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House of Dreams
Early 60 years ago, Reynolds Metals and RKO Studios produced a documentary about Kosair Crippled Children Hospital titled “House of Dreams.” It was narrated by famous Louisville actor, Victor Mature, and focused on 11 year old Donald White, who was receiving treatment for severe burns.

The movie tells the story of Donald White’s journey to overcome his terrible injury in a place where he was loved and cared for by his Kosair family. It is a story that was shared with moviegoers throughout the region. It is a story of passion, dedication and God’s blessings.

The original 16-millimeter film has been transferred to a DVD. Kosair Charities is very proud to have located this treasure. Although this story took place in 1951, it is a story that lives on today in our modern House of Dreams.

A Terrible Accident

One day young Donald White and two of his buddies decided to have a picnic and build a fire. They made it grow by adding kerosene, but unfortunately, Donald had spilled some on his pants, and he was severely burned. After his family moved from Ohio to Louisville, Donald was taken to the old Kosair Crippled Children Hospital, which was on the Eastern Parkway site that now houses Kosair Charities.

Donald is 71 now and lives near Louisville. He recalls the film being made and knew he was featured, but he had never seen it and never thought he would. But earlier this year, Kosair Charities gave him a pleasant surprise when the staff invited him and his wife, Laverne, to view the film.

They watched intently as narrator Mature talked about the innovative treatment being offered at the hospital, touching on occupational therapy, infantile paralysis, portable respirators and the amazing hydrotherapy pool. The Kosair Kids are seen studying, praying and eating together, and playing with a black cocker spaniel that came to cheer them up. In one shot, the camera pans across a “House of Dreams” that Donald was building from Legos. In another, a nurse lovingly wipes Donald’s brow while he lies in bed with his leg in traction.

When the 21-minute film ended and the lights came up, Donald bowed his head while Laverne gently teased him. “You’re still a ham,” she said as they both dabbed their eyes.

Donald is grateful for the love and support he received all those years ago, and he has tried to give it back during his lifetime. “When you give a gift,” he said, “there’s two blessings—the blessing from giving and the blessing for the other person. If it weren’t for Kosair Charities, I wouldn’t have all the blessings that I have now.”
Meet Addie Childers

When insurance declined to cover important therapy for their daughter Addie, Dustin and Jill Childers turned to Kosair Charities.

Addie, now 5 years old, experienced a brain injury during delivery. Jill had a normal pregnancy, but Addie became entangled in the umbilical cord. Her injuries fall under the cerebral palsy category and affect her balance, coordination and speech.

Early on, Dustin and Jill took Addie to the K.I.D.S. Center on the Kosair Charities campus for “VitalStim” therapy. The electric stimulation of her throat was successful, but the family’s insurance only covers a new one every five to seven years. Kosair Charities paid for a new chair (similar to a stroller) and an adaptive tricycle. The trisler is indispensable for helping Addie get around, Jill says, while the trisler lets her interact with classmates on the playground.

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Those Who Receive, Give Back

Like lots of dads, Dustin tinkers. He rigged a movie screen outside the family’s house in southeastern Jefferson County. “Movie nights” led to a kid-focused Hallowen party, with hayrides, games, roasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. Friends offered to help cover costs, but Dustin declined. This year, the party figures to grow, and he has an idea. “No one needs to bring anything,” he says, “but we’ll ask them to make a donation on behalf of Kosair Charities.”

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Kosair Charities Steps In Again

Addie loves dolls and coloring books and playing dress-up, and she’s fond of her little brother Austin. Her favorite colors are pink, yellow, green and blue. (To see how those colors are used in Addie’s new custom-designed playhouse, see the story on Page 5.)

Addie had outgrown her push chair by the time she was ready to start preschool, but the family’s insurance only covers a new one every five to seven years. Kosair Charities paid for a new chair (similar to a stroller) and an adaptive tricycle. The tricycle is indispensable for helping Addie get around, Jill says, while the tricycle lets her interact with classmates on the playground.

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Kosair Kid

Addie’s Playhouse

Last Christmas, Jill Childers put together a music video highlighting her daughter Addie’s first 4-1/2 years. In the spring, after Kosair Charities helped Addie acquire a push chair and adaptive tricycle (see related story, Page 4), Jill realized the video was perfect to show the family’s gratitude.

Based on a set of still photos and set to music (Addie loves the music-only version of “Ice, Ice Baby” and knows the tagline by heart), the video shows how this charming Kosair Kid’s life has been enriched by Kosair Charities.

Jill sent a copy of the video to Kosair Charities. A few weeks later, Vicky Weber, Sr. V.P. Business Relations and Marketing of Kosair Charities contacted her with big news: Addie had been selected to receive a custom playhouse as part of a new philanthropic partnership between the Homebuilders Association of Louisville and Kosair Charities. The Childers family was flabbergasted.

Addie’s Favorite Colors

The 8’ x 12’ playhouse, featuring pink shutters, gray shingles and a dormer, was on display at this year’s Home-A-Rama. It occupied lot 2-1/2 at Norton Commons, which caused lots of visitors to smile. It has been moved to the Childers home in southeastern Jefferson County.

Inside, Addie’s favorite colors (pink, green, yellow and blue) are everywhere. There are pink shelves and cabinets, pink and green window treatments, a pink rug and a yellow rug. The playhouse is air-conditioned with full electric and lighting, a working sink and a mounted flat-panel TV.

The playhouse is designed to assist Addie therapeutically. “Vicky Weber says that as kids get older, it gets harder to keep them engaged in therapy,” Jill says. “Making it fun is one way to do that.”

Several Partners

The house was constructed by YouthBuild, a group that helps at-risk teens who work toward their GED while learning building trades and life skills. All told, about 20 parties worked on the project. Boland says BICF will keep building playhouses.

Dustin and Jill Childers were thrilled to be selected but also wondered why they were so fortunate. “Since Addie came to us,” Jill says, “we have met so many deserving families. We are so excited to be part of it.”

Homebuilders Reach Out

The homeowners association has long had a “social responsibility” committee to support philanthropic causes. Looking to expand efforts, the group formed the Building Industry Charitable Foundation (BICF), which was granted nonprofit status in 2009. BICF spent nearly two years studying how a strong foundation operates, says current chairman Davis Boland. And Kosair Charities, which Boland calls the “gold standard,” was happy to mentor the group. “They are the best teachers out there,” Boland says. “If we just listen to them, it’s hard to get it wrong.”

