

# FRIENDS *of* STRONG VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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## **Fare Thee Well, Amy!**

A newsletter for  
volunteers of Strong  
Memorial Hospital

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It is with mixed emotions that I write this article in honor of our friend and colleague, Amy Burt. Amy will officially retire from the University of Rochester and the Friends of Strong on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Amy has been with the University for a total of 31 years, and we at FOS have had the extreme fortune of having her on our team for 13 of those years.

As I reviewed Amy's records to prepare this article, I was struck but not surprised by several comments about Amy and her work here. Jane Walsh, former assistant director of Friends of Strong wrote:

Amy operates from a sense of dedication and loyalty to her coworkers and the Friends of Strong in general.....Amy exudes a sense of satisfaction with her job, which in turn, benefits Friends of Strong and Strong Memorial Hospital....Amy performs her job duties with a smile and a contagious expectation that all is well.

In my own experiences working with Amy directly, I can attest that her enthusiasm is unwavering, and she is never daunted by any challenge presented to her. Indeed, she embraces challenges and change and meets them head on with a big smile and positive attitude. What more could any employer ask for?

Beloved and respected by every member of the FOS staff and volunteers, it goes without saying that Amy will be missed by one and all. She leaves with us a legacy of kindness, loyalty and love. How fortunate we have all been to have Amy as a part of our daily lives for so long. So fare thee well, Miss Amy. Enjoy your retirement. You certainly have earned it!

Sandy Arbasak  
Director

## **Javon Armstead Moves to Part-time Secretary Role**

Please join us here at the Friends of Strong in welcoming our former time-as-reported secretary, Javon Armstead, to her new role as part-time secretary. Javon will be replacing Amy Burt's hours as she moves into retirement on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Javon has a solid background in various administrative roles and has gained valuable experience with our volunteers since joining us last August. Javon will be partnering with current part-time secretary, Shelia Cotton, to bring you the quality service and attention that you've become accustomed to. We're so excited to have Javon fill this role. Please be sure to stop in and say hello and welcome!

## Fourteenth Annual Rochester River Run

Thank you for supporting the Thirteenth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5k on Sunday, April 12, at Genesee Valley Park. The event was our most successful run/walk ever with over 600 participants! Everyone enjoyed the cool spring weather and refreshments. Prizes were awarded to the top pledge collectors and runners in various age categories.



We were fortunate to raise more than \$22,000 to benefit transplant patients and their families. The Fifteenth Annual Rochester River Run/Walk 5k will be held on April 17, 2016. Details will follow in future *Volunteer Update* newsletters.

## Painting with Friends' Fundraisers

Looking for a fun and creative way to spend an evening out with friends while giving back? Friends of Strong is offering opportunities for you and your friends to create your very own 16X20 masterpiece. To register, select one of the following:



"Full Bloom" painting – Tuesday, June 23  
From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Elmwood Inn (1256 Mt. Hope Ave.)  
Registration - \$36 per person  
\*Only 20 spots available  
<https://secure2.convio.net/uor/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=101001>



"ROC the Night" painting – Tuesday, July 14  
From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Bunga Burger (1370 Mt. Hope Ave.)  
Registration - \$36 per person  
\*Only 20 spots available  
<https://secure2.convio.net/uor/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=101002>

## SMH Gift and Specialty Shops Relocation Date Moved to August

In addition to all of the excitement being generated around the opening of the new Golisano Children's Hospital in July of 2015, we are thrilled to be planning the relocation of our current gift shop AND specialty shop to the lobby area of the new children's hospital, now slated to open sometime in **August of 2015**. The shops will be located on the left hand side when you enter into the children's hospital, and will be flanked by a bank of windows on the east side overlooking 'Grace's Garden.'

This relocation will allow us to make some exciting changes to both of our shops, including improved layout, design, flow, and merchandise offerings. The 'new' gift shop will feature three strategically placed cash register areas which will allow for an increased focus on customer service and sales. Because of this we will be actively seeking volunteers to help relocate and operate the shop. If you or someone you know has an outgoing, friendly personality and would enjoy helping our patients, families, staff and visitors in a new, exciting retail space, we want to talk to you!!!! Proven customer service skills and experience operating a cash register are preferred but not necessary. Sound interesting? Please contact Friends of Strong Office at 275-2420 for more information.

Whether you're volunteering or shopping in the new shops, we'll look forward to seeing you there! Please stay tuned for more information and exciting updates.

