Meet Kosair Kid®
Jenna Mohammed
Meet Maurice Langdon:

A 1950s Kosair Kid® and Proud Kosair Charities Donor

As the owners of GQ Hair in downtown Louisville, Maurice Langdon and his wife, Bernice, have worked side by side for 50 years. They're the proud parents of a son, Brent, an actor in New York City. They've just sold their salon to a longtime employee and now work “only” four days a week. None of it would have been possible without the old Kosair Crippled Children Hospital.

Maurice was born in Leitchfield in 1944 and raised on a farm. When he was 9, doctors determined he had a mild case of polio. By age 12 he had developed scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, and the noted surgeon Dr. Kenton Leatherman prepared him for surgery. A very long process Preparation involved a couple months of traction followed by many long days in a full-body cast. Maurice recalls the cast weighing about 100 pounds and coming up so far that only the top of his head, face and ears were visible. Each day the staff would crank a turn buckle in the opposite direction of his curvature until one day the doctor cut a hole in the back of the cast and fused bones onto his spine. He spent about nine months in a cast after the surgery. Maurice recalls being homesick when he arrived at the hospital, but that quickly went away. “Once you resign yourself that you're there, kids will be kids,” he said. “We managed to have a good time.” Those fun times included stretcher races in the halls, which got them into hot water. Maurice once fell off, but the cast fortunately held up.

A life lived Maurice's life is a testament to the wonderful, life-giving work done at Kosair Crippled Children Hospital. Not only has he been a productive, tax-paying citizen in his adopted home town, he has earned his livelihood by spending countless hours on his feet. That's quite a transformation for the Kosair Kid® with polio and scoliosis.

“I owe my life to Kosair,” he said. “Had it not been for the surgery, I don’t know how we would have obtained it. It was extremely expensive.” And that is why Maurice remains a great supporter of Kosair Charities today. “They're in my will,” he said, “and once I slow down a bit more at work, I'll spend even more time supporting Kosair Charities.”

Meet the Board

In 2015, Kosair Charities welcomed 2 new Shriners to the Board of Directors. Welcome to the team Matt and Gary!

Matt Brotzge

Matt Brotzge grew up in Louisville, Kentucky. He attended St. Edwards and graduated from St. Xavier High School. He then attended Bellarmine College where he met his bride Christy on campus. Matt joined his father’s business at Professional Plumbing in 1998. He is now co-owner of PPI. He was married in 2001. That same year he became a Master Mason and attended Middletown Lodge. He joined the Shrine in 2003. He is now a member of Willis Stewart Lodge. He has two children Luke, 10 and Kate, 7 who attend school in Oldham County.

Gary Morgan

Gary grew up in the rural city of Greensburg, KY. After graduating from high school, he spent four years in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of his military tour, he returned home to begin a career in the medical profession. Gary moved to Louisville and obtained a BSBA from Spalding University. He has been employed as a Senior Clinical Service Coordinator at The Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates for the past 22 years. Gary has been married to his wife Theresa for 32 years and together they have two children.
Jenna Mohammed was only 5 last year when she found out she would receive her very own custom playhouse through Kosair Charities. But when she came in to talk with the planners about how the house might be designed, she handled herself like a grown-up.

"Jenna told them everything she wanted," said her mother, Rawan Khatib. "I said I don't know why we're here!"

For the record, she picked a pink and purple color scheme. The playhouse, a partnership of Kosair Charities, the Building Industry Charitable Foundation, YouthBuild Louisville and River City Bank, has hardwood floors, marble countertops and a place to park her walker. There's a mailbox on the outside, with her address: No. 4.

The house is also meant to disguise therapy as fun, so when Jenna is in the kitchen pretending to cook, she's practicing her standing too. A short climb up a few steps is worth the effort — it leads to a loft with a nook where she reads her Junie B. Jones books.

"The playhouse is beautiful, and it's so good for her," Rawan said. "It's a lot more than we expected it to be."

Challenging conditions

Jenna was born prematurely, and at 18 months old she was diagnosed with periventricular leukomalacia, a form of white-matter brain injury that affects motor skills. That led to a diagnosis of spastic diplegia, a form of cerebral palsy, also known as Little's Disease, characterized by tightness or stiffness in the lower extremities.