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Profile: Dr. Laman A. Gray, M.D.
Humanitarian of the Year Award

During an illustrious career, Dr. Laman A. Gray has received countless accolades. But he’s never felt more honored than when he was named Kosair Charities 2011 Humanitarian of the Year. The award was presented on August 20th at the annual Dreams Take Flight Gala, Kosair Charities’s signature event.

“This is one of the highlights of my career,” Dr. Gray says. “It’s a real honor to be honored by Kosair Charities because they are so important to the community. I feel humbled because they recognized I’ve done something.”

A Local Boy

Dr. Gray was born and raised in Louisville, where his father, Dr. Laman Gray Sr., was also a physician. Laman Gray Jr. earned his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He completed his training with an internship and residencies at the University of Michigan.

In 1973, he returned to his hometown to practice and teach at the University of Louisville. In 1984, he performed the first heart transplant in Kentucky. The following year he had success with a new assist device, which provided a bridge to transplant.

In 2001, with Dr. Robert Dowling, he implanted the first totally implantable artificial heart at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Exciting New Research

Following a successful bout with prostate cancer, Dr. Gray turned his focus from the operating room to research. Today he is the medical director of the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute, a state-of-the-art center for the development of heart assist devices.

Located in downtown Louisville, the Institute is a partnership between U of L and Jewish Hospital. It opened in 2007 with support that included a $5 million grant from Kosair Charities.

“Kosair Charities was instrumental in the very beginning of the Institute and supporting it when it was still a concept,” Dr. Gray says.

A New Focus on Pediatrics

While Dr. Gray’s previous work had been primarily with adults, much of the Institute’s focus is on pediatrics, and he enjoys the change. Institute researchers are studying how adult stem cells can help regenerate heart muscle, which would have direct implications for the treatment of pediatric patients. “This is groundbreaking,” Dr. Gray says. “It’s very exciting.”

The Institute is working with a Pittsburgh company on a circulatory support device for newborns, which can help a failing heart recover. The device is about two years away from clinical trials. Kosair Children’s Hospital will be one of the first to use it.

Dr. Gray can’t say enough about Kosair Charities. “Without their support, this could not have turned into what it’s turned into,” he says. “For so many years they’ve made a tremendous impact on our city, and a huge impact on children and children’s health. I’m very, very grateful to them.”

Profile: Dr. Mary Fallat, M.D.
2011 Roger Fox Award Winner

When she learned she would receive the 2011 Roger Fox Award, Dr. Mary Fallat thought of the winners who have preceded her. Some are near and dear to her heart.

For example, when Dr. Fallat received the award at Kosair Charities’ annual Dreams Take Flight Gala on August 20, she was introduced by Drs. Richard Wolf and Diller Groff. And she holds an endowed chair at the University of Louisville Medical School that is named for Dr. Hirikati Nagaraj. All are former recipients of the Roger Fox Award.

Kosair Charities presents the award annually in recognition of an individual’s contributions to children’s health. It includes a $5,000 honorarium for the winner to donate to a children’s charity.

“Very fine group of individuals have received this award,” Dr. Fallat said. “I am very flattered.”

Kids and Surgery

A New York native, Dr. Fallat did her general residency at U of L, and returned in 1987 to practice there. She is the Nagaraj Professor of Surgery and Division Director of Pediatric Surgery at the U of L medical school, and is Chief of Surgery at Kosair Children’s Hospital.

In short, she is intimately involved in anything dealing with kids and surgery.

Sometimes she’s hands-on; the pediatric surgery service at Norton Kosair Children’s Hospital handles about 4,200 cases annually, and Dr. Fallat is in the operating room nearly every day. Sometimes she’s in the classroom, educating tomorrow’s physicians and training residents in general surgery and pediatrics. And sometimes she’s in the laboratory, where she conducts clinical research on the reproductive health of children.

Firsthand Observer

One of Dr. Fallat’s passions is integrative health, a term for a wide range of treatments such as massage, acupuncture, art and music therapy that can be used with traditional medical care. Some are available piecemeal at Norton Kosair Children’s, but she is pushing to bring them under one umbrella. She is organizing a seminar for October.

“I believe wellness—the act of getting well—intimately involves the family,” she says, “and these kinds of services are helpful to getting well. They make people feel better.”

Given her range of work, Dr. Fallat sees firsthand how Kosair Charities helps kids. She frequently provides medical care to Kosair Kids, for example, and works closely with Norton Kosair Children’s Hospital, Home of the Inno-
scents and the Kosair Charities Pediatric Pavilion at Frazier Rehab Institute, each of which receives support from Kosair Charities. And Kosair Charities has provided more than $400,000 in grants to support her research over the past decade.

“They are so important to the community at large,” she says. “We are so fortunate to have Kosair Charities.”
Dr. James R. Ramsey Named 2011 Sam Swope Community Leadership Award Recipient

University of Louisville President, Dr. James Ramsey, was recently honored as the recipient of the 2011 Sam Swope Community Leadership Award. Ramsey was chosen for this prestigious award for his ongoing commitment toward the advancement of children’s goals for the future through vision, innovation and self-sacrifice.

“Choosing Dr. Ramsey for the Community Leadership award was an easy choice. Under Dr. Ramsey’s remarkable leadership, the University of Louisville has gone from a local institution ….. to one of the leading universities in the country in academics, athletics and research. His passion for the university, its students and our community is worthy of this recognition.” remarked Sam Swope when asked about his leadership award recipient.

“I am truly humbled to have received this award, which is named after one of the most caring individuals in our community, Sam Swope. Mr. Swope and all of us at the University of Louisville share a deep understanding that the children of Kentucky and Southern Indiana have no greater friend than the Kosair Charities.”

–Jim Ramsey, President University of Louisville.

A little more about the President:

Dr. James R. Ramsey, who is the 17th President of the University of Louisville, is also a Professor of Economics and Public Administration in the Colleges of Business and Public Administration at the University of Louisville.

Prior to his appointment at UofL, Ramsey served as the Governor’s Senior Policy Advisor and State Budget Director. He has held faculty and administrative positions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Western Kentucky University, Middle Tennessee University, and Loyola University. Ramsey is an accomplished scholar and teacher, with more than 60 publications in the fields of economics and management.

