



# CHRISTUS<sup>®</sup> SOUTHEAST TEXAS Foundation



Children's  
Miracle Network  
Hospitals

## Community Update

# The Season of Giving

– Ivy Pate, President • CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation



This time of year is truly the season of giving. At the Christus Southeast Texas Foundation, we see it as an opportunity to give thanks to all of those who have invested their time, talent and contributions into carrying forward the mission bestowed upon us by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

Through the generosity of our donors in 2016, Christus Southeast Texas has reached new milestones and developed new programs to help our patients. We now have a renovated Level III Neo-Natal Unit that is furnished with all new state of the art equipment.

We now have a magnificent statue of our Lord Jesus Christ at the entrance of Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital. This is a reminder to all who enter our doors that there is hope. We rely on charitable contributions in order to continue our mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ not only to our patients and staff, but also to our communities as well.

From the entire Christus Southeast Texas Health System family, thank you for your committed support and continuous participation. We were able to make a difference in the health of our communities because of you and your gifts.

As we near the end of 2016, it's also an opportunity to encourage you to keep Christus Southeast Texas Foundation in your thoughts and prayers. Whether your charitable interest at Christus Southeast Texas Health System be in pediatric program or our exceptional Mammography program, know that a year-end gift will go a long way in accomplishing our mission and vision. Commensurate to your budget and interest, any level of financial participation is appreciated.

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and we hope your 2017 is both enjoyable and prosperous!

### 2017 CHRISTUS GALA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22, 2017! The **2017 CHRISTUS Gala** is quickly approaching! You don't want to miss out on the party of the year! Want to reserve your table early? Call the Foundation office at **409.236.7555**.

## Offering Peace, Hope, and Healing

The CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation worked with artist and sculptor Marsha Elmore, originally from Southeast Texas, to acquire a 7 ft. bronze statue of Jesus Christ. The life size bronze of Jesus Christ is Marsha's latest commission and represents a spiritual pinnacle for her. She worked on this statue for two years, the longest she has worked on any piece of art. On display near the front entrance of the hospital, this statue will now be a constant reminder of the CHRISTUS mission – extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. This statue will offer peace, hope, and healing to all who enter the doors of CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth.

The dedication ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 11 with CHRISTUS administration, associates, and Sisters, along with community members and the media. The ceremony was a beautiful and spiritual affair, with a blessing of the statue and addresses made by CEO Paul Trevino, Foundation President Ivy Pate, and Sculptor Marsha Elmore.

"This statue of Jesus Christ is much more than a piece of art. It is a part of Marsha's ministry. And it is now a part of the ministry of CHRISTUS, where we are focused on offering a spiritual approach to health care," said Foundation President Ivy Pate.



Ms. Elmore is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D.M. English. Dr. Dudley English practiced medicine in Beaumont until he retired in 1979. She was married to Dale Elmore and they had three children: Teak Elmore, Meg Elmore Clark, and Josh Elmore. Marsha, Dale, and their family moved to Hunt, Texas in 1979 to run Camp Waldemar, a Christian-based all girls' camp. Her "second" career in sculpting has been commission based, along with her work in private collections, six of which are located at the Beaumont Court House.



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## Fall Fundraisers

The 2016 "Shootin' For a Miracle" Clay Shoot was once again a success. With 25 teams participating, the day was full of friendly competition. An array of area businesses were represented at the shoot in support of Children's Miracle Network. Chad Farris, ITS employee and local chef, volunteered his time and talents to make a delicious vat of jambalaya from scratch. His Cajun roots did not disappoint! This year the tournament raised \$50,570. We are so grateful to our many sponsors and volunteers who helped make this year's clay shoot a triumph!





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The 2016 Swinging For a Miracle Golf Tournament was a hole in one! The weather was crisp and cool, making it a perfect tournament day for all 32 golf teams. With team representation ranging from restaurants to industry to health care companies, we were able to educate a wide variety of community businesspeople about the mission of Children's Miracle Network. Lunch was provided by Cheddar's, and boy was it delicious! We cannot thank our volunteers enough! From serving breakfast to delivering drinks and snacks to clean up, we could not do it without you! This year we raised \$56,105 at the Golf Tournament. We are looking forward to next year!