Jenna had two surgeries. First came a dorsal rhizotomy, which accesses the spine and selectively destroys problematic nerve roots to relieve leg spasticity. Then last March, she had a femoral osteotomy, a difficult procedure that typically involves cutting, shaping or removing bone. Jenna had the procedure on both hips.

Ironically, her playhouse was delivered on the day of her surgery, and Jenna had to wait several weeks before she could enjoy it.

Jenna has received direct support from Kosair Charities, including an adaptive eating seat that insurance would not cover. And since age 3 she has received occupational and physical therapy at the Kids Center for Pediatric Therapy, which receives major support from Kosair Charities.

Jenna loves going there. "It doesn't seem like doing therapy," her mother said. "They make it fun for her."

A grateful family

Jenna loves dolls and dressing up, her mother said, insisting on matching accessories and purses to go with her outfits. And as the story about her designing the playhouse proves, she's bold.

"Oh my gosh, she's got a mind of her own, and she'll speak what's on her mind," Rawan said. "She's very determined. She's definitely a little diva."

Rawan and her husband, Fadi Mohammed, also have a 1-year-old daughter named Maya, which means "beautiful" in Arabic. The name was chosen by Jenna, whose name translates to "heaven."

The couple are among the many grateful families in and around Louisville who can hardly believe they could find something like Kosair Charities. They try to repay the kindnesses by donating to Kosair Charities and the Kids Center.

"If it wasn't for Kosair Charities," Rawan said, pausing. "Oh, goodness — Jenna wouldn't be where she's at. They help with things that insurance won't pay for. The playhouse is immaculate. It's a dream house, honestly, for any little girl or boy. She always wanted a playhouse, but there's no way we could afford something like that."

"Words can't describe how thankful we are and how much we appreciate what they do. We can't thank them enough."
Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies: Helping Children Succeed

If not for the Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies, thousands of kids would not have received the therapies they needed over the past five decades.

And if not for Kosair Charities, according to Kids Center assistant director Barbara Borie, “We’d be homeless. We would not be able to afford the space we work in.”

Since 1986, the center has been located on the Kosair Charities campus through a grant lease. It occupies about 20,000 square feet on three floors and has an adaptive playground outdoors.

“Lots of people can provide bricks and mortar,” Borie said, “but Kosair Charities is about providing services. They’ve reached out to us in ways you can’t even enumerate.”

A wide range of services

The Kids Center is a multidisciplinary treatment center for children with developmental delays or disabilities. It serves infants through young adults up to age 21 with an emphasis on the needs of children from birth to age 5.

Since its founding in 1959, the Kids Center, formerly known as the CP Kids Center, has focused on a few core goals, including making sure no child is denied services because of income and “seeing the ability in disability,” as noted on the agency’s website.

Some families can cover their costs through insurance, but many can’t. Thanks to support from Kosair Charities, the center can nearly guarantee no one is turned away.

Many former clients have gone on to live full, productive lives, Borie said. She’s worked there for 40 years, and said one of her favorite things is watching a child develop over a period of years.

“You see your kids grow up,” she said, “and you see they can grow up to be successful. The therapists become part of the families’ support system. While serving kids with disabilities, a special bond develops.”

A wide range of services

The center’s current caseload is about 1,100 children, Borie said, with most clients coming from Kentucky and Indiana. A large percentage come to treat cerebral palsy, but the center works with a wide range of conditions.

Its staff of 35 includes 25 therapists — physical, occupational, nutritional and speech. It also operates clinics in areas such as orthopedics and spasticity.

The therapists’ techniques often involve getting children to see therapy as fun, whether with tablet computers or adaptive swings on the playground.

“The staff all love what they do, and they’re very devoted to the cause,” Borie said.

‘A cheery, happy place’

Borie said one of the biggest changes she’s observed in her career is the advent of technology. Today, for example, in the center’s “Augmentative Lab,” children with cerebral palsy who are non-verbal can use a computer that follows their eye gaze and creates a voice output when they look at a picture of an object.

And electric wheelchairs have allowed kids to become more mobile, Borie said, which lets them begin exploring their environment and develop at a normal age.

She said first-time visitors are often surprised at the upbeat atmosphere.

“It’s a really cheery place and a happy place,” she said. “Kids with disabilities may conjure pity, but no one feels sorry for the kids here. They’re growing, achieving kids who are happy with what they’re doing. It makes for a very genuine place when families come.”