He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kentucky and his undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University. Ramsey is married and has two daughters.

You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.

Winston Churchill

Throughout his life, Sam Swope has given much of his time, talent and treasure to make Louisville and the surrounding communities a better place for all mankind.

Kosair Charities has often been the recipient of his extraordinary generosity, and it is with gratitude and appreciation that we salute him for his most recent donation.

It is our privilege to honor him by renaming our campus, the Sam Swope Kosair Charities Campus.

Thank you, Mr. Swope, for your generous $1 million gift to Kosair Kids.
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Americanica Community Organizations have $100,000 current contribution $1,000,000 total commitment Provides educational, health, recreational, and community building services to refugee, immigrant, and low-income residents from 66 different countries. In 2009, ACC served over 7,000 youth, families, and individuals. It’s the premier center of its kind, not only in our community but in our country. ACC is unique in providing the depth and breadth of the programs designed not only to welcome new Americans, but to equip them with the necessary tools to thrive in a new land.

AMBUCS-Greater Louisville Chapter $2,500 To provide adapted therapeutic bikes for children who cannot ride typical bikes due to their disability and who are in need of charitable intervention.

Arthritis Foundation Kentucky Branch $2,000 The purpose of the SAK (Supporting Arthritis Kids) Backpack program is to provide children with juvenile arthritis and their families with education, tools and support to help manage the disease and improve their quality of life.

Belwood Presbyterian Home for Children #1 $12,000 Assist with facility expenses for the youth HERO Mentoring Program which recruits and retains mentors for young adults in residential care and in independent living programs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentucky $150,000 To provide one to one mentors for children with developmental disabilities.

Blessings in a Back Pack-Churchill School $18,400 To set home food on the weekends to less fortunate children at Churchill Park Elementary School.

Boys & Girls Haven, Inc. $5,000 To enhance educational services and support to adolescent boys to help bring them up to grade level and help them earn their high school diplomas.

Brookland Child & Family Services $20,000 To help with continued support of non-reimbursed medical expenses to enable Brookland to provide excellent and appropriate healthcare to the children living in their residential psychiatric treatment facility.

Camp Brave Hearts $5,000 To provide a weeklong camping experience for children who are unable to participate in traditional summer camp, and to provide a family weekend for the children.

Camp Quality, Kentucky $10,000 For 22 years Camp Quality has been providing a week long camping experience for children suffering from cancer. The camp which had a total of 74 campers last year provides one adult companion for each of the children attending camp. CQ is a great resource for these children to get away from the demands of their illness and to be kids again.

CASA, River Region $50,000 To help subsidize the personnel costs associated with volunteer advocate supervision, including the hiring of an Advocacy Supervisor and increase the capacity to serve more of the abused, neglected and abandoned children who are currently waiting for an advocate.

Center for Non-Profit Excellence (CNPE) $20,000 CNPE has strengthened nonprofit organizations through improved governance, business practices, vision/mission focus and strategic planning and evaluation. In the course of ten years, CNPE has grown to nearly 400 non-profits members, providing education to approximately 1500 professional and volunteers, fulfilling over 600 research requests and engaging n 600 consultations annually.

The Center for Women and Families $100,000 To help women overcome traumatic partner abuse or sexual violence to become survivors through supportive services, community education and cooperative partnerships that foster hope, promote self-sufficiency and rebuild lives. They accomplish these tasks everyday through their core values: compassion, accountability, responsibility, respect, dignity and excellence in all that they do.

Charitable Leases $318,336 The Kosair Charities Centre is home not only to Kosair Charities’ offices, but also to several other non-profit organizations. Many of these organizations have had ongoing standing relationship with Kosair Charities, all of which directly serve children of the community. Kosair Charities is proud to provide space on our campus rent-free to the following organizations:

- Bellwood Presbyterian Homes for Children
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Huntington’s Disease
- KID’s Center
- Louisville Metro Police Foundation
- Spina Bifida
- The Epilepsy Foundation
- Unit. STAR program

The Child Connection $10,000 To educate and protect children through the stronger safety program.

Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand & Microsurgery $500,000 A new partnership between CMKI and Kosair Charities will focus on establishing outreach clinics to find and treat children with congenital defects and other hand injuries. In addition to these outreach clinics CMKI and Kosair Charities will initiate the basic research in brain plasticity and immunosuppression minimization that will hopefully allow CMKI and Kosair Charities to safely establish a pediatric hand transplant program.

Custom Quality Services $10,000 To provide employment opportunities for the mentally challenged.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation $10,000 To provide hope and to help patients living with cystic fibrosis, to help fund care centers and help develop new medications.

Down Syndrome of Louisville #1 $28,000 To provide a summer education camp for school-age children that addresses academic skills and information retention to produce positive educational outcomes.

Down Syndrome of Louisville #2 $33,000 To expand the healthcare initiative to increase positive health outcomes for children with Down Syndrome and provide parents with health information and training.

Dream Foundation $25,000 The Dream Together Project. The project will create a design program and accessible park/school playgrounds in Jefferson County with accessible equipment and features for children with physical handicaps that allow them independent accessibility.

Eastern Area Community Ministries $5,000 To provide essential baby care items to families in need, as well as providing parenting nutrition classes to mothers.

Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, Inc. $15,000 To support and educate children and families affected by epilepsy through educational packets, a monthly children’s support group, and a comprehensive children’s educational program during a statewide conference.

ETA Teen Center, Inc. (Exceptional Teens & Adults) $1,500

Fairdale Area Community Ministries $1,500

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) $1,500

Family and Children’s Place $133,335 current contribution $2 million total commitment Family and Children’s Place works to resolve the challenges children and families in our community affected by abuse neglect and violence face now and in the future. FCP provides services and programs for our communities’ most vulnerable populations: abused children and their families. Many do not choose to hear this message, but FCP has stepped up to provide the professional care that such atrocities merit.

Family Scholar House, Inc. $10,000 To purchase equipment for a Sensory and Expressive Therapies program to provide an alternative environment for children in which to work with FSH staff and other support systems on developmental, mental and emotional issues.
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First Virginia Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
$1,500

Floyd County Youth Services Bureau
$10,000
To provide outpatient psychiatric services to children in Southern Indiana, to fill a gap in treatment outside of hospitalization.