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A MIRACLE**



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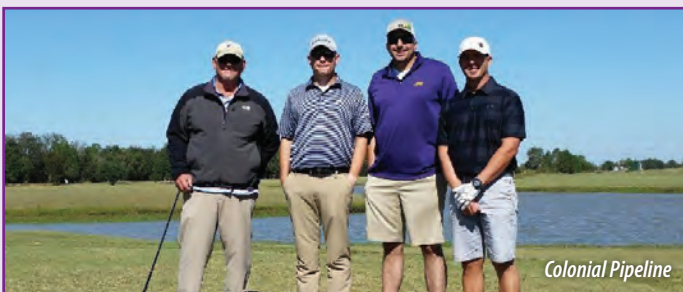
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## Santa Sessions at the Phelan Mansion

Nothing puts you in the Christmas spirit quite like an up close and personal photo shoot with Santa! For the second year in a row, Yvette Michelle has donated her time and talents to help raise funds for Children's Miracle Network. For a \$250 donation, families signed up to receive a Santa photo session in the beautifully decorated Phelan Mansion. All 100% of proceeds were donated to Children's Miracle Network. Children came dressed in their holiday finest to sit with Santa. We want to say THANK YOU to Yvette Michelle for being such a kind and generous donor. We raised \$17,000 this year!



## Grand Reopening of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

This CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) renovation is a result of collaborative fundraising efforts at the local, state, and national level, years of extensive planning and designing, and unrelenting commitment to the CHRISTUS mission: extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. This renovation helps to position St. Elizabeth Hospital as a Level III designated NICU, offering care to infants with critical illnesses, at all gestational ages, while also offering prompt and readily available access to a full range of pediatric medical subspecialties, and a full range of respiratory support.

The CHRISTUS Health Foundation Southeast Texas – through the generosity of individuals and foundations– purchased 33 pieces of equipment for the new space. In addition to new equipment, the new NICU will house a medication room, a formula and breast milk room, three private rooms, a family room, a respiratory room, and a nurse's lounge.

The renovated NICU boasts family-centered care. We now have larger individualized patient care areas that allow parents and family to stay at the bedside. This intimate environment encourages a higher level of bonding and interaction.

With a new central monitoring system, each bedside monitor will be completely integrated, meaning nurses can view and address alarms from the main station, opening up more space near the bedside to allow more family support. The central monitoring system also allows the nurses to attend to one infant while being able to pull up another infant's monitor at the same time. This increased efficiency will offer a higher level of care and monitoring.

### Thank You Neches FCU!

Dawn Fournier, AVP of Business Development at Neches Federal Credit Union, presented Foundation President a \$2,155.03 check for Children's Miracle Network on Thursday, December 15. Ms. Fournier also dropped off goody bags filled with toys and activity booklets for our pediatric patients. As always, we so greatly appreciate the donations from Neches Federal Credit Union. Thank you for being a committed supporter of Children's Miracle Network.



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## Children's Miracle Network: *Helping Local Kids*

### Christmas Card Winner



One of our very own pediatric patients, 12 year old Peyton, won a nationwide Christmas Card Contest. His Christmas drawing is now part of a box set of Christmas Cards that Children's Miracle Network is selling to help raise funds for sick children in our area. As his prize, Peyton was awarded a \$50 gift card from Multiplan, Inc. the company who hosted the contest. Also, the Pediatric Department was awarded a \$200 gift card. Congratulations, Peyton!

### Jewelry Sales!

Shader Jewelry came out once again to sell beautiful jewelry and bamboo pillows! We always enjoy partnering with Shader and we appreciate all you do for us!

### Alter's Gem Jewelry

Alter's Gem Jewelry hosted a jewelry sale for CHRISTUS employees, with part of the proceeds benefiting the Foundation. Jewelry sparkled from wall to wall in the guest dining rooms, with popular brands such as Kendra Scott and Alex and Ani.

