Kite Tales
Kosair Charities Through the Years
Dear Friends of Kosair Charities

This year we are very proud and honored to be celebrating the 90th anniversary of Kosair Charities helping children in need.

In 1923, members of Kosair Shrine Temple, doctors, lawyers and other community leaders recognized there was an urgent need to provide medical care to crippled children in the Louisville area and throughout the state. This was a time when poverty was common and typhoid fever, polo, diphtheria and smallpox killed or disabled a high number of our children.

In 1926, Kosair Shrine Temple opened its own free hospital for crippled children on Eastern Parkway. Kosair Crippled Children Hospital. The hospital was owned by Kosair Charities, the charitable arm of Kosair Shrine Temple. Over the years, in an effort to expand our ability to help more children, Kosair Charities has formed strategic partnerships with pediatric and research organizations, with whom we share a parallel mission.

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Kosair Charities remains the largest financial supporter of Kosair Children’s Hospital and has committed over $200 million since the early 80’s to provide support and care for the children there.

Today the medical needs of children have changed, but our commitment has not. Our focus remains the same — helping children.

Last year we provided over $17 million in support and assistance to over 90 organizations in the Kentuckiana area such as: the Home of the Innocents, Down Syndrome of Louisville, Visually Impaired Preschool, Kids Center, CASA, Family & Children’s Place, Shriners Hospitals, and the University of Louisville, as well as Face It, a child abuse initiative championed by Kosair Charities.

The University of Louisville Pediatric Department and Kosair Charities have worked side by side improving children’s lives for 90 years.

Since the 1950s, Kosair Charities has awarded more than $350 million to serve hundreds of thousands of children through pediatric organizations or by helping individual families whose children face extraordinary medical problems.

This 90th Anniversary is a …

Time to look forward.

Time to reaffirm our mission to protect the health and wellbeing of our children. Time to celebrate the hundreds of thousands of children who were given another chance to live a normal life.

On behalf of 2,500 Kosair Shriners and thousands of generous supporters, thank you for helping us reach and celebrate this anniversary.

When you think Kosair, think Kosair Charities.

Sincerely,

Jerry W. Ward, Chairman of the Board
Kosair Charities Committee, Inc.

Kosair Crippled Children Hospital:
A History 1923-1981

Dr. W. Barnett Owen and University of Louisville physicians saw an unfulfilled need in the Louisville community in the early 1920’s — a place for children to receive long term quality medical care. Dr. Owen asked members of the community to help fulfill this need, and in response, the Kosair Shrine Temple formed Kosair Charities Committee Inc. Other organizations including Junior League and the local Rotary Club also stepped up to help realize this need for our community’s children.

In 1923, the committee incorporated and purchased six acres of land on Eastern Parkway for a children’s hospital.

On April 25, 1925, about 1,000 people attended the laying of the cornerstone, and a year later, on May 12, 1926, the first ten patients were admitted to Kosair Crippled Children Hospital—a facility for the treatment of crippled children regardless of condition or financial standing.

The active and associate medical staff was composed of 102 physicians and surgeons who were recognized as leaders in their particular fields. Initially, the hospital had 50 beds, an operating room, kitchen, and brace shop. Kosair Crippled Children Hospital grew quickly and by 1939 reached a capacity of 100 beds. During the same year the hospital became accredited by the American Medical Association. In the 1940s and 1950s, polio treatment became a high priority, and the hospital was filled to capacity at all times with polio patients.

In 1952, the Dr. W. Barnett Owen Memorial Annex was opened and in 1953 extensive remodeling was completed in the form of an additional kitchen, dental facilities, X-ray rooms, a polio ward, and physical and occupational therapy areas. Also included in the remodeling were new sundecks, a one-room school, and a basement redesigned to provide space for numerous clinics. Even more modernization took place in the 1970s. Operating rooms were remodeled to accommodate evolving medical needs, several wards were made into private rooms, new X-ray equipment was installed and the brace shop was refurbished. In 1977, heavy emphasis was placed upon treating and educating abused children.

In the late 1970s, the care for children continued to change, and Kosair Charities Committee began to collaborate with the Children’s Hospital, part of Norton Infirmary, under the advisement of University of Louisville pediatric physicians. As orthopedic care became less prominent, the community required a facility to immediately treat critically ill or injured children. This resulted in the consolidation of Kosair Crippled Children Hospital and the Children’s Hospital, effective May 1, 1981. The merger of these hospitals opened the door to a greater range of services offered to children needing medical care. Today, we know this collaboration as Kosair Children’s Hospital.

Kosair Charities is proud to have committed over $200 million since 1981, making us the hospital’s largest private benefactor.
**Dr. James Hurt**

Dr. James Hurt was diagnosed with a bone infection by his doctor in Hazard, Ky., when he was just 11. After receiving his diagnosis that Friday in 1934, he was immediately referred to Kosair Crippled Children Hospital and arrived just two days later. His first stay included three major operations in ten months, but this stay would not be his last. In fact, Kosair Crippled Children Hospital would become something of a home to Dr. Hurt for many years.

After his initial 10-month stay in the hospital, Dr. Hurt was in and out for further operations throughout his teen years. During his many visits, he says, he was regularly urged to further his learning. He was helped in doing so by being given “odd jobs” at the hospital for compensation toward his education.

He was so inspired by the love and care that he received at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital that he decided to become an orthopedic surgeon. He attended the University of Louisville medical school and performed his general practice in Campbellsville and Bedford, Ky.