Friends of Indian Summer, Inc. (Indian Summer Camp)
$1,500
To provide positive, recreational activities for children with cancer and their families to enhance their quality of life.

Gilda's Club Louisville
$50,000
To support families of children with cancer in the Pediatric Family Support Program which includes age-appropriate peer support groups, educational presentations and workshops, and social functions.

Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana
$10,000
To support non-traditional Girl Scout programs in low income housing areas, homeless shelters, detention centers, and schools for those with particular family issues, socioeconomic status, or other barriers.

Greenhill Therapy
$25,000
To continue to fund a scholarship program and to provide longer staff hours to accommodate the increased need and demand for therapy services.

Harbor House of Louisville, KY
$10,000
To provide community-based services to developmentally and physically disabled students in the Jefferson County Public School System.

The Healing Place
$100,000 current contribution
$1,500,000 total commitment
For 20 years, The Healing Place has served the homeless, the hungry, and the addicted. They have focused on the most vulnerable of these family members, the children, who pay the greatest price of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. With the $1.5 million grant from Kosair Charities, THP will be better able to expand the women and children's center which offers specialty services in a safe and nurturing environment for abused, abandoned, and neglected women and children.

Help Ministries of Central Louisville
$1,500

House Hearing & Language Academy (Lou Deaf Oral School)
$173,000
Formerly the Louisville Deaf Oral School, HHLEA provides deaf, deaf blind, hard of hearing, speech and language delayed children with a comprehensive range of specialized programs and services. These services include cochlear implant habilitation, audiological support, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.

Highlands Community Ministries, Inc.
$1,500

Home of the Innocents
$1,983,478 current contribution
$6,752,177 total commitment
To provide services to children in crisis through the Bridge to the Future Initiative which will strengthen existing programs and provide new services which meet the needs of our region’s vulnerable children and families. This initiative will help to hire and train 200 new staff so that they are fully ready for the arrival of the children.

Hospurans, Inc.
$80,000
To support children with life-threatening illnesses, attend to the needs of their siblings during the illness, and provide counseling for children, adolescents and teens in Kentucky and Southern Indiana who are grieving.

House of Ruth
$1,500

Humanitarian Foundation, Grottoes of North America (Gahanna, Ohio)
$12,500
To provide dental care for children with special needs throughout the United States.

Huntington's Disease Society of North America,
Kentucky Chapter
$5,000
To train, educate and support those who are caring for individuals with Huntington's Disease in regards to the special needs of the disease: nutrition, therapy and understanding the specific behavioral characteristics of the disease.

Interfaith Community Council, Inc. (Pack the Bus)
$1,500

Interfaith Community Council, Inc. (Clothe-A-Teen)
$5,000
To provide teens with new clothes for school in hopes that it will boost their self esteem and provide them with a good start to the new school year.

Jefferson Area Ministries, Inc.
$1,500

Jewish Family & Career Services of Louisville, Inc.
$2,500
To provide additional scholarships for at risk children to seek intensive play therapy in order to deal with the violence, family trauma and dysfunction and illness.

Jewish Hospital/Frazier Rehab Institute Kosair Charities Pediatric Pavilion
$250,000 current contribution
$2.5 million total commitment
The Kosair Charities Pediatric Pavilion is made possible through a partnership of Frazier Rehab Institute and Kosair Children’s Hospital and a $2.5 million grant from Kosair Charities. As the only children’s rehabilitation center in the country linked to an acute children’s hospital, the two facilities have formed a relationship where the child receives a full continuum of care.

Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s Healthcare (Children's Peace Center)
$1,000,000
To further transform space at Children's Peace Center that was originally designed for adults to a warm, family-friendly environment dedicated for therapeutic treatment of special needs children.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International – Kentuckiana Chapter
$10,000
To provide much-needed support to families and individuals throughout the state affiliated with type 1 diabetes that are in dire need of resources, medical information, and research information as they navigate the disease and assist their loved one with daily life issues.

Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation, Inc.
$25,000
To promote the health of medically fragile children and prevent secondary complications, to facilitate independent and health, living among these children, and to improve the self esteem and self-image of these affected children.

Kentucky School for the Blind
$20,000
To enhance the independence and quality of life for children with visual impairments by providing leadership, materials, education, cultural activities and employment opportunities.

Kentucky Youth Advocates
$5,000
To build capacity, educate, and empower child advocates in Louisville and across the state to be involved in system change on behalf of all children, by uniting around a shared agenda called the Blueprint for Kentucky’s Children.

KIDS Center for Pediatric Therapies
$760,000 current contribution
$2,260,000 total commitment
The KIDS Center serves children who are challenged by Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autism, Down Syndrome, sensory integration disorders and many other disabilities. Each year over 700 children are seen. These children are offered a variety of therapeutic services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy and family support services.

Kosair Children’s Hospital
$5,876,035 current contribution
$130 million to support Kosair Children’s Hospital. Through 2026, Kosair Charities will provide a total of $137 million in annual support to cover the cost of medical treatment and services for children whose families cannot afford to pay. In addition, the money will support programs and services which further meet the hospital’s mission of medically assisting children including Kosair Children’s Hospital. The Blue Ash

Leukemia & Lymphoma
$5,000
To continue the Trish Greene Back to School Program in all areas of Kentucky.

Lighthouse Promise, Inc.
$1,500

Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc.
$10,000 current contribution
$1,060,000 total commitment
To help infants and toddlers improve health outcomes and achieve development milestones through improved quality of care measured by the STARS for KIDS NOW awards Program.
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Louisville Metro Police Foundation
$25,000
To send Louisville teens to the Louisville Metro Police Department’s Explorer Academy where they will learn defense tactics, firearm safety, officer safety, and physical training.

Louisville Science Center
$5,000
To develop three new early childhood labs designed to explore the topics of water, magnetism, and sensory awareness.

The Luci Center
$1,500

Maryhurst
$10,000
To purchase medical supplies and equipment for the Medical Services Clinic that serves more than 300 adolescent girls.

Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc.
$225,288 total commitment
To provide speech/language therapy and to address defects in pragmatic language in students with autism spectrum disorders.

Meredith-Dunn School
$10,000
To provide speech/language therapy and to address defects in expressive, receptive, and social pragmatic language in students who are medically fragile.

