in Allen, Barren, Hart, Metcalfe and Monroe counties.

A huge “thank you” is owed to the hard work of Freda Smith and her volunteers for making this event such a wonderful success! Kosair Charities is already looking forward to next year!

Save the Date!
The fifth annual Reach Out for Kosair Kids® is set for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016.
Dawn Renner: Giving special needs kids a home

As a second-grade teacher at Immaculata Classical Academy, Dawn Renner works with kids with special needs. But she decided to take the connection further by adopting special needs kids of her own.

Renner’s first child, Noah, who’s now 8, came to her as a foster child in 2006. She adopted him the following year. Gabriel came next, in 2007, and was adopted in 2008. He’s 7. Then came Angelina in 2010 and 2011. She’s 9.

This summer, the family received a custom play house from Kosair Charities to help with Noah and Gabe’s therapy while at home. This is part of an annual project with YouthBuild, the Home Builders Association, Building Industry Charitable Foundation, River City Bank, and Kosair Charities.

Noah: A happy child
Noah was born with sensory processing integration disorder, which causes developmental delays and intensifies his response to stimuli. He also has mild cerebral palsy. He receives occupational, physical and speech therapy at agencies funded by Kosair Charities.

Though he’s not very verbal, his mother says he’s a happy child who finds joy in everything. He particularly enjoys going to Mass, where he high-fives the priest, critiques the Mass and visits afterward with the musicians. Then he’ll check the pews and put the kneelers up before he announces he’s ready to go home, where he likes to imitate the priest and conduct “Mass” for his stuffed toy dogs.

Gabriel: the serious one
A year after she adopted Noah, Dawn told her social worker she was ready to take in another child with special needs. Twenty-four days later, she had Gabriel.

Gabriel was born premature with cerebral palsy and sensory processing integration disorder. When he was 2 he showed behavioral problems, and he was diagnosed as suffering from fetal alcohol effects. He receives occupational, play and speech therapy through agencies supported by Kosair Charities. Gabriel now functions near his age level.

Dawn describes him as a very serious child who loves Legos and building elaborate pathways for his toy trains in the Renners’ family room. He enjoys doing things that are spelled out in steps, she says, and moves at his own pace, “slow and slower.”

He’s shy in public but fun and relaxed with people he knows, she says.
‘Angelina Ballerina’

Two years later Dawn was ready for another child, and she told her social worker she might put her boys in dresses if she didn’t get a girl. Angelina was 4 when she arrived after living in what Dawn described as a “not safe” situation. She also was born with sensory processing disorder.

Angelina receives bonding therapy, family therapy and play therapy at agencies supported by Kosair Charities, and she’s received speech therapy at Kosair Charities East Campus in Jeffersonville.

“She has issues with anxiety and feeling safe, bonding with her new family and knowing that the people in her life are safe,” Dawn said. “She had such a hard time before coming to us.”

Dawn said Angelina gave herself a nickname — “Angelina Ballerina” — and describes her daughter as a “very girly” girl who is aware of and sensitive to others’ needs. Angelina loves books and Barbies, and with the help of her art teacher, her mother says, she’s expressing how she feels and envisioning her future through art.

A compromise

The family is giddy with excitement over the playhouse. But with more than one child involved, planners had to figure out how to accommodate varying wishes.

The result: The front of the house resembles a Catholic church, for Noah. And in the back, Gabe got his old-fashioned train station. The house was showcased this sprint at the Home, Garden, and Remodeling show at the Fair and Exposition Center and was delivered and installed by crane at the Renner’s home this summer.

Dawn said the playhouse is just another example of how Kosair Charities helps kids’ dreams come true. She’s very grateful. And she’s grateful for everything Kosair Charities provides directly — a second car seat that insurance wouldn’t cover, auditory testing for Gabriel — and the therapeutic facilities it supports financially.