Dr. Hurt didn’t stay away from what he calls his “home away from home” for long, because he returned to Louisville to perform his residency at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital. After completion, he became a staff member and remained so until he retired.

As Kosair Charities celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, Dr. Hurt also celebrated his 90th birthday! He still admires how Kosair Charities helps children receive medical care that would otherwise not be available. Out of the thousands of kids helped since 1923, Dr. Hurt still considers himself to be “one of the oldest Kosair Kids® around.”

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**Stanley Walker**

Every Kosair Kid is special, but only Stanley Walker is in the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.

In 1948, when he was 10 years old, Stanley developed a serious bone infection that landed him in Kosair Crippled Children Hospital for nine months. He almost didn’t survive.

He was in and out of the hospital over the next five years as he learned to walk again.

“I can’t describe how great they were to me,” Stanley says today. “We were poor, and what got me the most was how good they were to my mom. If it weren’t for Kosair Charities, I would not be alive.”

Even then, Stanley was a gifted guitar player, and he fondly recalls being wheeled to the girls’ ward where he’d entertain them with some fancy picking. “That was cool for a 10-year-old, brother,” he says with a laugh.

He went on to play professionally, including 13 years as the lead guitarist for Ray Smith and the Rock and Roll Boys, who recorded at the famed Sun Records in Memphis. He also fulfilled a lifelong dream when he performed at the Grand Ole Opry. He was inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame in 2008.

Stanley hosts an annual concert in his home town of Grand Rivers in Livingston County, Ky., with all proceeds benefiting Kosair Charities. This year’s event, entitled Stanley Walker Day, will be held on May 18th at the Badgett Playhouse.

Stanley recalls his time at Kosair as “a miracle from Heaven. It was God’s work.” He adds: “I love to tell my story. I’d do anything I could for that organization.”

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Randy Mullins

Once a week, Randy Mullins’ mother carried her baby boy on her hip through the front doors of Kosair Crippled Children Hospital on Eastern Parkway, making him feel like the most special kid in the world.

From the time Randy was just a toddler until he was 7 years old, he made weekly visits to Kosair. He was born with a club foot and had to have cord lengthening surgery. Despite his problems, Randy enjoyed coming to the hospital to see his friends, kids like him.

Randy’s club foot required him to wear a cast and braces until he was 7. He often ignored his disability and played and ran a cast and braces until he was 7 years old, he made weekly visits to Kosair. He was born with a club foot and had to have cord lengthening surgeries before the two bone graft surgeries in 1969 and 1971. Today, Randy claims to be a true defender of the underdog. He believes you must only judge people by what they do, not by what you see on the outside. He believes Kosair Crippled Children Hospital cured him of not only a club foot, but also of stereotypes.

Today, Randy rarely wears his braces and his left foot is completely different if it weren’t for Kosair. Randy learned an entire new vocabulary while at Kosair, and he even took a few classes while he was at the hospital.

Randy credits much of his success to the first people to tell me that you have no limitations but the ones you put on yourself. The doctors and nurses were kind people will be with her forever. As “a child in the little girl’s ward,” she decided to become a nurse, and today she is just that. “Kosair fixed me up and I was able to move on with the rest of my life,” she said. “My parents were always positive and encouraging,” she said. “They never let me think I was different.”

Pamela Hamilton-Lucky

I will be 55 years this summer that Pamela Hamilton-Lucky began her Kosair Charities experience. After she was diagnosed with Blount’s Disease in 1958 when she was just a year old, her family turned to Kosair Crippled Children Hospital for treatment.

At the time, most procedures she needed were experimental. Pam underwent many surgeries and wore numerous braces and casts throughout her childhood, beginning with full-length braces worn all day when she was just 18 months old.

In the early days of Kosair Crippled Children Hospital, policies were much different than today. Due to the large number of children treated at the hospital, parents dropped their children off for extended periods as they underwent testing, fittings and various procedures.

Hospital was ‘my childhood’

For Pam, the hospital became a second home. She and other regular patients called themselves “repeaters” and forged friendships as they experienced trials and victories together.

“The Kosair Crippled Children Hospital was my childhood,” Pam said. “It’s where I did my growing up, where I learned about real life.” Through years of unsuccessful surgeries, Pam and her family never gave up hope. They relied on her doctors’ expertise, knowing that someday they would find the answer.

Pam, one of six children, remembers walking to the bus stop with her brothers, books wedged between her arm and the crutch, but always keeping up. “My parents were always positive and encouraging,” she said. “They never let me think I was different.”

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That positive attitude carried Pam through several more surgeries before the two bone graft surgeries in 1969 and 1971 that finally allowed her to go brace-free, two weeks before starting 10th grade. She remembers that proud day and the excitement of being able to wear tennis shoes and blue jeans for the first time.

Pam recalls her experience fondly and while specific names have left her memory, the faces and actions of the kind people will be with her forever. As “a child in the little girl’s ward,” she decided to become a nurse, and today she is just that. “Kosair fixed me up and I was able to move on with the rest of my life,” she said. Pam takes full advantage of the new life Kosair Charities gave her. With her husband and son cheering her on, Pam has completed a variety of 50-mile hikes, 90-mile canoe trips, and 100-mile bike rides. She says freedom is the spice of life and that she does it all just because she can.
June Goodlett

Today, June Goodlett loves to work out at the gym. The Pleasure Ridge Park resident has run several mini-marathons. In short, she can’t sit still, and that’s a long way from where she started.