Ministries United of South Central Louisville
$1,500

Neighborhood House
$5,000
To enhance and expand the Get Fit Kids! Program which teaches children and their families how to improve their overall health and quality of living.

Orphan Care Alliance
$25,000
To expand the staff so that they can provide life coaching, tutoring, and other essential needs of orphans in the Kentuckiana region.

Plymouth Community Renewal Center
$2,500

Project One, Inc.
$5,000
To provide scholarships for the Community Scholars Summer Camp and to help fund a summer jobs program for thirteen to fifteen year olds.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana
$250,000 current contribution
$1,250,000 total commitment
The Ronald McDonald House of Louisville provides housing at little or no cost for families with a child receiving medical treatment at nearby hospitals or other facilities.

Scottish Rite Club of Bullitt Co.
$5,000
To recognize special need students with awards and scholarships who have excelled academically.

SEPTA of Oldham County
$1,500

Shively Area Ministries
$100,000
To expand a food pantry so that they can serve 450 families and 160 children each month and to be able to continue to keep up with the growing number of families seeking their assistance.

Shriners Hospital for Children, Lexington
$214,105
• To support the Kosair Charities Lecture program
• For a three year clinical translation program
• For research programs related to cerebral palsy, clubfoot, and therapy protocol

Shrivers National
$22,500
To provide general hospital support.

Silver Heights Camp
$25,000
To create small housing pods for youth and adults that will be functional and conserve energy.

St. Matthews Area Ministries
$5,000
To provide essential program support.

St. MAM Child Development Center
$5,000
To support a pre-kindergarten program to support children receiving equine therapy.

T. Edward Horizon Education
$1,500
To support the T. Edward Horizon Education Foundation, Inc.

University of Louisville Kosair Charities Pediatric Cancer Research Center
$2,000,000 current contribution
$12,000,000 total commitment
A partnership between Kosair Charities and the University of Louisville’s James Graham Brown Cancer Center has established an innovative cancer research and clinical trial center specializing in children. Kosair Charities will grant $1 million in six years to UofL, to develop the Kosair Charities Pediatric Cancer Research Center. The Kosair Charities Pediatric Cancer Research Center aims to develop new therapies for children that are more effective and less toxic than those currently available to give more kids a fighting chance against this horrible disease. It will also make new cancer treatment available to Kentucky’s children first and become the world’s premier pediatric drug development program. Finally, the Center will work to enhance quality of life for children and their families as they move through the stages of their individual treatments.

University of Louisville
$1,000,000
This Grant will be divided among nine University of Louisville research groups: Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Pediatric Clinical Research, Birth Defects, Pediatric Forensic Medicine, Autism Center, OB-GYN Women’s Health, Child Neurology, General Pediatrics, and School of Dentistry Clinic.

Upstate Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
$5,000
To provide scholarships to students receiving equine therapy.

Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS)
$100,000
To support a pre-kindergarten classroom and expand curriculum of blindness and specific skills needed for success in the mainstream including Braille, specialized technology, daily-living skills, and mobility.
Eric Churchill at about the 1000 Club, to Kosair Kids. 

An ongoing commitment group honoring those who have pledged $100 each year for charities a minimum they need. Donors who have designated the charity as a beneficiary in their will or estate plan are invited to participate in an honored group – the W. Barnett Owen Society.

The Society is named in honor of Dr. W. Barnett Owen, the first orthopedic specialist in Kentucky. He shared a vision for improving the lives of children throughout the state and Southern Indiana and provided the momentum for building the Kosair Crippled Children Hospital. As a member of Kosair Shrine Temple, Owen presented a plan to his fellow Nobles to fund a free convalescent home for children. His initial idea grew, and as a result, the Kosair Crippled Children Hospital proudly accepted its first patient in 1926.

Today, Dr. Owen’s mission to serve Kosair Kids lives on in the Society and its members who have made helping children their life’s legacy.

In the past year, Kosair Charities has proudly welcomed several new members to the Society.
The primary entrance to Kosair Children's Hospital on Gray Street has been renovated. The wall features three dimensional interactive art work to entertain and delight the children in a "seek and find" manner. The theme is kids having fun at the Kosair Shrine Circus thanks to Kosair Shriners. Norton Healthcare created the wonderful tribute to thank Kosair Shriners who proudly help all Kosair Kids. Since the 1980's Kosair Charities and Norton Healthcare have had a great partnership of helping children in our community. As a way to say "thank you" for Kosair Charities leadership throughout the years, a dedication ceremony was held at the new entrance. Steve Williams and Russ Cox both with Norton Healthcare; Steve Wright, head of Kosair Children Hospital; Bob Bonsutto and Sam Watkins, both members of the Kosair Charities Advisory Council, as well as Kosair Charities board member David Owen and Board Chairman Jerry Ward, attended the ceremony.

A few of our medical community’s greatest minds joined together to thank Kosair Charities for their continued support of Kosair Children’s Hospital.

Kosair Charities recently hosted its two favorite Kosair Kid events of the year; trick-or-treating at the Louisville Zoo and a ride on the Belle of Louisville. These kid friendly events continue to bring smiles to Kosair Kids faces year after year, and of course, this year proved to be no different. On September 11, 2011 Kosair Charities’ volunteers were joined by 600 guests on the Belle of Louisville. Children from schools such as Gutermuth, Churchill Park and many more, along with their families, enjoyed an evening cruise down the Ohio River, music and entertainment from Kosair Shriners and Funsters, and a pizza party provided by Little Caesars Pizza!

On October 19, 2011, the weather was a little rainy, a little cold …. but just spooky enough for many Kosair Kids to enjoy Kosair Charities’ Halloween at the Zoo Night! This annual event gives Kosair Kids an opportunity to trick or treat their way through the Zoo, while enjoying magicians and clowns provided by Kosair Shriners. So what if the weather wasn’t great? Over 500 Kosair Kids thought it was just "boo"tiful!

A Kosair Cruise…. and a Kosair BOO!!
On August 20, 2011, the annual Dreams Take Flight Gifts and Grants Gala took place at the Galt House. Thanks to Kosair Charities over 18 million dollars was granted to over 80 different agencies throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana. The night was filled with emotion from the heartwarming story of now 71-year-old Donald White and his journey through the video "House of Dreams" which documented the then 11-year-old boy’s journey at Kosair Crippled Children’s Hospital. Here are just a few of the photos that were taken from the event.
Profile:
Dr. Mary Fallat, M.D.
2011 Roger Fox Award Winner

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Kosair Charities shares campus with non-profit groups

Have you ever driven past the Kosair Charities office on Eastern Parkway in Louisville and wondered, “What do they do with all that space?”