“Without Kosair Charities, not as many kiddos would be seen,” she says. “And I wouldn’t be able to be a single parent of three kids with special needs.”
Imagine you’re 12 years old and your friends are going off to summer camp. But with your current or recent battle with cancer, joining them is too difficult.

You wish there was a camp just for you. It turns out, there is!

It's called Camp Quality Kentuckiana, and every summer, thanks to generous support from Kosair Charities and others, over 70 kids ages 6 to 17 get to spend a fantastic week at Country Lake Retreat near Henryville, Ind.

Not your typical summer camp

For 28 years, Camp Quality Kentuckiana has helped make dreams come true for kids from Kentucky and Indiana. It’s part of a national camp network.

“The accommodations there are awesome,” said Eddie Bobbitt, the local organization’s fundraising director. “To call it ‘camp’ is misleading. They have really nice dorms for our kids, and the staff is unbelievable.”

One important feature sets the camp apart and helps parents feel comfortable sending their kids away for a week.

“We have six oncology nurses with us the whole time,” he said. “They volunteer their time, and often they have already worked with the kids in treatment, so the kids are very familiar with the nurses.”

Further, each camper has a “companion,” someone over 18 who’s with them all week. Many companions are former campers.

“As a teen, I worked at a school supply store,” he said. “One day I helped a customer out with her items and she said, ‘You seem like you’d be good with kids — would you be interested in volunteering at Camp Quality?’

“I got involved that summer. It’s been one of the most awesome things I’ve ever done. I wish I knew who that lady was!”

Fun-filled days

The biggest challenge for kids at camp may be deciding which fun thing to do next. There are two ziplines — one over land, one over water — along with fishing, canoeing, archery, an obstacle course, crafts and more.

The first half of the day is set aside for whatever each kid wants to do. After lunch they have “horizontal time” — they put their feet up to rest.

Afternoons are structured
Letting kids with cancer be kids again

with things like a YMCA field trip day or a carnival day with inflatables and rock climbing walls.

Each evening includes a signature event. This year’s theme was “Blast from the Past.” The kids had a 1950s dance, a 1960s music-themed “Campstock” (not Woodstock!) and a talent show for the grand finale.

“It was a really cool night,” Bobbitt said.

Parent to parent

Kids obviously love Camp Quality Kentuckiana, but Bobbitt said parents are big fans too.

“We have a preview in March that provides an opportunity for kids and parents to learn about the camp,” he said. “Our parents come and talk to other parents about their fears and concerns and experiences. Only they know.”

Bobbitt said the camp simply couldn’t do what it does without the generous support of Kosair Charities. “We are so thankful for them,” he said.
This summer, 88 kids attended Camp Quality Kentuckiana, held at Country Lake Retreat near Henryville, Ind. But before they headed out for their week of fun, they got together for a “sendoff party” sponsored by Kosair Charities and Epic Insurance Solutions.

This summer’s party was held on a Sunday in June at the Kosair Shrine Center on Bardstown Road in Louisville, with music, a photo booth, mascots, games and more.

The sendoff committee, including the Kosair Charities event team and Terri Searcy and Charity Cissel from Epic Insurance, “planned an awesome party,” said Eddie Bobbitt, financial director for Camp Quality Kentuckiana. “They really set the tone for the week.”

**Trusted companions**

Beyond building excitement for camp, the kickoff party serves a couple of other key purposes.

It’s the first time the campers will meet their companions — a person over age 18 who will be their chaperone of sorts. Bobbitt compared it to Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

And the campers get a medical check. Some of the kids are cancer survivors, some are in remission and some are “in the thick of it,” Bobbitt said, meaning they’re receiving active treatment.

After a couple hours of getting warmed up for the week ahead, it’s time to go to camp.

**Hear those horns a-blowing**

The kids travel in style. Charter buses pull up outside the Kosair Shrine Center, luggage gets loaded and the buses receive a motorcycle escort by motorcyclists who’ve held poker runs through the year to help raise funds for Camp Quality Kentuckiana.