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The fifth annual Pam Miller Memorial Golf Scramble was held on May 9 at Covered Bridge Golf Club. Over 100 golfers and volunteers showed up for a beautiful day of fun and fundraising. After the scramble, participants gathered in the clubhouse for a silent auction, door prizes and appetizers provided by Clucker's, Sam's Food and Spirits, and Covered Bridge. The event's goal has never wavered: honor Pam Miller by raising money for Kosair Kids® just like her.

Pam Miller was born on May 22, 1960, and contracted polio at a young age. With her strength and the help of Kosair Charities, she was able to walk again. Pam was a long-time employee of Sam's Food and Spirits and was known for her smile, big heart and sense of humor. In 2005, she began her long battle with breast cancer. With the love and support of her family and friends, she lived five more beautiful years. Pam never wanted her life to be defined by polio or breast cancer, and because of the golf scramble put on by her friends Annetta Treitz, Keri Pendleton and Susan Stufflebean, it never will be.

Because Pam was a Kosair Kid®, proceeds from the scramble benefit Kosair Charities. In the scramble’s five years of existence, over $50,000 has been raised for Kosair Kids® in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Thank you to all golfers, volunteers and committee members for making this scramble a success year after year. We can’t wait for 2016!

The Magic and the Wonder

The 8th annual Magic and the Wonder took place May 17 at The Kentucky Center's Whitney Hall. Four world-famous magicians performed a magnificent fundraiser for Kosair Kids®. The Magic and the Wonder, starring Rick Thomas, David Williamson, Arthur Trace and Michael Goudeau, provided a night of jaw-dropping fun for the whole family. Thomas wowed the crowd with grand illusion, Williamson incorporated humor into his act, Trace showed his expertise in manipulation, and Goudeau’s juggling act was mind-boggling. Local magicians Patrick and Janice Miller also performed and introduced a very special magician, Graham Maupin to the crowd.

All proceeds benefited Kosair Charities and The Kids Center. In its eight years, the magic show has raised over $275,000 for Kosair Kids®. Its success is made possible by the hard work of Patrick and Janice Miller and their magic show committee.

Oaks Eve Bash

Guests flooded into Woodhaven Country Club on April 30 to start their Derby celebrations with a bang. The 2nd annual Oaks Eve Bash, hosted by Steve Linebaugh, Mark Krish, Tom Mercer, Chris McClellan, Sam Phillips and Nick Clark, brought in hundreds of guests for a night of dancing, fun and philanthropy. All proceeds benefit Kosair Charities.

Guests were greeted by volunteers from Meet Up Louisville, Kosair Charities Legion of Ladies, and the winners of various Miss Kentucky pageants. Music by PC and the Final Verdict and the Silky Row Band played on indoor and outdoor stages and kept the party going into the night. Door prizes and glassware were given away courtesy of Four Roses Bourbon, and a derby-themed photo booth allowed guests to pose for a picture to commemorate the night.

The event was a great way to start a weekend of horse racing and fun. Thank you to all who attended, and to our sponsors: COIT Cleaning and Restoration Services, Allen Electrical Services, Tea Station, Kauer and Blair Incorporated, McClellan Realty, Four Roses Distillery, Smith & Smith, Jean Co. LCC, Real Estate 3000, Nelson Insurance Group, Jim Berry Collision Center and Shuffitt Automotive.
Kosair Charities Legion of Ladies and Gentlemen’s Auxiliary

On March 23, Kosair Charities hosted the inaugural meeting of the Legion of Ladies and Gentlemen’s Auxiliary, a new volunteer program for friends and supporters who are interested in opportunities to help advance the mission of Kosair Charities. The Legion of Ladies and Gentlemen’s Auxiliary (LOL) is open to women of all ages, professions, faiths, racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, who share a common goal: supporting the mission of Kosair Charities.

Volunteer opportunities include:
- **Thank-a-thons** – Bring your cellphone and a group of friends and attend a thank-a-thon. You will be provided with a list of recent contributors and their phone numbers, along with a suggested script for getting the conversation started. The primary purpose for your call is to say “thank you!” for supporting Kosair Charities.
- **Special Deliveries** – Deliver books to agencies and assist in distributing children if needed. Deliver Bears on Patrol to law enforcement agencies throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana.
- **Volunteer Receptionist**
- **Hospitality Committee** – Act as co-hostesses at Kosair Charities events, greeting guests, assisting with registration and answering questions about Kosair Charities.

