

# FRIENDS *of* STRONG VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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A newsletter for  
volunteers of Strong  
Memorial Hospital

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## **Friends of Strong Celebrates National Volunteer Week!**

It is a pleasure to express our appreciation for Friends of Strong volunteers during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> this year in honor of National Volunteer Week! Each and every one of you has contributed to the success of our volunteer program. From interacting with patients directly, transporting patients, and giving information to serving on our Council, in our Gift Shop or one of our other fund raisers, volunteers at Strong all make a difference in the lives of patients.

During this special week, staff members around the hospital will be letting volunteers know that we couldn't do it without you! Posters and banners will be thanking volunteers for all they do and the Friends of Strong office will have refreshments and a thank you gift for each of you. In addition, volunteers who show their ID at the Friends of Strong Gift Shop will receive 25% off of their gift shop purchases from Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, many thanks for contributing to Patient and Family Centered Care initiatives at SMH! You are the BEST and we appreciate each and every one of you!



## **2016 High School Summer Program**

This year's High School Summer Program will be 8 weeks beginning on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> and ending on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students volunteering for this program will be expected to volunteer for a 3 – 4 hour shift once week. Students must be at least 14 years old by July 1, 2016 in order to participate.

There will be a variety of volunteer activities offered and the activities are chosen on a first come, first served basis. We will begin taking phone calls at (585) 275-2420 from interested students on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:30 am until all of the slots are filled. The program fills up very quickly, often on the first day of scheduling, so please be sure to continue to call even if the line is busy on that day.

Thank you for your support of the Friends of Strong High School Summer Program. We look forward to another successful year of skilled and enthusiastic junior volunteers!

## 25<sup>th</sup> Gala Wine Tasting

Thanks to Century Liquor and Wines and generous financial and in-kind donations from local businesses, the 25th Annual Gala Wine Tasting held on February 12 at Monroe Golf Club was a wonderful event enjoyed by over 200 guests.

Along with 150 wines and champagnes to taste, guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Bids were placed on a variety of silent auction items and many tickets sold in our drawing thanks to event volunteers Peter LePore and Ron Von Perlstein. Also several large theme packages were auctioned live. All proceeds raised benefit patient care at Strong.

The success of our wine tasting would not be possible without the dedication of our planning committee members: Jennifer Condit, Rose Faucette, Justin Gastel, Cheryl Gioia, Joanne Hutchings, Anthony Iacovangelo, Peter Lepore, Melanie Oldfield, Ron Von Perlstein, Kate Rivera, Susan Sullivan, Matt Ulkavoic and David Whitehouse. A special thank you to Donna Ritchie at Century Liquor and Wines for coordinating all tables for the event and event volunteers: Margaret Gordon, Cathi Poselovich and Jason Thomas.

Save the date for next year! The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Wine Tasting will take place on Friday, February 10, 2017 at Monroe Golf Club.



## Run/Walk to Benefit Transplant

On Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Friends of Strong and the Strong Memorial Hospital Transplant Units will host the Fifteenth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5K along the scenic Genesee River at Genesee Valley Park to benefit transplant patients and their families.

Our course is certified to be accurate by USATDF/RRTC #NY15140KL. For information about the event and to obtain a pledge form either call Friends of Strong at (585) 275-2420 or go online to [www.urmc.rochester.edu/friends-of-strong/events](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/friends-of-strong/events). You can also register online for the event at [riverrun.urmc.edu](http://riverrun.urmc.edu).

## More Upcoming Fundraisers

April 6 - Painting Party – “Bird” at Bunga Burger Bar, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

26 – Painting Party – “Little Birdie” at the Elmwood Inn, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

26 – Wine Therapy for a Cause at Label 7, 6 – 8 p.m.

30 – Celebration at Celebration Drive at College Town, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

May 3 – Painting Party – “Little Birdie” at Bunga Burger Bar, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

19 – Happy Hours with Friends at Texas de Brazil

***For more information, check the FOS website and Facebook.***

## Welcome New Volunteers

Mansour Abdulky	Brian Gearinger	Harshita Narang
Yuri Abramov	Ekam Singh Gill	Linda O'Connell
Bryon Arevalo	Cassidy Glod	Adwoz Opoku-Nsiah
Simran Arya	Lauren Gotsch	Sandra Page
Samrawit Asefa	Tiery Gross	Ahyoung Oark
Catherine Babiuk	Elcin Halloran	Avnee Patel
Madison Baker	Jenna Haney	Jacob Paulson
Kavya Bana	Terika Harrell	Linda Pelin
Anna Serena Baum	Leah Harris	Morgan Pimm
Jessica Beneway	Larry Hathaway	Sonia Pineda
Douglas Bicket	Brieana Haygood	Lydia Pisa
Amber Blidy	Laura Hintermeier	Roshondra Pointer Tedder
Marcia Bovenzi	Anna Hrbac	Prachi Prasad
Mark Bonvenzi	Sarah Hubbel	Charice Putnam
Robert Brahaney	Kaitlyn Hughes	Hanni Qudsi
Sarah Brodeur	Ryan Jarema	Deark Quinn
Julie Brooks	Marquan Johnson	Salena Ramsey
Jenna Burr	Oleg Kibukevich	Earl Repp
Stephanie Busch	David Kim	Chelsea Riegal
Jordan Bush	Elizabeth Kline	Matthew Robinson
Nicole Camp	Neha Krishnan	Cassidy Ruiu
Patrick Carey	Jazmine Leno	Taeyoung Ryoo
Rebecca Cary	Brianna Lippa	Deborah Sarnoff
Dylan Cassidy	Thomas Listopadzki	Marisa Scott
Nichole Cipparuolo	Sara Llopis	Jennifer Selland
Kathryn Connolly	Jackuelin Loera	Rebecca Selznick
Yanisvel Cordero	Kelci MacIntyra	Paramjit Sembhi
Amanda Cronk	Dorothy Maguire	Haein Son
Alexandra Danaberg	Sandra Malinowski	Jennifer Spall
Vu Dang	Kirti Mangalprabha Deepak	Patricia Steinkraus
Danielle Davide	Jennifer Maracle	Anna Stolarczyk
Olivia Denny	Rebecca Matthews	Aimee Straton
Rachel Deppa	Sydney Melton	Sydney Stremick
Katherine DeSantis	Ahmedin Mohamed	Sarah Thayer
Kara Dodson	Valerie Montague	Daniel Thompson
Benard Duah	Kelsey Morley	Stephen Thompson
Amanda Eng	Allison Morningstar	Kadiatou Traore
Sarah Farnett	Felicia Morrison	Bridget Uberty
Gabrielle Frumusa	Samantha Muscat	Kendal Vaarwerk

## **Donations**

### ***To Friends of Strong***

Ron & Debra Ketchum  
Niagara's Choice Credit Union

### ***Books for Babies***

David & Joan Moore

### ***In Memory of Bernard Levinson***

Mark Luxemberg

### ***In Memory of John William Rath***

Pamela Carty  
Judith Kolmetz  
Frederic & Flora Ouweleen  
Laurie Palermo  
John Rath  
Barbara Shephard  
Christine Sprague

## **Save 25% at the SMH Gift Shop**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month you can save 25% on your Gift Shop purchase! (Some items are excluded.) Just show your Friends of Strong volunteer ID when you checkout.

## **Administrative Professionals' Day**

The Gift Shop is the perfect place to find something special for Administrative Professionals' Day on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Choose from a variety of gifts, flowers and candy.