“It’s a really cool scene seeing all these motorcycles and the buses headed up Interstate 65 to the lake,” Bobbitt said.

**An Epic partnership**

“The sendoff has grown from a simple cookout to a HUGE over-the-top party, and these campers deserve it,” says Programs and Special
Events Manager Stephanie Smith. The upgrades would not have been possible without the help of sendoff sponsor Epic Insurance Solutions, which has been involved since 2014.

EPIC Man — Don Thompson, president of Epic Insurance Solutions — suits up and puts his cape on and visits companies to let them know the “super” work Camp Quality does and to solicit donations.

This year, Epic raised over $25,000 for the Camp Quality sendoff, which allowed the party to move indoors, increased the amount of activities and helped Kosair Charities to provide Camp Quality with a larger grant than ever before!

**Year-round support**

Kosair Charities stays involved with Camp Quality Kentuckiana throughout the year, according to Bobbitt. That includes financial support for the camp, and Kosair Charities also sends staff to volunteer during camp week.

“They’re a huge supporter of ours, and we are so thankful for them,” Bobbitt said.

“They believe in our mission. It’s really cool to see how much they’ve invested in the camp.”

And the sendoff party, he added, “is as big of a deal to them as it is to us. Their passion and excitement are clear.”

If not for Kosair Charities, Bobbitt said, “We’d have to find a new partner.”

Then, comparing camp week to the Super Bowl, he added: “If not for Kosair Charities, there’d be no kickoff to the Super Bowl.”
Seven Kentucky athletes were inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame on June 17 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. All proceeds from the program’s silent auction benefitted Kosair Charities.

Hundreds of guests gathered for the annual dinner and induction ceremony. The 2015 inductees included tennis pro Mel Purcell, track and field star Shandelier Boyd Smith, ABA Colonels trainer Lloyd Gardner, MLB umpire Randy Marsh, Laurel County basketball standout Sharon Garland, former WKU women’s basketball coach Paul Sanderford, and legendary thoroughbred race track Keeneland. They join an elite group of athletes, coaches, and sports personalities who are from Kentucky or played their respective sports there. Each inductee will have a bronze plaque hung in Freedom Hall and will also have their photo and biography placed on the interactive Wall of Fame at the KFC Yum! Center.

The Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame and Ellis and Badenhausen Orthopaedics also honored two outstanding high school athletes with the Male and Female High School Athlete of the Year award and scholarship. This year’s winners were Sacred Heart Academy swimmer Leah Stevens and Williamsburg High School football, basketball, and baseball player Skyler Griffith. Stevens graduated from Sacred Heart and has begun her freshman year at Stanford University, and Griffith is playing football at University of the Cumberlands.

Kosair Charities has been the charity of choice for the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame for many years. This year’s silent auction, which contained a Joe Torre autographed jersey, a Kentucky Derby print signed by jockey Pat Day, U of L and UK items and baseballs signed by many MLB greats helped raise over $5,500 for Kosair Kids’.
Racing to Reach $10,000

Bluegrass Indoor Karting held its annual Kosair Charities Race-A-Thon on Wednesday, July 22. In its first two years, the race-a-thon was not only an overwhelming success but also one of the most fun and unique events Kosair Charities has become involved with. So when Justin Lewis (owner) and Kelli Stein (Group Sales Manager) called to meet about continuing the event for a third year, Kosair Charities was thrilled.

Third Annual Race-A-Thon

Bluegrass Indoor Karting set the bar high in 2015, announcing their goal of raising $10,000 for Kosair Kids® in early June. To reach it, they knew they had to change things up a bit. Not only did the staff work hard to secure sponsorships, they also added a silent auction and an extra team heat for adults.

A Joint Effort

Each driver, depending on their age group, was responsible for raising a certain amount of money for Kosair Charities before they could participate in the race-a-thon. Thanks to all of the kids, kids at heart, generous sponsors and incredible staff of Bluegrass Indoor Karting, the third annual Kosair Charities Race-A-Thon raised $10,344!

