Kish Health System
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Health Foundation

**Cardiac Rehabbers' 3rd Annual Bake Sale March 21st, 8 A.M. Garden Level**

February 2008

**Thank you** *for your continued support of DeKalb County Hospice, Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Valley West Community Hospital. It is YOU who helps us provide the very best in healthcare to all our friends and neighbors throughout the year.*

## Farewell but Never Forgotten

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to Tim Struthers, Barbara "Boots" Hoffman and Leonard Johnson for serving on the Kishwaukee Health Foundation Board. We have seen remarkable growth across the Health System during their tenure. Their leadership and efforts on behalf of the Foundation will long be remembered. Thank you!

The Foundation will always remember Candy Cuneo, KHF Board member, and Karen Sepaniak, VWCH Marketing/PR Manager & Patient Representative, for all of their support, time and effort they gave to Valley West Community Hospital, Kishwaukee Health Foundation and the Health System as a whole. We are very grateful and honored to have had the opportunity to work and spend time with these two very special people. You will forever remain in our hearts…

## Etched in Stone

Our Community Campaign total is over $9.3 million and keeps growing. You too can still be a part of this historic project by having your name "Etched in Stone."

Gifts of $500 will be acknowledged with an 8 x 4 brick and gifts of $1,000 will be acknowledged with an 8 x 8 brick. The engraved bricks are located in the walkway of the new Healing Gardens.

If you would like to have your name "Etched in Stone" please contact the Foundation office at 815.748.9954 for more information.

Our donor wall is on display in the hospital's main lobby which includes the names of donors of $5,000 or more. Naming opportunities are also still available. For more information please contact Renee Simons at 815.748.9954.

## Friends for Life - KCH 100 & VWCH Heart of the Hospital

As we kick off this year's Friends for Life KCH100 and VWCH Heart of the Hospital membership drives, we need your support.

Friends for Life KCH100 and VWCH Heart of the Hospital members are the building blocks of our annual funds. Donations to Friends for Life and Heart of the Hospital have allowed Kishwaukee Community Hospital and Valley West Community Hospital to keep pace with medical advances. Many projects and pieces of equipment have been funded by Friends for Life and Heart of the Hospital over the last 27 years.

These funds have been donated by community members, like you, who share our commitment for maintaining our reputation as progressive community hospitals.

Please consider making a gift to Friends for Life KCH100 or VWCH Heart of the Hospital. To make a pledge, a credit card donation over the phone, or if you have any questions, please call the Foundation office at 815.748.9954. If you prefer to make your donation online, check out our secure donation page at www.kishwaukee-health-foundation.org. ***Thank you for helping us offer the highest quality healthcare services for our community.***

## Welcome and Welcome Back

New to the board are Cindy Capek, Tonda Bruch, Dr. John Schmidt and Dave Maroo. Accepting renomination are Rodney Borstad and Jeanette Heinisch. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Kishwaukee Health Foundation Board and to further support and promote our healthcare mission.

## *Why People Give*

There are many reasons people make charitable gifts. A person who has a hefty tax liability may make a year-end gift to ease the tax burden. Another person may give to obtain a charitable gift annuity and gain a lifetime flow of income at a respectable rate. Another person may be influenced to give by a friend or family member. And still someone else may give out of a sense of duty.

But the overwhelming reason people provide financial support for an organization like the Kishwaukee Health Foundation is because they believe in what we are doing and want to help us fulfill our mission. They give to underwrite our cause.

This is especially true for donors who make planned gifts to the Kishwaukee Health Foundation. Such gifts can be made during life or deferred until a later time. They can be used to create endowments or to provide funds for buildings or operational needs. Such gifts are not made lightly; they require thoughtful planning and sound rationale.

All of this explains why we like to sit down with folks and talk about the good things happening at the Kishwaukee Health Foundation and the Kish*Health* System. We like to show the results of good planning, wise stewardship and solid leadership. We like to describe the vision of our President and CEO, Kevin Poorten, and our boards.

Would you like to learn more about the Kishwaukee Health Foundation to determine whether this is an organization you want to support?

We at the Kishwaukee Health Foundation are here to visit with you and tell you "our story." We can answer your questions and provide you with other information. And then, anytime you want to discuss how you might join us in supporting our mission through a planned gift, we can help explain the various options.

*To arrange a visit, please contact Renee Simons or Linda Linden at 815.748.9954 or by e-mail at rsimons@kishhealth.org and llinden@kishhealth.org. You can also learn more about the Kishwaukee Health Foundation and the entities we serve by visiting our website: www.kishwaukee-health-foundation.org.*

## *KHF Travel News*

Plans are underway for our next Foundation trip "Flavors of Burgundy & Provence" which will be in May 2009. Our travelers will see France by riverboat (7days) and land (3 hotel nights). The trip starts in Paris and continues with guided sightseeing and walking tours through Beaune, Chalon-Sur-Saône, Mâcon, Lyon, Tournon, Avignon, Arles and ends with a stay in Nice on the French Riveria.

A Preview Party is scheduled for May 20, 2008 at 3 p.m. in the Doug & Lynn Roberts Conference Center, rooms 4 & 5. Large early booking discounts are available! If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to 815-748-9954.

Trip proceeds benefit DeKalb County Hospice, Kishwaukee Community Hospital, Kishwaukee Health Foundation and Valley West Community Hospital.

## On behalf of the KISHWAUKEE HEALTH FOUNDATION
## *Thank you for your support!*


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