In the mid-1970s, when June was 14, she developed severe scoliosis and went to Kosair Crippled Children Hospital for treatment. Her spine was curved about 47 percent, and doctors told her it would continue to worsen. At Kosair, the traction helped stabilize her spine and prepare her for surgery. In 1978, doctors installed titanium rods to help keep her spine straight.

June has fond recollections of her time at Kosair. “There are some things you really remember,” she says. “It was devastating as a teen to find out I had scoliosis. I missed a lot of school. But when I went to Kosair, everyone seemed alike. It was like your second home while you were there.”

June’s family had always described her as a budding gymnast, and the surgery helped her return to her active lifestyle. June has never quit moving. “I’ve been able to do everything,” she says. “I can’t totally do a backbend, but at this point, I should be done with that anyway. That and jumping out of an airplane are the only things I can’t do.”

“If not for Kosair, I don’t know what would’ve happened. I believe it would’ve gotten so much worse.”

The newspaper article seen here, ran in The Courier-Journal in 1982. In 1981, the Kosair Crippled Children Hospital Board of Governors signed an agreement with Norton Healthcare to create Kosair Children’s Hospital, and Kosair Charities, as we know it today, was born. In 1982, Kosair Charities handed out its first grants, in the amount of $1.3 million, to: Jefferson County Child Abuse Authority, Kosair Charities Shrine Referral Program, Kosair Children’s Burn Prevention Center, Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center of Kosair Children’s Hospital, The Home of the Innocents, Kosair Children’s Scoliosis and Spine Treatment Center, Chaplain in Residence, and Kosair Children’s Hospital.

In 2012, Kosair Charities gave over $17 million to its community partners. Since this article was printed, Kosair Charities has also committed over $200 million to Kosair Children’s Hospital, making us its largest private contributor to date. Dr. Richard Wolf, retired Chief of Medical Staff at Kosair Children’s Hospital, once said, “If it weren’t for Kosair Charities, Kosair Children’s Hospital would not exist.” Kosair Charities and the Kosair Shriners are proud to have formed such a long-lasting relationship with Norton Healthcare that brings unprecedented care to children in our community.

The map below shows the number of children treated at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital from 1926-1979, and which counties they resided in.
 Chester Qualkenbush

On a rainy day in Louisville in 1999, 10-year-old Chester Qualkenbush and his family were traveling along Bardstown Road when they saw a group of Shriner members. "I want to give you this because you helped with my foot," Chester, the son of Fred and Anita Qualkenbush of Vincennes, Ind., was born with a club foot that was so bad that basically he didn’t even have a foot," Chester’s mother explained in an interview. “The doctors gave us an option of either amputating his (left) leg at the knee or giving liberty to do what they could to make him a foot.”

In a brief moment on that rainy morning — as Chester extended his hand to Shriner Randy Coe and donated a dollar — the work of Shriners and Kosair Charities came full circle.

Here was a child born without a foot, who was now skipping. Here was a child taking steps to help other children.

Since infancy, Chester had undergone several operations and therapy at a Shriner hospital supported by Kosair Charities and Kosair Shrine Temple. Using a remarkable surgical procedure, doctors stretched Chester’s bones and used them to form a new foot.

“It’s truly amazing what they did,” Chester’s mother explained. “Without the Shriners and their doctors, his life would have been so different. I know the surgeries would have been expensive without the help of Kosair Charities. It was nice not to have to worry about the financial part.”

Chester became familiar with the Shriner members during his many hospital visits. “They would visit me … I liked that,” said Chester, then a fourth grader at Vigo Elementary School in Vincennes. “The Shriners helped a lot. Now I can do a lot of things like play soccer and volleyball.”

Life holds no obstacles now for Chester thanks to the support of Kosair Charities. Like the tens of thousands of other Kosair Kids®, Chester is a shining example of how the charitable work done by Shriners and Kosair Charities can create a miracle — a boy who traded life in a wheelchair for a childhood of playing and an adulthood of unlimited promise.

Today, Chester is happily married and living in Vincennes, Ind. He and his wife Heather, have a 2 year old son and another baby on the way. When Chester is not at work, he is working on a music venture with his band Next Stop Nowhere. Chester said he is still very thankful for what the Shriners and Kosair Charities were able to do for him and his parents.

Lexi Palmer

Today Lexi Palmer is a healthy, happy 4 year old little girl, but a few years ago the situation for Lexi and her family was very different.

At just 7 weeks old, Lexi was diagnosed with infantile botulism, an illness that can occur when an infant ingests bacteria that produces toxins inside the body. The condition is frightening because it can cause muscle weakness and breathing problems. It is very rare: fewer than 100 cases of infantile botulism occur in the United States each year.

For Lexi’s parents it wasn’t about the other possible 99 cases, it was about their first child, their little girl. Lexi spent nearly eight weeks in the hospital, most of that time in an incubator. Finally Andrea and Casey Palmer were able to take their baby home. Unfortunately, they also took home an astronomical hospital bill.

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Kosair Charities stepped in and took care of all of Lexi’s medical bills. They also followed up with the family to make sure they had everything they needed.

They reached out to therapists who worked with Lexi for several months on speech, occupational and physical therapy.

Today, Lexi is just like any little girl her age. “I am so grateful for Kosair Charities” said Andrea Palmer. In the spirit of giving, the Palmers have sponsored a softball tournament for the past 3 years. The 2012 tournament raised over $12,000, which will go to help other Kosair Kids. The 2013 Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 27th at Dawley Park in Radcliff, KY. For more information visit http://www.kosairkidstourney.com/

“Thanks to Kosair Charities and the generosity of their donors, more children like Lexi can lead happy, healthy and normal lives!”