More on Bluegrass Indoor Karting

Bluegrass Indoor Karting is a locally owned indoor karting facility that provides customers with a unique driving experience. The course is technical and karts reach high speeds. BIK maintains one of the nicest facilities in the country while also offering some of the cheapest rates in the industry.

Capable2Kart

BIK is committed to serving people with special needs through their Capable2Kart program. The facility features a hand-controlled kart for individuals with physical disabilities and offers assistance to individuals with mental disabilities such as Down syndrome and autism.

Kosair Charities is proud to partner with outstanding organizations like Bluegrass Indoor Karting and looks forward to extending the partnership for many years to come!

2015 Kosair Charities Race-A-Thon Sponsors

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Trifecta of Events “Benefit” Kosair Charities & West End School

For over a decade, The Benefits Firm has hosted a week of events to give back to the community and encourage philanthropy in their office. As the years passed, these events, which include a 5K run, golf outing and kickoff party, have grown and raised a lot of money. So, for the first time, The Benefits Firm was able to have not one, but two charities of choice! The 2015 Benefits Week, sponsored by CAL Laboratories, raised over $24,000 for Kosair Charities and West End School.

The party got started with the Benefits Week kickoff party at Saints Sky Bar in St. Matthews on Saturday, July 25. For a donation at the door, guests could enjoy libations and music by Eight Inch Elvis. Employees from The Benefits Firm, sponsors and locals came out to dance the night away and show their excitement for the week of events to come.

Wednesday, July 29, brought the St. Matthews Mid-Summer’s Night 5K. Over 500 runners had signed up for the race, but just as registration opened at 6 p.m., a huge storm blew through and put everyone into a panic — would the race happen? Luckily, the storm didn’t last too long and everything went off without a hitch. The storm even helped drop the scorching temperatures to more pleasant conditions for the runners. Joey Hartlage won the race with a time of 16:10.2. The after-race party was at Saints Pizza & Pub, where all race participants got free dinner and drinks.

The final event, the Charity Golf Scramble, was held Friday, July 31, at Nevel Meade Golf Course. Eighteen teams battled for a chance to win the prestigious Crouse Cup and Benefits Firm jackets. The 2015 champions were Team CAL Laboratories, the sponsor of Benefits Week. Following the round of golf, Billy Fowler, president of The Benefits Firm, presented a check for over $24,000 to West End School and Kosair Charities.

Thank you to CAL Laboratories, Greenstream International, Eclipse Bank, Saints Pizza & Pub and the countless other sponsors and volunteers who helped make Benefits Week a huge success!
Second Annual Gold Ribbon Festival

According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, about 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday. This staggering statistic helps explain why Kosair Charities wanted to celebrate September, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, in a big way.

On Sept. 20, Kosair Charities, Gilda’s Club, Kids Cancer Alliance, Make-A-Wish Foundation, University of Louisville Pediatrics, Camp Quality, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and Chili’s Clip for Kids came together to host the second annual Gold Ribbon Festival on Kosair Charities main campus to help raise awareness of childhood cancer. The festival allows children in our community who have cancer or are in remission to enjoy a fun-filled carnival complete with inflatables, cotton candy, games, a photo booth, and dancing.

The festival also gave families of children affected by cancer a chance to learn more about resources offered at local non-profits, and meet other families of cancer patients. WAVE 3 anchor Dawne Gee led the crowd in a program that explained childhood cancer through the eyes of a parent, patient, care provider and sibling. Each testimonial ended with the crowd blowing bubbles with hope and wishes to find a cure for pediatric cancer.

Thank you to Papa Johns, the Louisville League of Mascots, Rumpke, and all of the volunteers who donated their time to make this event a success.
Golfing for Kosair Kids®

Over the course of 8 weeks, Kosair Charities hosted six incredible golf tournaments that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Kosair Kids®. Thank you to all of the committees, sponsors, volunteers and golfers that make each of these tournaments possible. We couldn’t do it without you!