**Auction Item Solicitations**
Kosair Charities has numerous events throughout the year, including the LOL Thanksgiving Pie Auction, which features live and/or silent auctions. Volunteers are needed to solicit auction items.

**Thanksgiving Pie Auction** – The Thanksgiving Pie Auction is a live auction of homemade (or almost homemade) pies. The live auction is accompanied by a silent auction featuring items appropriate for holiday gift giving. Volunteers are needed to organize the event, invite friends to attend, solicit silent auction items, act as co-hostesses, serve refreshments and donate pies.

**Secret Santa Parties and Back to School Bashes**
- Many of the children served by Kosair Charities-supported agencies are not able to attend Kosair Charities media-covered parties due to their family circumstances. Secret Santa Parties and Back to School Bashes are private parties for children from CASA and other organizations. Volunteers are needed to organize the parties, distribute school supplies and gifts, provide and serve refreshments, and act as Santa’s secret elves.

Host a “Get to Know Kosair Charities Social” – Invite your friends, family or co-workers to get to know Kosair Charities in your home, church, club or workspace. Kosair Charities staff will be in attendance to do a brief presentation on the work of Kosair Charities, show a video, and invite guests to join the LOL, GA and/or 1000 Club. These events are designed to be educational opportunities, not hard sale solicitations.

**Community Engagement Activities**
Volunteers are needed throughout the year to represent Kosair Charities at events in the community. One example is wrapping gifts for customers at Barnes & Nobles during the holidays. Customers are asked to make a donation in exchange for the free gift-wrapping services. Representation at Kosair Charities-supported agencies events (typically breakfast or lunch meetings, dinners and galas) is also needed.

Your special skills and talents are needed by our Kosair Kids®. For more information on becoming a member of the Legion of Ladies and/or Gentlemen’s Auxiliary, please call Kosair Charities at 502-637-7696.
Easy Ways to Give Back

Kroger Plus Card
To join the Kroger Community Rewards program, all you have to do is visit https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards and create an account. Once you’ve signed up, every time you swipe your Kroger Plus Card, Kroger will donate a portion of your purchases to Kosair Charities. With a click of a button or swipe of your Kroger Plus Card, many more Kosair Kids® will receive the help they need to be happy, healthy and safe.

AmazonSmile
The AmazonSmile program is a simple and automatic way for you to support Kosair Charities every time you shop at Amazon.com, at no additional cost to you. We hope you will consider selecting Kosair Charities as your charity of choice at AmazonSmiles. To help us help more Kosair Kids®, visit AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and select Kosair Charities to receive donations from eligible purchases. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation of a portion of the purchase price.

Kosair Charities Pie Auction
Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. for Kosair Charities’ inaugural pie auction. The event will be held at the Kosair Shrine Center and will feature pies from some of Louisville’s finest bakeries as well as homemade pies from talented volunteer bakers. In addition to these sweet treats, we will have a variety of items up for bid in a silent auction. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. If interested, please contact Becky Edmondson at Kosair Charities at 502-637-7630 or by email at bedmondson@kosair.org.

Kosair Kids® Book Blast
Kosair Kids® Book Blast is a wonderful opportunity to get directly involved with helping the children of Kosair Charities. Kosair Kids® Book Blast collects new books for children ages 0-10. Each new book goes to children attending our annual Kosair Kids® Holiday Party. It is our goal to collect over 500 books for our Kosair Kids® each December. To reach that goal we depend solely on donations. The Kosair Kids® Book Blast program allows us to give each child an age-appropriate book every year.

If you would like to donate books, they can be dropped off at Kosair Charities, 982 Eastern Parkway, Louisville.
If you would like to help give our Kosair Kids® a chance to experience the joy of reading, think about hosting a book drive. Contact Kaitlin Logan at klogan@kosair.org or 502-637-7696 ext. 106 to get started.

Why Kosair Charities?

People often ask, “How is Kosair Charities able to help so many kids?” The answer is simple. It’s because of friends and donors like you. Thousands of donors over the years have made annual gifts, in an amount affordable for them, and often left a bequest in their will or another estate plan to benefit Kosair Kids®. Today, this story continues as Kosair Charities relies on the generosity of its many donors and volunteers who make a tremendous difference in the lives of children in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

What inspires so many individuals to support Kosair Charities?
The answer to this question is surprisingly simple. When some of the most dedicated donors and volunteers are asked, “Why Kosair Charities?” the story that follows is one of their own personal journey as a Kosair Kid® or of a special child, grandchild, or loved one whose life has been touched by Kosair Charities. The stories are those of people who want to give back so that more children will experience the difference Kosair Charities can make in the life of a child. Kosair Charities is proud to share the stories of Scott Simpson and Sharon Schickel, two very special Kosair Kids®.