Kosair Kid®

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Imani Biggers

The new school year was almost here, and Vanessa Biggers faced a crisis. The single mother’s 9-year-old daughter, Imani, had lost one of her hearing aids, and Vanessa, temporarily out of a job, had no idea how to replace the expensive device.

But J.F. “Jerry” Evans, a deacon at their church in Lebanon, Ky., knew what to do. He connected Vanessa to Kosair Charities. In no time, Imani had a new Oticon device.

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A bright future
With her radiant smile and gentle southern drawl, Imani makes a big impression on everyone. Inspired by Olympic hero Gabby Douglas, she’d like to be a gymnast. She also dreams of a professional singing career.

Imani belongs to the Marion County chapter of Girls on the Run, a national organization that uses running activities to teach life skills. Vanessa said it has increased Imani’s confidence and that her daughter has never let her hearing issues hold her back.

Evans agrees. “She’s bright, dependable and confident,” he said. “She’s an inspiration. The world needs more youth like her.”
Kosair Charities was incorporated.

1923

Kosair Charities Pediatric Center dedicated at University of Louisville.

1996

Kosair Children’s Hospital opened.

1986

Kosair Charities granted $12 million to the University of Louisville Pediatric Cancer Research Center.

2008

Kosair Fellow Dr. Penny Heaton developed a vaccine to save an estimated 500,000 children's lives.

2009

Kosair Charities committed $6.25 million to the Home of the Innocents for the creation of a new campus.

1998

Kosair Charities moved into the remodeled, original Kosair Crippled Children Hospital.

2005

Kosair Charities announced a 20-year, $130 million agreement with Kosair Children's Hospital.

2007

The iron lung was invented.

1950

Kosair Charities awarded Jewish Hospital a $2.5 million grant to build the Kosair Charities Pediatric Pavilion.

2001

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2004

Kosair Charities Pediatric Heart Research Center at the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute developed with a $5 million grant.

2007

Kosair Crippled Children Hospital opens.

1926

Kosair Charities Pediatric Center was founded.

1942

Kosair Charities officially launched the Gifts and Grants Program.

1988

Kosair Children’s Hospital was created.

1981

Announcement made that Kosair Crippled Children Hospital is considering building a downtown hospital.

1978

Sam Swope made $1 million gift to Kosair Charities – center is renamed Sam Swope Kosair Charities Centre.

1979

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Winston Churchill once said, “Kites fly highest against the wind, not with it.” This winter, spring winds came early, as Kosair Charities launched its Take Flight Matching Grants. Inspired by the steadfast, against-the-wind, work of Kosair Charities’ 90 supported agencies, and other nonprofits in search of funding for children’s programs, Kosair Charities challenged donors to partner with us. The challenge to donors was to make gifts between $10,000 and $50,000 to Kosair Charities with the donors advising Kosair Charities which children’s charities they would like their gifts to support. Kosair Charities then agreed to match those gifts, dollar for dollar, up to $100,000 per agency, and then issue a special Take Flight Matching Grant to the donor’s preferred charity.

A $1 million commitment to Take Flight Matching Grants was announced in January. The response from the donor community was like a gust of fresh air which pushed the Kosair Kite even higher. The Kosair Charities’ board of directors exceeded the original $1 million budget by approving over $1.4 million in matching funds before the program concluded in early April.

Eligible area non-profits were equally enthusiastic about Take Flight Matching Grants. Karen Morrison, president & CEO of gilda’s Club of Louisville, said, “We cannot thank Kosair Charities enough for giving us this incredibly generous tool, this unique opportunity to approach many of our supporters with an offer to double their impact on a mission in which they strongly believe. Once again, Kosair Charities has knocked it out of the ballpark!”

All Take Flight Matching Grant designations were required to be consistent with Kosair Charities mission of protecting the health and well-being of children in Kentucky and Southern Indiana by providing financial support for clinical services, research, pediatric healthcare education on child advocacy and were subject to approval by the Kosair Charities board of directors.

For 90 years, Kosair Charities has been reaching out to children who need special care, giving them the chance to live their dreams. Over these years, Kosair Charities has been supported in large part by thoughtful people like you who provided gifts through their wills or estate plans.

Kosair Charities values these caring donors and honors them as members of the W. Barnett Owen Society. The recognition society is named for Dr. W. Barnett Owen, who was the first orthopedic specialist in Kentucky. As a member of Kosair Shrine Temple, Dr. Owen presented a plan to his fellow Nobles to fund a free convalescent home for children. His initial idea grew, and the Kosair Crippled Children Hospital proudly admitted its first child in May 1926.

To help ensure that Kosair is here for another 90 years or more, you are invited to become a member of the W. Barnett Owen Society. To become a member, simply include a gift for Kosair Charities in your will or estate plan.

Through our website you may access information and planning tools to help you through the process of creating your will or estate plan. Specifically, you can establish a secure personal account at www.kosair.giftlegacy.com. On our home page, select from the tool bar How to Give; click on Planned Giving; scroll down to the first topic, Plan Your Will, to use the online Wills Planner. Once you have completed your plan, it may be shared with your attorney electronically to assist in drafting your will.

If you have any questions, or if you would like your attorney or financial planner to call, please contact Chandler Blewett at 502-637-7696 or by email at cblewett@kosair.org.