Charity Golf Scramble presented by CAL Laboratories
When: Friday, July 31
Tee Time: 2 p.m.
Where: Nevel Meade Golf Course
Who: 18 teams, 72 players
Money raised: $24,000
What makes it great: This was the first year Kosair Charities was a charity of choice for the Charity Golf Scramble, the culmination of Benefits Week (see page 12). The proceeds also helped Kosair Charities supported agency, West End School. This was the 13th year for the event; the winners received the coveted Crouse Cup and plaid jackets.

UPS Golf Classic
When: Saturday, Sept. 19
Tee Time: 8 a.m.
Where: Quail Chase Golf Course
Who: 40 teams, 160 players
Money raised: $71,240.40
What makes it great: This is the 21st year for this tournament and it only gets better with age! This tournament had an out-of-this-world raffle that included a GoPro camera, 2 big screen TVs, Bluetooth speakers and more. Golfers also got a chance to win an ATV by hitting a hole in one.

Fat Boy Golf Classic
When: Saturday, Aug. 15
Tee Time: 1 p.m.
Where: Wildwood Country Club
Who: 10 teams, 40 players
Money raised: $4,600
What makes it great: The Fat Boy Classic began as a way for college friends to get together and play golf. Nine years later, it has morphed into college friends raising money for Kosair Kids®. The event is a family affair; Shane, the tournament director, has his daughter sell cookies, his son works the putting contest and his wife helps run registration.
Just Fore Kids Golf Classic

*When:* Monday, Aug. 31
*Tee Time:* 11:30 a.m.
*Where:* Hurstbourne Country Club
*Who:* 26 teams, 104 players
*Money raised:* $188,205

**What makes it great:** The Just Fore Kids Golf Classic is one of the premiere charity golf outings in Kentucky. This first-class tournament features a deluxe brunch, $1,000 shootout, a hole-in-one contest with a chance to win a new car, a steak dinner and a special testimonial from Signature Healthcare President Joe Steier, who spoke about our partner charity for this event, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana.

Flexible Packaging Golf Tournament

*When:* Tuesday, Sept. 15
*Tee Time:* 12:30 p.m.
*Where:* Lake Forest Country Club
*Who:* 36 teams, 144 players
*Money raised:* $68,298.75

**What makes it great:** The 7th annual Flexible Packaging Golf Tournament was a sold-out event. The day began with golf and a tasting by Angel’s Envy and wrapped up with a silent auction of more than 100 items and a live auction featuring a Napa Valley trip, ultimate golf package, and a trip to Fort Lauderdale with Miami Heat tickets. This tournament benefits Kosair Charities and Home of the Innocents.

Kosair Classic powered by Lusk Mechanical

*When:* Monday, Sept. 21
*Tee Time:* 10:30 a.m.
*Where:* Lindsey Golf Course
*Who:* 26 teams, 104 players
*Money raised:* $15,840.00

**What makes it great:** The Kosair Classic was revamped this year with a new sponsor, Lusk Mechanical, and a new venue in Fort Knox. The tournament featured a White Castle stop on the course, a silent auction, and beautiful views of the bullion depository. The location allowed Kosair Charities to spread their mission to a new group of golfers and donors.
Kosair Charities Crystal Ball: A Gala of Gifts and Grants

Kosair Charities’ annual gala got a new look and new name for 2015. The first annual Crystal Ball took place on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Kosair Shrine Center. The evening included dinner, a live auction and entertainment featuring a speed painter, glass blower and the TapSnap photo booth. Over 340 guests from Kosair Charities Supported Agencies attended and more than $11 million in support was given out to help improve the lives of children across Kentucky and southern Indiana.