### Gigi's Thanksgiving Pie and Cupcake Sale

Gigi's Cupcakes hosted a delicious Thanksgiving pie and cupcake sale, benefiting Children's Miracle Network. We are so grateful to community businesses that take time out of their busy schedules to raise funds for our charities.



Raffle Winner - Jerad Jurgensmier



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## Christmas Tree Contest



The 2017 Annual Christmas Tree Contest at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth was a huge hit this year! With 12 trees in the contest, CHRISTUS employees, along with patients and families, had an array of trees choose from when voting for Crowd Favorite. Local guest judges Joy Crenshaw, Janey Phelan, and Vanessa Holmes had their work cut out for them trying to decide the winners for Most Creative, Most Beautiful, Grand Prize, and Most Embracing of the Christmas Spirit. Hospital departments came together in the spirit of the holidays to help raise funds for Children's Miracle Network. And we say thank you! The Christmas Tree Contest and Raffle raised close to \$3,900 for Children's Miracle Network!



Guest Judges: Janey Phelan, Joy Crenshaw, Vanessa Holmes



Grand Prize - Winter Waves - Submitted by Business Services



Crowd Favorite and Most Embracing of the Christmas Spirit - Believe in the Magic of Christmas - submitted by Emergency Department



Most Beautiful - Shabby Chic - Submitted by Cath Lab



Most Creative - The Dog Days of Christmas - Submitted by Perioperative Services



Dr. Seuss Christmas



All I Want for Christmas is My Two Buc Teeth



Ladies Night Out



Happy Holidays



Magnolia Christmas Fixer-Upper



Poppy and Friends Christmas Wonderland



Through the Eyes of a Child



Winter Greenhouse



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## Christus' 12 Days of Giving

The 2016 Annual CHRISTUS Giving Campaign incorporated the giving spirit of the holidays with its "12 Days of Giving" theme. This campaign strives to encourage employees to give back to help improve the place where they spend most of their time each week. This year, the fundraising focus was for 3D Mammography for the new Mid County Outpatient Pavilion. Because breast cancer has touched women – sisters, wives, mothers, aunts, coworkers, and friends – in all of our lives, we thought 3D Mammography would be an ideal fundraising target. We even incorporated some of our very own CHRISTUS Employees into the campaign by sharing their personal breast cancer survival stories. Cindy DeRouen and Leslie Eldridge were kind and brave enough to let us share their stories with CHRISTUS and the community by posting their stories online. Winners of the raffle prizes include: Margaret Middleton, Bridget Adams, Xavier Alvarez, Kristen Watkins, Pamela Parrish, Sheila Richardson, and Dan Ford. Congratulations! Thank you to all CHRISTUS staff that pledged or donated this year. Thanks to you, we raised over \$10,000!



## Southeast Texas Miracle Makers!

On Friday, November 18, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals of Southeast Texas, along with Cumulus Broadcasting, Inc. hosted a 12-hour Radiothon to raise funds for sick children in Southeast Texas. With the help of dedicated volunteers, along with the unrelenting support of Cumulus Broadcasting, Inc., we raised over \$6,000 in one day! Thank you Southeast Texas for making miracles happen!



*Thanks for your support!*

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Your gifts underwrite the work of the **CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation** which provides for services outside the scope of the hospital. To learn more about giving opportunities please call (409) 899-7555 or visit [christussoutheasttexasfoundation.org](http://christussoutheasttexasfoundation.org).

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## YEAR-END TAX SAVINGS CHECKLIST



Here are some easy money-saving steps to lower your taxes

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|  CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS   | Give before the end of the year and reduce your income taxes.   |
|  FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS | Make sure you have used all the money in your account before it's lost.                               |
|  MORTGAGE INTEREST          | Pay your January mortgage payment early and add to your mortgage deduction this year.                 |
|  STATE AND LOCAL TAXES      | Call your accountant now to ask what taxes may be paid this year to reduce your tax bill.             |
|  INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING     | Adjust the withholding on your employer's W-2 Form, if needed.  |
|  CONTACT EXPERTS            | Contact your tax advisor and call or email us for more ideas on how to save money on taxes this year. |