If you have already made provisions in your will or estate plan to benefit Kosair Charities, please let us know! We may say Thank You and enroll you as a member of the W. Barnett Owen Society!
How you can get involved:

Immediate Help to Children:

- **General Donations**: Kosair Charities gratefully accepts donations in any amount.
- **Online Donations**: Kosair Charities can process your donations safely and securely on our website: www.kosair.org
- **Payroll Deduction**: Kosair Charities will work with your company to create a payroll deduction program.
- **Volunteering**: Contribute your time and talents; we welcome your help. There are many opportunities to join our team of volunteers. Visit www.kosair.org/programs/volunteering/

- **Bears on Patrol**: Donate new and gently used stuffed animals to this cooperative effort between Kosair Charities and local law enforcement agencies to provide patrol cars with plush toys for children facing a scary situation. Hold a stuffed animal drive at your work, school or church.

- **Big Wheel Bicycle Club**: Donate a new bike, wagon, helmet, or make a monetary donation to make sure that our Kosair Kids® have a happy holiday. Over 40 bikes are given away at the Kosair Charities Holiday party each year.

- **Kosair Kids® Toy Collection**: Donate a new toy to be given away at the Kosair Charities Holiday Party for Kosair Kids®. Each child who attends will walk away with two gifts from Santa, a stuffed animal, crafts, and will have a chance to win a new bike! Help us collect toys by holding a toy drive at your office, school or church!

Create a Legacy for Children:

- **W. Barnett Owen Society**: You can establish a lasting gift to children by including Kosair Charities in your will.

- **Charitable Gift Annuities and Trusts**: Annuities and trusts can provide you with a generous income, a possible income tax or estate tax benefit, and the satisfaction that you’re helping Kosair Kids®.

- **Gifts of Life Insurance**: If your insurance is no longer important to your family’s financial security, you can help our Kosair Kids® by naming Kosair Charities as the beneficiary. You also may receive favorable income or estate tax benefits.

Contact Chandler Blewett, JD at chlewett@kosair.org or 502-637-7696 for more information on these programs.

**Gift Clubs**:

- **1000 Club**: Donors who pledge to contribute $1,000 or more to Kosair Charities are eligible for membership in our 1000 Club. Pledges may be paid off over a period of up to 10 years, making membership as affordable as $100 a year.

- **Friends of Kosair Charities**: This program is designed to thank and recognize businesses or organizations that have volunteered their time or contributed their treasure to Kosair Charities during our fiscal year.

Contact Eric Churchill at echurchill@kosair.org or 502-637-7696 for the above programs.
On Dec. 2, 2012, over 400 Kosair Kids and their families came to the Crowne Plaza in Louisville for the annual Kosair Charities Holiday party. The party was a huge hit with the kids and volunteers. The room resembled a winter wonderland and was set up for each child to have cookies and milk, make crafts, have their faces painted, play games, and get their picture taken with Frosty, Rudolph and Gingy. They also got to sit on Santa’s lap while Mrs. Claus handed them two presents and a new stuffed animal!

Thanks to the Big Wheel Bicycle Club, established in honor of long-time Kosair Charities volunteer Ada Lee Kane, new bicycles and helmets were raffled off to over 30 of our excited Kosair Kids.

Everyone in attendance had a fantastic afternoon. We already have all of the presents wrapped and ready to go for this year and we can’t wait to see the smiles on the children’s faces.
2013 marks the fifth year of the Kosair Charities Car giveaway. Since 2009, Bob Beatty and his reliable team of volunteers have organized the rebuilding and raffling of a vintage car to raise money for children in need.

Each year, Bob and his team help bring in an unprecedented amount of money for Kosair Charities and Trust for Life, so that children in need of organ transplants can get the help they deserve. After last year’s 1937 Chevy Coupe was given away, Bob presented Kosair Charities with a check for over $205,000.

Once you meet Bob, you’ll never forget him. He’s the self-proclaimed “nicest guy in the world,” and at Kosair Charities we don’t disagree. On Dec. 16, 2007, Bob became the new recipient of a heart that he now calls “Ernie.” With it, he received a new passion. “I’ve been given a big heart, and the chance to show everyone just how big and caring it can be,” Bob says.

After his transplant, Bob’s appreciation for a second chance at life led him to create the annual car giveaway. “Ernie has changed everything. I feel an overwhelming need to help others as a way of showing my gratitude to someone who has given so very much to me,” he says.

This year Bob and his team are raffling off a teal, 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air with a 265 engine. Chances, sold for only $10 each, also serve as a ticket for entry into the Car Give-Away Celebration at the Crowne Plaza on Nov. 8. The celebration includes the musical group The Monarchs, a cash bar, appetizers, a silent auction, and, at 9 p.m., the drawing of the winning ticket.

To purchase a chance to win the car, be on the lookout for Bob Beatty and the car during the next few months. Bob and his team move locations each weekend. He will be at the Kentucky State Fair Aug. 15-25. If you don’t catch Bob on the run, feel free to stop by Kosair Charities (982 Eastern Parkway) or The Shrine Temple (812 South Second Street) to purchase your chance to win this amazing car and help Kosair Kids!

For over five years, Ms. Peggy Wenker has been bringing special volunteers to Kosair Charities every week. Peggy is a Job Coach in the Jefferson County Public School System, and more specifically works with special needs children through the VOICE program. VOICE, Vocational Opportunities in Community Environments, means that Peggy, along with many other teachers and job coaches are giving students with disabilities who are in the early stages of career exploration a chance to discover their interest and abilities before they graduate from high school.