Best assured that it is put to good use. Through a generous “grant-lease” program, Kosair Charities donates office space to eight non-profit organizations, saving them hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and enabling them to direct precious resources to services.

A High Priority
The Center got a big push from Sandy Metts, a former U of L trustee and a current member of the Kosair Charities Advisory Council. Metts has a grandson with autism, and Tomchek said she convinced U of L President James Ramsey that autism needed more support and that U of L should fill the role.

Tomchek praised Kosair Charities for the grant-lease program, which he said is worth about $3 million over five years, and for a long record of support to U of L, including grants to the STAR program over the past seven years.

“Being on this campus lets us collaborate with other programs and do a lot of things we have not been able to do,” he said. “And (the grant-lease) allows us to put our resources into providing services rather than pay for a lease and overhead. It’s just amazing.”

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Groups on Kosair Charities campus
- University of Louisville Autism Center at Kosair Charities
- K.I.D.S. Center for Pediatric Services
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky
- Huntington’s Disease Society of America, Kentucky Chapter
- Bellewood Home for Children
- Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana
- Louisville Metro Police Foundation

Autism Center Opens
The most recent arrival is the University of Louisville Autism Center at Kosair Charities, which brings together the university’s STAR program (Systematic Treatment of Autism and Related Disorders), the Bingham Clinic and the Kentucky Autism Training Center.

STAR and Bingham are clinical organizations that provide a range of therapies and support services. The training center, part of the U of L School of Education, is funded by the legislature with a mandate to provide clinical expertise statewide. It also manages the Amanda King Resource Library, which is open to the public.

Having the three organizations under one roof, with plenty of parking and a serene environment, is a godsend, said Scott Tomchek, the Center’s co-clinical director and an assistant professor of pediatrics at U of L Medical School. Kosair Charities not only donated space but redesigned it to fit the Center’s specific needs.

“It is truly amazing for us, but I think it’s even more amazing for families,” he said.

Parade of Kids
Seven members of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2011 were honored by a crowd of more than 600 people in early June at the induction ceremony and banquet that is also a fundraiser for Kosair Charities. This induction, held at the Crowne Plaza, recognized the careers of seven athletic standouts. It also highlighted the bright promise of two Dr. Rudy J. Ellis Sports Medicine Center High School Athletes of the year, Sara Flammond of Rockcastle County High School and DeVante Parker of Ballard High School.

Joining the more than 225 Kentucky sports-related inductees, the Class of 2011 includes:

**Rex Chapman**

Rex Chapman was one of the most electrifying basketball players in the history of the Commonwealth. He played two years at the University of Kentucky and had a 12-year NBA career. Chapman was recruited by all the major colleges, but decided on UK over U of L, although he had grown up a Cardinal fan. In December 1986 at Freedom Hall, Chapman hit 3-pointers. In 1988, Chapman became the first draft choice ever by the expansion Charlotte Hornets. During his pro career, Rex averaged 14.6 points and 2.7 assists.

**Ed Kallay**

In three decades as a beloved Louisville TV and radio personality, Ed Kallay or “Uncle Ed” was truly a jack-of-all trades. He served as WAVE-TV and radio sports director. He became the first television sports broadcaster in the state of Kentucky when he signed on with WAVE in 1948. In his day, Kallay seemed to have every local sports team covered on the radio waves. During his career he did play-by-play for Louisville Colonels basketball, University of Louisville football and basketball, Kentucky Colonels ABA basketball, Louisville Blades ice hockey and the annual Male-Manual football game on Thanksgiving Day.

**Arts Gilmore**

At 7’ 2” Arts Gilmore led Jacksonville University to the NCAA Championship Game in 1970. In two years he averaged 22.3 points and 22.7 rebounds. In 1971 he signed to play for the ABA Kentucky Colonels and named the rookie of the year and the league’s MVP. In 1975 he led the Kentucky Colonels to professional basketball’s world championship. When the ABA folded in 1976, the Kentucky Colonels did not join the NBA. The Chicago Bulls held the rights to Gilmore, where he played for five years. He also played for San Antonio and Boston. In 19 years of professional basketball, the “A Train” scored 24,941 points and grabbed 16,330 rebounds.

**Bunny Daugherty**

Bunny Daugherty was a pioneer when it came to promoting the cause of females in athletics. The former Sacred Heart Academy coach and administrator was more than just a coach, she was instrumental in trying to better things for young girls across Kentucky long before Title IX became law. Every girl who has played sports in Kentucky owes a small debt of gratitude to Daugherty. In her 49 years in athletics, Daugherty coached basketball for 40 years, field hockey and volleyball for 37, track, golf and tennis for 25 and gymnastics and swimming for 10 years. She won 13 state titles in basketball, golf, tennis and field hockey.

**Jerry May**

Jerry May suffered a hip injury while in high school. He was so fascinated by his treatment he became interested in sports medicine when he graduated from Valley High School. He attended Morehead State for one year then returned to the University of Louisville where he was hired as an assistant trainer. When head trainer Jim Bible left to take over at Indiana University, May was hired as the head trainer at the University of Louisville. During his 30-year career May was honored with several national awards. In 1978 May was instrumental in getting an athletic training practice act passed by the Kentucky legislature.

**George Tinsley**

At Kentucky Wesleyan, Tinsley helped the Panthers reach the championship game of the NCAA Division II Tournament all four years, winning the title in 1966, ’68 and ’69, and finishing as the runnerup in ’67. He was named an All American in 1968 and ’69. He was named to the NCAA Division II’s 50th anniversary team, along with such players as Walt Frazier and Earl Monroe. Tinsley was drafted by professional basketball’s Oakland Oaks of the ABA in 1969 and played four seasons with the Oaks, Washington Capitals, Miami Floridians, Kentucky Colonels and the New York Nets.