## Welcome New Volunteers



Morgan Albert  
Marwa Amer  
Uyiorvanni Araujo  
Rina Bardin  
Christina Beechert  
John Belgiorno  
Juan Benitez  
Hallie Bennett  
Lauren Berger  
Marlene Beswick  
Katie Bonfiglio  
Lillian Brennan  
Sindy Cantor  
Martha Cappelletti  
Ann Chateaufneuf  
Jeffrey Chichester  
Carole Clark  
Jenna Clark  
Padraic Collins-Bohrer  
Cara Corasaniti  
Erica Cornell  
Rochelle Cresov  
Gillian Crysler  
Elizabeth Currie  
Andrew Decker  
Shakola Dickinson  
John Diep  
Nisha Divan  
Elizabeth Dohr  
Erin Dong  
DonnaRay Evans  
Julia Evans  
Leah Fails  
Katelyn Fisher  
Bryan Fitzgerald  
Erin Fleischer  
Kaleigh Griffin  
Sheila Growney

Lauralee Haefner  
Melatid Haimanot  
Jonathan Hanna  
Tracy Harde  
Daniel Hart  
Caroline Haviland  
Zachary Hayes  
Alexis Hernandez  
Amy Hobert  
Patricia Honch  
Brian Hughes  
David Jackson  
Isaac Jacobs  
Sheryl Jacobson  
Deborah Johnson  
Apolline Jungels  
Judy Katafiaz  
Alexander Kaufman  
Elizabeth Kern  
Mahir Khan  
Gi Moon Kim  
Katelyn Kivinen  
Lillian Knight Faison  
Jaclyn Kotula  
John Krapf  
Lois Mae Kuh  
Cindy Lerner Critz  
Alvin Lee  
Samantha Leistman  
Paja Lester  
Matthew Lombardozzi  
Amanda Mazzucco  
Jane Milholland  
Ann Montaperto  
Catherine Muhs  
Monica Nair  
Andrew Nunno  
Genaro Olveda

Mary Ortolani  
Nancy Owens  
Krunalbhair Patel  
Alex Peckham  
Rosetta Persaud  
Alberta Peterson  
Janis Pitts  
Betty Post  
Troy Preston  
Christina Pritchard  
Valene Przybylo-Souky  
Ashley Rath  
Sean Regan  
Jordan Remillard  
T'aire Ryan  
Andrew Santillo  
Nancy Scarnati  
Gillian Schwartz  
Andrew Sheldon  
Alberto Silva  
Jose Del Carmen Silvera, Jr.  
Chastity Singletary  
Emily Singleton  
Laura Smith  
Stephanie Smith  
Courtney Stocker  
Lauren Stummer  
Ewelina Szmazinska  
Courtney Taylor  
Nicholas Terrigino  
Judith Tobin  
Sandra Turner  
Ryan Wagner  
Paul Weitz  
Deborah Wells  
Thomas White  
Amanda White

## High School Volunteers Start in July

Close to 300 high school students have signed on to participate in the summer volunteer program here at Strong Memorial Hospital and its offsite affiliates beginning Monday, July 6. The students will wear burgundy golf shirts with the Friends of Strong logo and will also have a University volunteer ID. All of them are very excited to join our program, so you if see one of them, please say "hello" and welcome them to Friends of Strong!

We will begin making appointment for our Fall Adult/College information sessions beginning the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Anyone that is interested in finding out about volunteering with the Friends of Strong is welcome to call and sign up for a session.

## Strong West Honors Volunteers

A special thank you goes to Jill Martin of Strong West for graciously honoring her volunteers during National Volunteer Week in April. Volunteers received goodie bags, candy bars and bouquets of flowers along with every staff member smiling and thanking them!

## Donations

### *To Friends of Strong*

Warren and Sandra Crane

Jermaine Jenkins

Brent Rosenthal

### *In Memory of Peggy O'Neill-Hilimire*

Asbury Methodist Choir

Fine Arts Work Center

Eliza Gibson

Joanne Starmack

### *In Memory of Adam Taylor Youngs*

Victoria Schlafer

## In Our Hearts ...

We are sad to learn the loss of long-time Patient Discharge volunteer, **Don Riplinger**. Don was a loyal and dedicated volunteer at FOS for 12 years.

Prior to volunteering at Strong, Don had a 30-year career at Eastman Kodak.

Don will be missed by many staff, volunteers and patients.