Every school year, Peggy brings students to Kosair Charities for a few hours each week so they can gain skills they will use in the work force. The students help sort mail, shred documents, and tag stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol program. This year, Ms. Maryanne from Atherton High School, is also bringing her students to Kosair Charities. This means we have the opportunity to have three wonderful workers.

“I look forward to seeing the girls on Wednesday and Friday. They are always excited to be here and they truly enjoy volunteering for us. Seeing them always brightens my day,” said Program and Special Events Manager, Stephanie Smith. “Not to mention they are a huge help to us.”

We currently have three volunteers who come to help once a week. Tatiana comes with Ms. Peggy every Wednesday, and Taylor and Khaira come with Ms. Maryanne on Fridays. The girls work in the volunteer center for about two hours and then head back to school. They are very good at their jobs and manage to breeze through all the task we assign them. We are very lucky to have such wonderful help and are proud to partner with the JCPS VOICE Program.

Meet Our Volunteers

Tatiana:
- Student at Waggener High School
- Super stylish and always accessorizes
- Very polite and is always happy to see you
- Loves candy

Taylor:
- Student at Atherton High School
- Very social and has a great sense of humor
- Participates in basketball, softball, bowling, and cheerleading
- Loves music, drawing, and videos

Khaira:
- Student at Atherton High School
- Loves to play basketball and once got 35 baskets in a row!
- Is a very talented artist
- An excellent listener and always follows the rules
Welcome Ron Miller & Erin Fischer to the Kosair Charities Family!

Erin Fischer
Erin Fischer joined the Kosair Charities team as the Director of Communications and Events Director in February 2013. She has years of experience in event planning, communications and marketing.

Before coming to Kosair Charities, Erin was Program Director at the Chamber Jeffersontown, where she planned events such as the Gaslight Festival and oversaw the communications aspect of the chamber. In addition to her experience at the Chamber Jeffersontown, Erin has been a team member of the Kentucky Derby Festival, Mint Julep Tours, and Feld Entertainment.

Currently, Erin also works with the Ancient Order of Hibernians as the Parade Coordinator for the annual Louisville St. Patricks’s Parade.

Erin is a Louisville native and a 2001 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. In 2005, she received a bachelor’s degree in Corporate Communications at the University of Kentucky. Erin is excited to have joined the Kosair Charities team, and hopes to add value with new ideas and expertise while learning from fellow staff members.

Ron Miller
Ron Miller was named Kosair Charities’ Senior Vice President and CFO in January 2013. Before coming to Kosair Charities, Ron was the Director of Corporate Tax and Payroll for Louisville Gas and Electric. He has over 35 years of experience as a Certified Public Accountant, eight years in the regional banking industry, and five years in public accounting.

Miller has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a major in accounting from Eastern Kentucky University. He is a licensed Kentucky real estate agent. Miller annually completes continuing education with the Tax Executives Institute and has completed the University of Louisville’s Effective Executive Course.

Ron is a member of the American Institute and Kentucky Society of CPAs. He also serves on the national board of the Tax Executives Institute as well as having served as past president of the Kentucky chapter. Miller is a deacon and past committee chairman for his church. He is also Board Member Emeritus and CFO for the Louisville Scottish Rite Foundation. He sits on the board and audit committee for the Louisville Development Bancorp and Metro Bank, and before joining the Kosair Charities staff, he was treasurer on the Kosair Charities Board of Directors.

Kosair Charities Welcomes Three New Board Members

Harry Lee Lusk
Harry Lee Lusk was born in Brandenburg, Ky., in 1941. He was taught the importance of community service by his father and grandfather, who were Past Masters of Harrison Lodge 122. He was raised as a Master Mason and has had the honor of raising two of his sons as Master Masons. He was an Eagle Scout and in 1970 received the Outstanding Young Man in America Award. He has been a member of the Scottish Rite and the Kosair Shrine since 1976. He is proud to have been accepted as a Master Mason, Scottish Rite, and Kosair Shriner, living up to his obligations of good citizenship to our country.

Harry was married to wife, Judy, for 49 years before her passing in 2012. They have five children. He and Judy incorporated their family business, Lusk Mechanical, in 1991.

Four of their five children work in the business today. They have always shared their success in working with organizations that help our Kosair Kids”.

He is honored to be on the board at Kosair Charities and will work with all the energy he has expounded throughout his life endeavors to serve our Kosair Kids”.

Frank J. Texas
Frank J. Texas, born in 1936, is a Louisville native who attended Male High School and Ahrens High School. Frank attended the University of Louisville Business School and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Marketing.

He is a retired district sales manager of a major insurance company and was the co-owner of Texas Insurance Agency. Frank has always been very involved in community service and was the past president of St. Matthew’s Jaycees and served on the Louisville Area Chamber Board of Directors.

Today, Frank is a Volunteer Ambassador for Kosair Charities, a member of the Kosair Shrine, and a member of Masonic Lodge #218. Frank’s granddaughter, 9-year-old Sascha, is a Kosair Kid®, and poster child for Kosair Charities. Sascha is just one of the many reasons Frank is proud to be on the Kosair Charities Board of Directors.
Three internationally acclaimed magicians are bringing their performances to Louisville to help raise money for our Kosair Kids®. Join us on Sunday, May 19 at the Louisville Palace for “The Magic and the Wonder” starring America’s Got Talent’s Quick Change, and headliners Jason Bishop and The Great Kaplan. All proceeds benefit Kosair Charities and The Kids Center! The fun begins when the doors open at 4:30 p.m. with magicians in the lobby. The show begins at 5:00 p.m.