**Phil Roof**

For more than 50 years, Phil Roof experienced every aspect of baseball. His early days in the 1950’s were at Paducah St. Johns High School. Two days after graduation he inked his first contract with the Milwaukee Braves for $35,000. In 1977 he retired after spending 15 years as a major league catcher. After retiring his position behind home plate he spent more than 30 years as a coach and manager at various levels. He was a coach with the San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners, and Chicago Cubs. After 15 seasons as a minor league manager for the Minnesota Twins he compiled a 1,050 – 971 record. In 2000 he was named Pacific Coast League’s “Manager of the Year.”
On August 29, 2011, the “Just Fore Kids” Golf Classic, which raises money for both Kosair Charities and the Ronald McDonald House, celebrated its 15th anniversary. The day could not have been more perfect. It was a cool 75 degrees and the sun was shining as the golfers arrived to Hurstbourne Country Club to show their support for these two admirable charities. The day began with an extravagant brunch, registration, and the soothing sounds of the Kosair Shriners Brass Band. Next, the players hit the links for an exhilarating day of golf followed by a cocktail hour and shopping spree at the Nike Tent. The night closed with a delicious steak dinner, an award ceremony, and both live and silent auctions. This year the tournament raised over $200,000 to be split between Kosair Charities and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The “Just Fore Kids” Golf Classic has raised over $1.6 million for charity. Since this event has turned into such a huge success, the tournament also gives part of the proceeds to Home of the Innocents, University of Louisville STAR Program, Down Syndrome Louisville, and many other worthy children programs & charities. We look forward to many more years of great success for this amazing golf classic!

Save the date for next year’s tournament: Monday, August 27, 2012, at Hurstbourne Country Club.

For more information on how to sponsor or play in this tournament please call Karen Ernspiker at (502) 637-7696 ext. 108.
Antique Tractor Show

On a warm day in early August the Rich family farm busily prepared for the annual Antique Tractor and Engine Show. The tractor show is the brain child of Dale and Betty Rich, who have hosted the event on their family farm in Tompkinsville, KY, for the past 10 years. In 2010, this event raised over $24,000 for Kosair Kids.

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46th Annual Brotherhood Banquet Raises $20,500 for Kosair Charities

The Brotherhood Banquet was started 46 years ago by two very good friends, William J. Harris of the Riasok Shrine Club and Thomas R. Clark, Sr., of the Knights of Columbus. Their legacy continues to live on year after year. In keeping with the long tradition of helping kids, our Riasok Shrine Club, located in Elizabethtown, partnered with the Elizabethtown chapter of The Knights of Columbus to benefit Kosair Charities. This year, $20,500 was raised to help our Kosair Kids!

TKE Golf Tournament

Mike Meredith and members of the TKE fraternity at Indiana University Southeast came together to organize a golf scramble benefiting Kosair Charities and Kosair Kids! Big thanks to Mike and everyone who contributed to make the event a huge success!
Buckner Elementary
A young class from Buckner Elementary made a donation to our Bears on Patrol Program. Thank you, Buckner Elementary!

Magic Show
On the evening of May 15th, Las Vegas magicians Mac King and Lance Burton came to the Louisville Palace to perform with Kosair Charities board member Patrick Miller for “The Magic and the Wonder.” All of the proceeds from this magical night came to Kosair Charities in support of our Kosair Kids!

Explorer Academy
The Louisville Metro Police Explorer program hosted the fifth annual Kentucky Law Enforcement Explorer Academy Camp from Sunday, June 19, 2011, through Friday, June 24, 2011, at Camp Crescendo. Kosair Charities sponsored 25 youths to attend this camp. The Explorer Academy is a unique program for kids ages 14-16 who have expressed an interest in law enforcement. They are taught basic police procedure and other skills.

Tattoo Charlie Memorial Ride
On June 4th, motorcyclists from all over the Kentuckiana area went on a ride to raise money for the kids of Kosair Charities. Their stops included Tattoo Charlie’s gravesite, Jailhouse Pizza in Brandenburg, the Rock Inn, and the Eagles Lounge on the Outer Loop. All proceeds collected by Smitty and friends went to support our Kosair Kids!

DT’s Bar & Grill
On May 14th, 2011 DT’s Bar & Grill held a golf outing at Sun Valley Golf Course to help raise money for our Kosair Kids. They provided their attendees with complimentary food and held a raffle and an auction. Over $7,000 was raised for our Kosair kids. Thank you DT’s Bar & Grill for your support!

Chuy’s
$2,745.64 donation was raised during the pre-opening events at the new Chuy’s Mexican Restaurant in Clarksville. All proceeds from alcohol sales during this event were set aside to benefit Kosair Charities. “Chuy’s has always believed in the importance of giving back,” said Mike Molestina, local owner/operator. “Being from Louisville, I have great respect for the work Kosair Charities does to help the children in our community. I am so proud that Chuy’s is able to give back to such a worthy cause.”
High Flyers

Subway

On June 25th, the Subway located in Hikes Point donated 15% of all their sales to Kosair Charities. Subway owner Shalin Shah held a raffle and invited Hwang’s Martial Arts to perform demonstrations for the customers. Thank you, Mr. Shah, and everyone at Subway in Hikes Point for your generosity!

Kosair Kids Softball Tournament

The Palmer Family of Radcliff, KY, hosted their 2nd Annual Kosair Charities Softball Tournament at Dawley Park on July 30th. Dozens of teams came out to play softball, and many more people came out to enjoy the games, bouncy houses, and balloon animals at the kids fair. Overall, this tournament raised $7,000 for Kosair Charities. Thanks to everyone who supported this great event!

State Fair

The Kosair Charities booth at the Kentucky State Fair was quite a success this year. Baby fezzes and Beanie Babies were given out to booth visitors and helped to raise thousands of dollars for our Kosair Kids. Thank you to all of those who volunteered at our booth this year. We could not have done it without you!

Camp Quality

With the help of our friends from the Geek Squad and St. George Lodge, Kosair Charities hosted a pre-camp cookout for Camp Quality of Kentuckiana on June 26th. Over 500 campers, parents, staff, and companions were in attendance. Thanks to the Geek Squad volunteers, everyone had a great picnic before they headed off to a fun-filled week at camp!

St. James Art Fair

A big thank you to Presentation Academy, Carrithers Middle School, Brandeis Elementary, St. Stephen Martyr, Our Lady of Lourdes Brownie troop 2009, & the brownies of Holy Trinity for painting flower pots for the Kosair Charities booth at St. James Art Fair. The booth raised over $4,000 by selling these one of a kind flower pots that were painted by kids for kids.