Sam Swope Community Leadership Award

Ulysses Lee “Junior” Bridgeman received the Sam Swope Community Leadership Award for his work with West End School, Junior Achievement, and Volunteers of America. Bridgeman is the owner and president of Manna Inc. which oversees the administration and operation of more than 400 restaurants in 15 states. He played basketball for the University of Louisville in the 1970s and had a 12-year career in the NBA, spent mostly with the Milwaukee Bucks.

Roger Fox Award

Dr. Melissa Currie, associate professor and director of the Kosair Charities Division of Pediatric Forensic Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Louisville School Of Medicine, received the prestigious Roger Fox Award for her work in child abuse medicine and the Face It’ Abuse campaign.
School Supplies for CASA
A Summer Project

Ted Buren, a resident of Day Spring, a residence for adults with intellectual disabilities, played a big part in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) school supplies drive. After learning of the need for school supplies, he asked Day Spring residents and staff to help him collect supplies. Day Spring staff members helped spread the word. Erica Franklin Zachariah spread awareness of the children’s needs through Facebook. Staff members Evelyn Peeler and Brian Reigler also helped with the children’s needs.

At a family Fourth of July party, Ted praised Kosair Charities for their good work encouraging people to donate school supplies for CASA. Ted has been a fan of Kosair Charities for many years and has volunteered for the Bears on Patrol Program. Sharron Brown, Ted’s community access person at Day Spring, said, “Ted is a joy to work with. He always wants to help.”

Back to School
Thanks to volunteers like Ted, Kosair Charities and CASA of the River Region helped over 60 area children get the supplies they needed for school. CASA held a back to school party at their Eastern Parkway location that featured games, food, face painting, and free backpacks full of supplies. Susan, an 8-year-old starting third grade, said at the party, “This is the first time I’ve ever had new school supplies.”

The back-to-school drive went so well in Louisville that Kosair Charities also contacted the Bullitt County CASA program to help the children in their program. Former Kosair Kid Sharon Schickel got her Class of 1965 from Durrett High School to donate books for the cause. Backpacks full of supplies and books were given to 70 children in the Bullitt County CASA program.
Donald first became aware of Kosair Charities as a child. Growing up during the polio epidemic, he knew all too well the stories of friends, schoolmates and other children who suffered illness and paralysis and who sometimes spent months in iron lungs, and he was grateful for his own good health. Donald also knew about the hospital on Eastern Parkway in Louisville where polio patients went for care: Kosair Crippled Children Hospital. Like so many others, Donald came to associate “Kosair” with the Kosair Shriners’ mission of providing for the health and wellness of children.

Donald enjoyed a successful academic career at the University of Kentucky, where he majored in business administration. His professional career began in the Army, which led him to Chicago where he worked in the guided missile program protecting the Lakeshore from 1955-1957. He later returned to the Louisville area where he joined the management team at Philip Morris.

In retirement, he found himself financially comfortable, but still concerned with knowing he would have an income for life that would continue to meet his needs. Donald also remembered Kosair Charities and all the children who were helped when he was a young boy. He wanted to do something to ensure that future generations of kids would have their needs met by Kosair Charities.

Donald received information in the mail from Kosair Charities about charitable gift annuities and realized that he could achieve his goals of securing financial security for himself and providing for future generations of Kosair Kids® at the same time. Donald picked up the phone and called Kosair Charities to learn more.

Donald was surprised at how simple it was to work with the Kosair Charities staff to establish a charitable gift annuity. He wrote a check, signed a contract, and began receiving income payments deposited directly to his checking account right away. The payments are guaranteed for the rest of his life and were at a rate substantially above what he could have received from any other fixed income investment.

Donald learned quickly that charitable gift annuities with Kosair Charities were a sound investment in both his future and that of Kosair Kids®. Donald also found that the more he learned about the many ways Kosair Charities continues to take care of kids, the more he enjoyed knowing his gifts were truly making a difference in the lives of children. He was so impressed that before long he decided to establish an additional gift annuity and over the years he has established four more.