All three acts, coupled with Louisville magician Patrick Miller and his wife, Janice, promise a night of fun and laughter for the whole family. Each act brings something different to the table. David and Dana of Quick Change create a magical transformation, Jason Bishop is an illusionist with an impressive levitation act, and The Great Kaplan is a one-man comedy and variety show. To date, our annual magic show has raised over $100,000 for Kosair Kids®. Coupons good for $2 off the price of your ticket are available at participating Wendy’s locations, or use promo code “Kosair” for online orders. Ticket prices range from $19.50 to $32.50 and are available at LouisvillePalace.com, Ticketmaster.com, The Louisville Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call 1-800-745-3000 to order by phone.

Come experience an evening of magic and help us raise money for our Kosair Kids®! Visit www.LouisvilleMagicShow.com or “like” The Magic and The Wonder on Facebook.
Farmer Elementary

Thank you to Farmer Elementary School for collecting stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol program and toiletries for the Home of the Innocents. Each student gave at least one item, and when all was said and done, they filled a stage with donations. The school hosts an annual project called Kids Caring for Kids, teaching students that if everyone makes one small donation, it can have a big impact. This donation definitely helped fill our bear room with plush toys!

Kentucky Hospital Association

Thank you to the staff of the Kentucky Hospital Association for getting into the holiday spirit by collecting stuffed animals for our Bears on Patrol program. KHA collected over 50 bears. We appreciate your donation!

Circuit Court

The Jefferson County Office of Circuit Court Clerks held employees “Compassion Dress Down Days for Charity” during the month of December for our Kosair Kids. Employees could donate $3 or a new toy and in return they were allowed to dress casually at work. David Nicholson and his staff raised over $250 and donated more than 50 new toys for Kosair Charities.

Meijer

Thank you to Ed McCoy at Meijer on Hurstbourne Lane for allowing Kosair Charities to buy all the bicycles needed for the 2012 Holiday Party with a discount. Meijer went above and beyond to make our shopping experience easy and to make sure we were able to provide our Kosair Kids® with over 30 new bikes, trikes, and wagons.

Antique Tractor Show

Dale and Betty Rich of Tompkinsville, Ky., visited the Kosair Charities office in December to present a check to President Randy Coe and then Potentate Dave Juergens for $26,076.19. The money was raised at the Antique Tractor Show that Dale and Betty hosted in August 2012. The Riches’ 2013 Antique Tractor & Engine Show will be held on Aug. 10 – see Kosair.org for more details.

Louisville Pure Tap

Kosair Charities would like to say a big “Thank you” to Pure Tap for providing bottled water for many of our events in 2012 and for granting us even more for our 2013 events! Thank you for being a great community partner and helping us to make our events so successful.

Flexible Packaging

Mike and Debbie Edlin presented a check to Kosair Charities and Home of the Innocents from the 2012 Flexible Packaging Golf Scramble. The 2012 tournament, held at Lake Forest Country Club, was a huge success, netting $33,000 for the charities. The 2013 tournament, featuring a day of golf followed by hors d’oeuvres and an impressive live and silent auction, will be held Thursday, Sept. 19. For more information, visit Kosair.org.

First Capital Bank of Kentucky

All five branches of First Capital Bank of Kentucky collected donations for our Kosair Kids® during the holidays. For every donation made, the donor was given a chance to win a Christmas tree decorated with $200 worth of gift cards. The bank raised $2,700 for Kosair Charities. Thank you for your support. Pictured: Vice President and Branch Manager Jim Tilford and the staff of the Strathmoor Branch. Pictured: The 2013 winner of the gift card tree at the Strathmoor Branch was Erica Bowen and her daughter.

J.R. Greulich

Congratulations to new author J.R. Greulich. On Feb. 20, he held a book signing for his first book, Pipe Vision, at the Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies to benefit the charity. J.R. was diagnosed very young with cerebral palsy, which affected all four of his limbs and his ability to speak. As a child he came to the Kids Center to get help walking, talking and using his hands. Today J.R. serves on the Kids Center board.

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Thanks to the University of Louisville Pan-Hellenic Council for supporting Kosair Charities again during their annual Greek Week. U of L Greeks held a penny war for Kosair Charities and also hosted a family fun day at the Red Barn for kids in the community. Thank you, Greeks, for being such a loyal community partner and friend to Kosair Charities.

Voortmans
Thank you to Voortmans Cookies for donating thousands of cookies to Kosair Charities after the holidays. These cookies were distributed to some of our supported agencies, including Americana and Spina Bifida. Our Kosair Kids® appreciated the sweet treat!

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Aéropostale
Aéropostale, a teen and young adult clothing store, donated new teddy bears to Bears on Patrol over the holidays. Every year, the Greentree, Jefferson, and St. Matthews Mall stores have made a donation, and these teddies are given out to Kosair Kids® at our annual holiday party. Thank you for your continued support, Aéropostale.

Bake My Day
A very special thank you goes out to Jennifer at Bake My Day. She created an over-the-top cupcake display and cake to help Kosair Charities celebrate its 90th anniversary. Thank you for helping us make our celebration a little sweeter!

Whole Foods
The staff at Whole Foods in St. Matthews held a stuff animal drive over the holidays and collected over 100 plush toys for Bears on Patrol. Thank you for thinking of our Kosair Kids®.

KidStuff Sale
Thank you to Suzette Decker for another successful KidStuff Consignment Sale this spring. Shoppers were encouraged to make a donation to Kosair Charities in order to shop before the sale was opened to the public. Be on the lookout for the fall sale, which will be held in Louisville, Oldham County, and Southern Indiana around September.