Louisville Packaging

On their first annual employee appreciation day Contracted Operations/ Louisville Packaging collected donations for Kosair Charities by having plant manager Jason Hedden sit in a dunking booth. Thanks so much to all the Louisville Packaging employees who dunked their boss for the kids!
Pam Miller
Golf
Golfers gathered in loving memory of Pam Miller. Miller, who was a former Kosair Kid, passed away in late 2010. All proceeds for the first annual event benefited Kosair Kids.

Angelica Smith
6-year-old Angelica Smith sells bracelets for charities that benefit children. This adorable little girl who loves to make and sell bracelets to benefit different children’s charities has chosen Kosair Charities and our bears on patrol program as her next charity of choice. With the money raised from these unique bracelets, Angelica was able to purchase countless stuffed animals to benefit children in our community. Thanks, Angelica!

Florida State University
College of Music
Each spring the Music Theatre at Florida State University presents a benefit cabaret. The students chose a different charity each year; this year the students chose Kosair Charities! Big thanks to all of the music students at FSU for raising over $400.00 for our kids!

Melissa Skees and Daughters
For their upcoming birthdays, Melissa Skees’ young daughters asked their friends and family to donate to Kosair Charities in place of bringing them gifts. Thank you girls for your support!

Soiree Dance Event
On Sunday September 18th, Thomas and Heather Adams put on a fundraiser at Soiree in LaGrange, KY, to raise money for our Kosair Kids as a thank you to Kosair Charities for helping their own son. Many people came out for a fun afternoon of ballroom dancing performances. There was also a silent auction, raffle prizes, and a delicious dinner for all that attended. The Adamses raised over $2,000 so Kosair Charities can continue to help children like their son Trey. A special thanks to the band Moon Dogs for playing, to Jan Viehmann for the venue, to Lena Mitchell of WAKY 103.5 Radio for being MC, and to all who donated food and time to make sure this event was a success!

Stepping Stones
The annual Stepping Stones event hosted by Owen Funeral Homes and the Owen family was held on September 15, 2011 at Valley View Church. As always the event was a huge success collecting almost 1,000 bears for the Bears on Patrol Program. Pictured, David Owen, Kosair Charities Board Member and Kosair Shrine Potentate, and his mother, Owen family matriarch Edith Owen. Thank you, Owen Family, for your continued support of Kosair Charities!

Hill and Valley Saddle Club (Wild West Show)
Jerry and Seretta Parnell of Greensburg, KY, opened their home to great food, entertainment and a silent auction for Kosair Charities on June 11, 2011. Along with neighbors, friends and members of the Hill and Valley Saddle Club, $3,732.00 was raised to help Kosair Kids. Jerry and Seretta created the Wild West Show to show their appreciation to Kosair Charities for helping so many children in their area. A bench has been named in honor of their niece Rachel on the Kosair Charities Eastern Parkway Campus.
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KASFAA gives to bears on patrol
Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA) held a conference from October 12th – 14th in Louisville. At each conference they choose a charity to raise money and other items for by selling raffle tickets. This year, they collected over 100 bears and $300 for Kosair Charities. April Trettter, financial aid administrator at ATA College, said that she chose Kosair as their charity of choice this year because, “Our organization is about higher education, but if you don’t help children out at a young age then they may not have the opportunity to further their education.”

Eclipse Bank
Employees at Eclipse Bank in St. Matthews donated a check in the amount of $500.00 to Kosair Charities. Thanks to Eclipse Bank and all of their employees for helping our Kosair Kids!

Hi-Way Muffler
Douglas W. Barnett owner of Hi-Way Muffler, and Bob Beatty, chairman of the 2011 Car Raffle benefiting Kosair Charities. Douglas donated all of the parts and his time to install the exhaust system on the 1968 Camaro SS/RS that will be raffled off this fall. Thanks, Douglas for all of you support and hard work!

Commonwealth Credit Union
For the past 5 years, Commonwealth Credit Union of Frankfort, KY, has been holding bear drives to support Kosair Charities Bears on Patrol Program. To date, they have collected well over 12,000 stuffed animals! According to Andrea Hayes, CCU Marketing Director, they chose to help Kosair Charities because, “There are so many crisis situations that children in our communities are exposed to and we wanted to help in some way. After hearing from many law enforcement agencies - that our Credit Union continuously works with – we were able to witness how Kosair Charities provide these children with a ‘loving friend’ that can help them through their difficult times. They also coordinate this venture with all counties throughout Kentucky so not in just one localized area. Their intention of helping others (specifically children) matches with our philosophy as well. Partnering with Kosair Charities for our Bears On Patrol drive is one of the easiest fundraisers we have. All we do is ask and it’s amazing the number of stuffed animals we receive.”

Fast Signs
Fast Signs is a sponsor for the 2011 car raffle benefiting Kosair Charities and our kids. Pictured on the left is Sam Cilone, President of Fast Signs. Sam provided all of the graphics at no charge for the truck that pulls the raffle car from place to place. Thanks Fast Signs for your continued support!

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KIDS STUFF SALE
Suzette Decker helped raise over $1000 for Kosair Charities with her KidStuff Consignment Sale in September. She allowed shoppers to beat the crowds by shopping a day early for a donation to Kosair Charities. Suzette also sets up donation boxes at checkout and donates unsold items to Kosair Charities and our supported agencies. With every sale that Suzette hosts, she plans to continue to donate to Kosair. Be sure to check out www.kidstuffsale.com to find out when and where the next KidStuff Sale is!

Gilda’s Club
Each year, the children of Gilda’s Club (ages 6-11) go to camp for one week of the summer. To celebrate the end of camp the children host a carnival for families and friends of Gilda’s Club. All of the money that is raised is given to the children’s charity of choice. This year, they chose Kosair Charities and presented a check for $2,025 to our board of directors at our October board meeting. Thank you, campers, for thinking of our Kosair Kids!

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Yorktown Senior House
Once again Yorktown Senior House collected bears for the Kosair Charities Bears on Patrol program. Thank you ladies for your continued support of Kosair Charities and our Bears on Patrol program.

For more information on how you can become involved with our Bears on Patrol Program visit our website at kosair.org

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