Scott Simpson
Scott Simpson was a healthy, rambunctious 9-year-old who enjoyed roughhousing with his brother, Glenn, and pestering his older sister, Cheryl, when his Kosair Kid® journey began in the early 1970s. During a visit with his grandmother in Virginia, she noticed Scott was not as active as usual and he didn’t feel well much of the time. When Scott returned home his parents, Jim and Carol Simpson, realized something was wrong and sought help. Scott was diagnosed with Legg-Calve-Perthes disease, a childhood condition that affects the hip, where the thigh bone and pelvis meet in a ball-and-socket joint. The condition occurs when blood supply is interrupted to the ball part of the hip joint. Without sufficient blood flow, the bone begins breaking down and causing pain and weakness.

Scott was admitted to Kosair Crippled Children’s Hospital, but initial treatment plans were dismal. The options included up to a year in a full body cast or 18 months in a special brace that would keep his legs spread apart. Initially, Scott decided on the brace. He thought the longer time period would be worth it, since the brace would not be as restrictive as the cast. But Scott’s parents could not imagine their high-spirited son facing such an arduous and lengthy treatment.

Scott’s leg was put in traction. A few days before he was to be measured for a brace, Jim and Carol learned of a new surgery that would allow for a much shorter recovery time. At almost 11 years old, Scott was nearly too old for the surgery to be successful. Scott fearlessly faced the surgery and became the fifth child in the U.S. to have the procedure. However, Scott’s time at Kosair Crippled Children’s Hospital had not come to an end. He had a follow-up surgery the next year. Jim and Carol were not disappointed in the results. Scott made a full recovery — eventually playing soccer, square dancing, bike riding, hiking and rock climbing. In addition to being grateful for their son’s health and happiness, they are thankful to the Kosair Shriners who visited Scott during his hospital stays and gave him many warm childhood memories despite his incredible challenges.

Scott announced to Carol his decision to become a Shriner while he was still being treated at Kosair Crippled Children’s Hospital.

Scott Simpson
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Sharon Schickel’s journey as a Kosair Kid® began when she was only 10 days old. Born in 1946 at the height of the polio epidemic, Sharon was diagnosed with infantile paralysis, or polio, in her first few weeks of life. The doctors were unsure whether this incredibly fragile baby would survive infancy. Sharon’s family turned to prayer when her last surgery behind her and she began to enjoy life as a normal, active, happy teenager. Even in her college career in 1968, Sharon experienced severe fatigue and progressive weakness in her right leg. Like many adults who suffered from polio, Sharon was diagnosed with post-polio syndrome. Sharon was forced to leave the teaching career she loved, officially retiring in 1998. Her family turned to Kosair Children Hospital. She followed through on that commitment and became a member of Mohammed Shrine in Illinois where he now resides. Scott’s dad, Jim, decided to follow in his son’s footsteps, and in 2007 became a member of the Kosair Shrine in Louisville. He is also an honorary member of the Mohammed Shrine. Jim and Carol continue to show their gratitude for the exceptional care Scott received by being steadfast donors and dedicated volunteers. Jim and Carol are amazed at how many people approach them with their own Kosair Kid® stories. Carol explains, “Everyone knows someone who has been helped by Kosair Charities. It is incredible how many lives have been touched.” Jim and Carol also became members of the W. Barnett Owen Society by including Kosair Charities in their wills. Jim says the decision was “an easy one to make.” Kosair Charities closed Kosair Crippled Children Hospital in 1980. Since that time, the ways that Kosair Charities cares for Kosair Kids® have evolved and changed but the focus remains the same — taking care of kids. Kosair Charities is grateful for all of the past patients and their families who help ensure Kosair Charities will be there for as long as possible, Sharon began practicing Taoist Tai Chi, a mild form of martial arts. She continues to rely on this ancient tradition to provide a graceful workout that she adapts to accommodate the brace she has worn on her right leg for 65 years.