Ava’s School Supplies
Ava Barham celebrated her 6th birthday in December in a very selfless way. Ava had her friends and family bring school supplies for our Kosair Kids® instead of getting her gifts. Ava brought us a ton of notebooks, markers, crayons, and much more. Thank you for thinking of Kosair Charities!

Awaken to Wellness
Thank you to Awaken to Wellness for collecting donations around the holidays for our Kosair Kids®. Every little bit helps and we are glad to have a new community partner.

JammaCaps
JammaCaps are long, pointed fleece hats with a tassel on the end that are perfect for outdoor winter activities. Jennifer Grier, owner of JammaCaps, donated 10 percent of all sales from this winter to Kosair Charities, and presented us with a check for over $200. Thank you to everyone who purchased a JammaCap this winter and to Jennifer for supporting Kosair Charities.

Eddy Metal
Eddy Metal and friends hosted the 8th Annual Rock for Kosair show at Phoenix Hill Tavern on Nov. 16. Jefferson Tarc Bus, Jet Black Orchid, Po Brothers, and many other bands played all night long to raise money to buy toys for our Kosair Kids®. Eddy and his friends went on a HUGE shopping spree at Toys R Us and bought over $6,000 worth of toys to be given out at the Kosair Charities Holiday Party. Thank you to everyone who made this night a colossal success. You were able to help hundreds of Kosair Kids® have the holiday that they deserve!
**High Flyers**

**Kosair Shrine Greeters**
Kosair Shrine Greeters made a $25,000 gift to support Kosair Charities. The Greeter Unit made a lead gift to help support a pediatric facility that will be run by the University of Louisville and housed on Kosair Charities Campus. Thanks to the Greeters for making such an extraordinary gift to help our Kosair Kids®!

**Buckner Elementary**
Thank you to Kennedy Park for heading up a bear drive at her school, Buckner Elementary. Kennedy and her classmates were able to collect over 200 stuffed animals. We appreciate you all helping us out!

**Dale Hollow Shrine Club**
Members of the Dale Hollow Shrine Club made a $5000 gift to help our Kosair Kids® and support the University of Louisville pediatric Clinic that will soon be on the Kosair Charities Campus.

**Glasgow Shrine Club**
Members of the Glasgow Shrine Club presented a check to Kosair Charities from their annual candy sales for $23,000. They also presented a check in the amount of $25,000 to help with the children’s pediatric facility coming on Kosair Charities Campus.

**Reach Out for Kosair Kids®**
Thanks to the Glasgow Shrine Club and members of the Glasgow community for making the 2012 Reach Out for Kosair Kids such a success! This quilt was made to highlight local kids that have been helped by Kosair Charities. It was purchased by a group of supporters (pictured) at the event in August and donated back to be placed on display at the Kosair Charities Campus.

**Mark Twain Shrine Club**
The Mark Twain Shrine Club made a gift of $25,000 to help support our Kosair Kids® and the new University of Louisville Pediatric facility coming on to the Kosair Charities Campus this year.

**Hillbilly Clan**
Thank you to the Hillbilly Clan #3 and Hillbilly Clan #3 Ladies Auxiliary for making gifts to Kosair Charities totaling $2,500 to help support our Kosair Kids®!

**Thank You**
Thank you to all the individuals and groups that donated new and gently used stuffed animals to Bears on Patrol, collected new toys for the Kosair Kids® Toy Collection, or who have volunteered for us. Below is a list of some of the groups who donated their time, toys or stuffed animals in the past few months. We appreciate the effort you put in to help our kids:

- Mill Creek Baptist Church
- Holy Cross High School Students
- Nicole Wise
- St. Mary School
- Adventure Christian Church
- First Capital Bank of Kentucky
- Girl Scout Troop #1395
- Shawnee Lodge #830
- Ann Blair and Family

If you or your workplace, school, church, or any other group would like to hold a stuffed animal, toy, or bike drive for Kosair Charities, please contact Stephanie Smith at ssmith@kosair.org.

**Book Drive**
We are collecting **NEW** books to be given away to Kosair Kids® at our annual Holiday Party.

We are in need of chapter books for both boys and girls ages 6-10.

Books can be dropped off at 982 Eastern Parkway, or call Stephanie at 502-637-7696 to schedule a pick up.
Special Events Calendar

**May**

- 17-18th: Old Louisville SpringFest
- 18th: Pam Miller Memorial Golf Scramble
- 18th: Stanley Walker Concert
- 19th: The Magic and the Wonder

**June**

- 1st: Fountain for Youth Red Carpet Fashion Show
- 13th: Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
- 22nd: Hooter’s Hop
- 23rd: Camp Quality Cookout and NSRA Appreciation Day
- 28th: Playhouse Reveal
- 29th: Comic Con

**July**

- 21st: Sam Swope Road Rally
- 27th: Kosair Charities Softball Tournament

**August**

- 3rd: Reach Out for Kosair Kids®
- 10th: Tompkinsville Antique Tractor and Engine Show
- 24th: Dreams Take Flight
- 26th: Just “Fore” Kids Golf Classic

**September**

- 12th: Stepping Stones Bear Collection
- 13th: W. Barnett Owen Society Luncheon
- 19th: Flexible Packaging Golf Scramble
- 28th: UPS Golf Scramble
- 30th: Kosair Classic

*All above dates are tentative and are subject to change.*

For more information on the events listed visit: [www.kosair.org](http://www.kosair.org)
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