With a gentle smile, Donald said, “Charitable gift annuities work for me because I get to be a little bit selfish and generous at the same time.”

Charitable gift annuities can be established at Kosair Charities with amounts as little as $10,000. Donald said, “I would encourage all retirees with an interest in helping children and an interest in securing their own financial future to learn more about charitable gift annuities at Kosair Charities.”

To learn more, call Kosair Charities at 502-637-7696 and speak to a development staff member today.
The Louisville Zoo
We’re wild about our friends at the Louisville Zoo! When we saw them in May, they challenged themselves to collect stuffed animals for every Kosair Kid® attending our Holiday Party. After donating over 400 stuffed animals already this year, they might reach their goal sooner than they thought. Thanks for thinking of Kosair Kids®!

Fieldhaus Restaurant
During July, Fieldhaus restaurant hosted their first Fieldhaus Idol competition to raise money for Kosair Kids®. Thank you for your support!

CBS Interactive
For “Bring Your Kids to Work Day,” CBS Interactive collected 29 books for the Kosair Kids® Book Blast program. Thank you for thinking of Kosair Kids®!

V-Dub Derby
The 2015 V-Dub Derby was held on Sept. 12 at Bachman Volkswagen. A record 65 cars registered for the show and over 200 spectators attended. This annual event raised $1,500 for Kosair Kids®. Thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers!
Manual High School Class of 2015

Thank you to the class of 2015 at Manual High School for collecting stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol Program.

Hui-O-Fews-Immanuel United Church of Christ

Members of the Hui-O-Fews at Immanuel United Church of Christ collected bears and books for Kosair Kids® during July. They were able to collect over 300 bears and more than 100 new books for Kosair Kids®! Thank you for your continued support!

Girl Scout Troop 515

To celebrate nine years together as Girl Scouts, members of Troop 515 took a trip to Build-A-Bear to build bears for Kosair Kids®. Thank you for thinking of Kosair Charities and donating 21 brand-new stuffed animals!

Girl Scout Troop 938

Members of Troop 938 paid a visit to Kosair Charities to help us with our Bears on Patrol program. Thank you for thinking of Kosair Charities!

Join now! Find out how at Kosair.org.
Kosair Charities in the Community

Off Road Expo
Kosair Charities was the charity of choice for the Unlimited Off-Road Expo that came to Louisville in June. The weekend raised over $7,948 through a raffle and donations.

St. Joseph Picnic
Kosair Charities board, advisory council, staff and volunteers came together to work in the “kiddie korner” booth at the 166th annual St. Joseph Children’s Home picnic. Children were able to win a variety of toys by guessing which character the giant wheel would land on.

St. Matthews Chamber Luncheon
Vicky Weber, Kosair Charities Vice President of Business Relations and Marketing, was honored to be the guest emcee at the St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon. Congratulations to the chamber for celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2015.
Congratulations to Kosair Charities President Randy Coe for receiving the 2015 Art of Excellence in Leadership Award from The Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

Gaslight 5K
Kosair Charities partnered with the Gaslight 5K again this year to raise awareness for our mission throughout the community. Children and their families walked the 1K portion of the 5K route as part of Team Kosair Kids. All participants made a donation to Kosair Charities and received a sweatband for supporting us. Each child who completed the route got to break through a paper finish line and was awarded a medal. This event raised over $1,000.

NELCC Health Expo
North East Louisville Chamber of Commerce and Kosair Charities partnered to host a health and wellness fair at the University of Louisville Shelby Campus in August. Hundreds of guests stopped by to learn more about obtaining a healthy lifestyle.

Foodie Friday at Park
Kosair Charities and Park Community Credit Union partnered during June for Foodie Fridays at Park Community’s Blankenbaker Parkway location. Each week a food truck would set up and Kosair Charities would stop by to help promote the Kosair Charities Debit Card! To date, Park Community has been able to donate over $30,000.
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