Sharon has two grandchildren, 11-year-old Rachel and 4-year-old Reese. Rachel is also a Kosair Kid®, through services she has received after being diagnosed by Dr. Vinay Puri, a member of the University of Louisville Division of Child Neurology, with verbal and limb apraxia, a motor disorder, and hypotonia, a form of muscle weakness. The U of L Division of Child Neurology is supported by Kosair Charities. Rachel attended Heuser Hearing and Language Academy, also supported by Kosair Charities, for three years based on Dr. Puri’s recommendation. Rachel’s days were filled with school and with multiple therapies, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, aquatic therapy, and equine therapy at Greenhill Therapies, also a Kosair Charities-supported agency. With the support of those agencies and her family, Rachel is now doing very well as a fourth grader. Despite staying busy with her daughter, grandchildren, family, friends, Tai Chi and love of reading, Sharon, a long-time Kosair Charities donor, felt something was missing in her life. Recently, she received a call from Vice President of Development Bethany Heckel to thank her for a recent gift. In talking to Bethany, she learned Kosair Charities was launching a new volunteer initiative, the Legion of Ladies. Bethany invited Sharon to attend the inaugural meeting of the group. She accepted the invitation. Sharon enjoyed being back in the old “little girls ward,” which is now known as the Kosair Charities Community Room. She described it as a feeling of “coming back home.”

She reviewed the various volunteer programs and decided to be a volunteer receptionist and organize a book drive for the Kosair Kids Book Blur program. Sharon says her volunteer experience makes her feel as if life has come full circle. She is back where her journey began and doing things to support children who are facing their own obstacles on the road to health and wellness.

Sharon is a member of the W. Barnett Owen Society and has included Kosair Charities in her will. She notes Kosair Charities has changed so much since she was first a patient in 1950. “At that time it was primarily treating children with polio and orthopedic problems like scoliosis. Now Kosair Charities helps children facing all kinds of challenges in all kinds of ways,” she says. Sharon adds: “I cannot imagine my life or Rachel’s life without Kosair Charities. I am just so grateful to be able to give back for all we have received as well as all the other children who have benefited from being a part of the Kosair Charities story.”
Bryce and Nolan Whitfield, Ages 9 and 7:
Bryce and Nolan surprised our staff on April 1 by dropping off multiple bags filled with brand-new toys for Kosair Charities. The toys were collected by having their birthday parties (one in February and one in March) for Kosair Kids® instead of themselves. Thanks to Bryce and Nolan, now other kids know how much fun giving can be. Happy belated birthday, boys!

Olivia Allen, Age 10:
Olivia stopped by Kosair Charities on April 10 with 117 brand-new toys. What started as asking her friends to bring toys to her birthday party for Kosair Charities’ Bears on Patrol program ended up being a month-long community toy drive that she completed with the help of local toy stores, her family and classmates. Thanks to Olivia’s ambitious and giving spirit, the world is a better place for over 100 children in need. Welcome to the Kosair Charities Kids Club, Olivia!

St. Francis of Assisi:
Students of St. Francis of Assisi’s 3rd grade class worked very hard to collect stuffed animals to Kosair Charities’ Bears on Patrol Program. Thanks you, Amee Kent, for coordinating and getting your students involved in helping others!

Ascension School:
Students from Ascension School collection stuffed animals for Kosair Charities’ Bears on Patrol Program. Thanks, kids… enjoy your summer!

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The Louisville Zoo
The Louisville Zoo stopped by Kosair Charities on May 11 with a very special donation of over 100 brand new stuffed animals purchased by their very own zoo-members! Along with making this adorable donation, they challenged themselves to collect enough stuffed animals for each Kosair Kid® that attends our holiday party in December. Thank you for your dedication to Kosair Kids®!

Fishing for Kosair Kids®
On Saturday, May 16th the Mt. Washington FOP Lodge #82 hosted its annual Fishing for Kosair Kids® Crappie fishing tournament. Despite the rainy weather, 2 boats showed up bright and early to Taylorsville Lake’s Possum Ridge Boat Ramp to enter into the competition. Thanks to Tim Morrison, Dan Kelty, all of the participants and volunteers, over $4,000 was raised for Kosair Charities! We are already looking forward to next year’s fishing tournament!

Ryan Kaelin
Ryan completed his senior service project at Holy Cross High School by collecting over 300 stuffed animals for Kosair Charities’ Bears on Patrol program. Way to go, Ryan!

Starbucks
Thank you, Starbucks, for collecting multiple boxes of books and stuffed animals for our Book Blast and Bears on Patrol programs!
Sacred Heart Schools
Sacred Heart Schools collected 624 new and gently used books for the Kosair Charities Book Blast program. This was the second annual book drive that was headed up by Sacred Heart Preschool. Thank you to the entire Ursuline Campus for this amazing donation!

Lone Wolf Family Sports Pub
On May 15, owners of Lone Wolf Family Sports Pub in Valley Station visited Kosair Charities to give a special gift of $4,288 in memory of a special young girl, Kristen Masticola.

Dreyer Carpentry & J.L. Gilbert Company
During a week of heavy rainfall, the Kosair Charities toy room was flooded. Fortunately, not too many toys were lost and thanks to Dreyer Carpentry Inc. and J.L. Gilbert Company, we will never run the risk of losing toys again! Wooden pallets were delivered and unloaded in April to keep all wrapped toys for the Kosair Kids® Holiday Party high and dry. Thanks Dreyer Carpentry & J.L. Gilbert Company!

Catherine and Deanna
Catherine and Deanna stopped by Kosair Charities to donate stuffed animals to our Bears on Patrol program and received a tour of Kosair Charities while they were here. Thank you for your donation!

Additional In-Kind Donations
Michael Adeock
Olin Barnett
C & I Engineering (Debbie Williams)
Megan Fallon
Belva Graham
Dennis Hardin
Craig Hess
Kids Called to Serve at St. Gabriel Parish (Michelle Sherrard)
Kindercare (Lori Hamilton)
Beth Meredith
Metro United Way (Mary Sullivan)
Ashley Moore
Issac, Ella, and Abby Parker
Brandt Prince
St. James Court Art Show (Margue Esrock)
St. Michael Catholic Church
Jackie Warner
Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs (Diane Cox)
Douglas Yocoy

Kosair Charities in the Community

CMKI Hands On Award
The Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand and Microsurgery (CMKI) honored Kosair Charities at the 2nd annual CMKI Hands-On Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 2, 2015. (Photo: Christine M. Kleinert)

Macy’s Letter
Here is a letter from Kosair Kid® Macy thanking all of our donors of Kosair Charities for helping her get a new hearing aid!

Jeffersontown Business Expo was a Slam Dunk
The Kosair Charities booth at the Jeffersontown Business Expo provided fun, friendly competition and networking as professionals played “Pop-A-Shot” while learning about our mission. The competition really heated up in the afternoon as Greg Duke of 3Point Marketing and James Croan of Northwood University battled for the grand prize: dinner at Uptown Café! Thanks to all who competed in our basketball madness and congratulations to Greg Duke who finished at the top of the leaderboard with 82 points.

Face It® Movement Makes Strides in Frankfort
On May 6, Governor Steve Beshear signed SB 119—ensuring that all educators receive important information on how to recognize and report signs of child abuse. Kosair Charities’ Board Chairman Jerry Ward and President Randy Coe travelled to Frankfort to represent Kosair Charities and the Face it Movement as the bill became law.

Funster’s Visit Gilda’s Club
The stage was set, lights were low and talent was high on April 10 at Gilda’s Club of Louisville for the very own version of hit TV show America’s Got Talent—Gilda’s Got Talent. A special appearance was made by the Kosair Funster’s, who performed a routine of their own and handed out stuffed animals to all the kids who participated and attended.

2015 KidsFest
In March, Kosair Charities partnered with the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce to present the 2015 KidsFest. The gloomy weather definitely didn’t stop families from attending the event! Kids took pictures in our photo booth, received a free stuffed animal, and entered for a chance to win an awesome family game-night package!
Upcoming Events in 2015
Correct at time of printing, information may change.

**July**

22nd Bluegrass Indoor Karting Race-a-thon
25th: Benefits Night
29th: St. Matthew’s Mid-Summer’s Night SK
31st: Charity Golf Scramble

**August**

1st: Reach Out for Kosair Kids®
13-23th: KY State Fair
15th: Fat Boy Golf Classic
31st: Just “Forre” Kids Golf Classic

**September**

20th: Golf Ribbon Event
21st: Lushi Mechanical Golf Scramble

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**Correction**

Samuel G. Swope* Deceased
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