



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



Children's  
 Miracle Network  
 Hospitals

# Community Update

## 2017 CHRISTUS Gala

**SOLD OUT**



The 2017 CHRISTUS Gala sold out in record time this year! Never before has the gala sold out in one month. The response from the local community has been overwhelming. And this year, we have had a strong response from out of town and even out of state attendees, with people flying in from states as far as Illinois, New Jersey, and even Canada! The Foundation is proud to host Keith Urban as the gala entertainer. Just some of his many accolades include four Grammy Awards, 10 Country Music Association Awards, 11 Academy of Country Music Awards, a People's Choice Award, and an American Music Award.

Urban is more than a world-renowned country music star. He is also a philanthropist, supporting dozens of charities. His "All For The Hall" benefit concerts for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum©

have raised over \$2.6 million. He is the first Ambassador of the CMA Foundation, is an advisory board member at the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and is a longtime supporter of The Mr. Holland's Opus Fund and The Grammy Foundation. In 2013, he introduced his new URBAN™ Guitar Collection via HSN, proceeds of which benefit both the Grammy Foundation and Mr. Holland's Opus Fund.

"I am so proud of the Southeast Texas community for supporting our Foundation year after year. And this year we are even more thankful because we sold out in such a short period of time, allowing us more time to put all our energies towards making this gala the best one yet," Ivy Pate, Foundation President.

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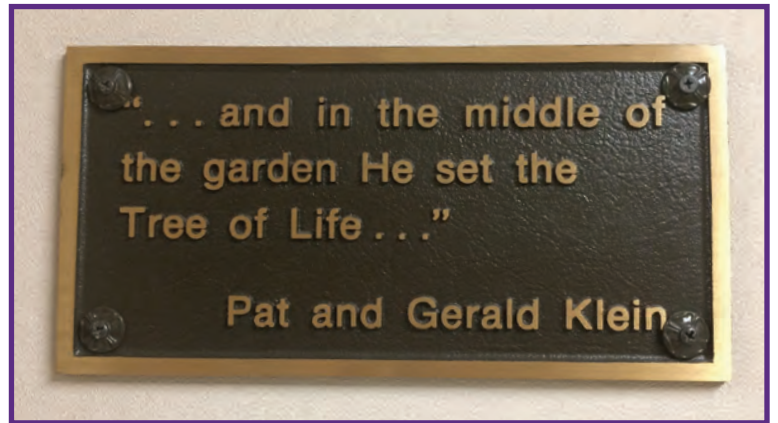
## A Loving, Lasting Tribute

The Tree of Life Project is an opportunity for family and friends to express their respect, compassion and love for those with cancer. This unique memorial also gives patients and families the opportunity to express their gratitude for their physicians. In addition, groups, organizations or individuals may also contribute to honor, highlight, commemorate, or memorialize those events or people who have been a significant part of their lives. Gifts to the tree of life will represent a lasting tribute for a special person or a meaningful event.

Local resident Pat Klein, in an effort to memorialize her dad and brother, who both passed away of cancer within a few years of one another, decided on the Tree of Life Project as a means of raising funds for necessary cancer equipment. Pat, along with her late husband Gerald Klein, donated the sculpture. Pat has a strong connection with CHRISTUS; she volunteered with CHRISTUS for over 10 years, and she also serves on the CHRISTUS Advisory Board. "I think it's such a great thing for people to see their loved one's names. I wanted to help others honor their family and friends," said Pat.

The Tree of Life is an original bronze sculpture by artist Sanford Werfel of New Jersey. The leaves, apples and the donor stones found at the base of the tree can be engraved with whatever sentiments donors wish to express.

The Tree of Life was installed in 1984, and has been growing ever since. If you are interested in purchasing a bronze leaf, apples, or stone for the Tree of Life, please contact the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation at (409) 236-7555 or email at [setx.foundation@christushealth.org](mailto:setx.foundation@christushealth.org).



## Baby Wall Art

The birth of a baby is a milestone. To capture this milestone, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation has created a one of a kind tribute, the Baby Honor Wall, in the Center for New Life at CHRISTUS Hospital – St. Elizabeth. The wall gives you a very special way to honor your little one.

With a tax deductible gift of \$500, \$1,000, or \$1,500, your child's name and date of birth will be inscribed into a tile on the Baby Honor Wall. Honoring a child is a wonderful way to help others. Your tax deductible donation for the tile will be utilized to support vital updates in the Center for New Life.

Dedicated on November 24th, 2014, the Baby Honor Wall is a one of a kind art installation made of red, blue and green tiles of graduated sizes in calming, translucent shades. To honor a baby, the child's name and date of birth will be permanently engraved into an individually created tile. The tiles are prominently placed across from the elevator so that all patients and visitors alike may see them upon entering and exiting the Center for New Life.

For more information call the Foundation at (409) 236-7555 or stop by the Foundation offices on the first floor of CHRISTUS Hospital St. Elizabeth on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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## Fairytales Really Do Come True

Local photographer Yvette Griffith of Yvette Michelle Portraits has once again bestowed her generosity upon CHRISTUS Health Southeast Texas System. Teaming up with Junior League of Beaumont - an organization of women committed to promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve communities throughout the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers – Yvette offered a Fairytale Princess Photo. The photo shoot was held on CHRISTUS grounds at the Phelan Mansion, the perfect backdrop for little princesses to play dress up. Belle, from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" was in attendance, as well as a makeup and hair artist, to make sure the little princesses felt like royalty.

This fun and inspired photo shoot helped raise funds for the Junior League's Provisional Class Project 2017: Delivery and Grieving Room Renovation at CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Center for New Life. This room is specifically designed

for moms delivering stillborn babies; it offers a calm and peaceful environment where families can grieve and support one another. This room is set apart from the other birthing rooms so as to give mourning families the privacy they need.

Once again, we say thank you to Yvette Michelle! We also want to thank the Junior League of Beaumont for choosing CHRISTUS for their 2017 project.



## CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS

**I scream, you scream,  
we all scream for free ice cream!**



To shine a light on the importance of children's hospitals and how donations help kids get the best care when they need it, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMN Hospitals) announced the first #ChildrensHospitalsWeek, which kicked off on Monday, March 20.

To kick off the Children's Hospitals Week, Dairy Queens across the

nation held their annual Free Cone Day. Customers who visited a Dairy Queen on March 20 received a free small soft serve cone, just for coming in. Some locations may use the opportunity to raise funds for local children's hospitals by giving the cone in return for a donation or by adding toppings or dipping the cone for contributions.



**Sabine Federal Credit Union presents a \$777.00 check  
to the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation**

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Make a gift today.  
Leave a legacy for tomorrow.

## Blended Giving

Similar to finding your perfect coffee blend, there is a way to blend your personal philanthropy that is right for you.

The idea is that you make a starting gift with a current gift of cash, securities or real estate. Then you find the planned gift method, maybe a bequest, charitable trust or gift annuity, that works best for your situation. With the planned gift, you set it up now and enjoy the benefits and security during your lifetime, and you get the satisfaction of knowing your planned gift will make a big difference by adding to the gift you already started.

Visit our website to begin learning about the many different ways you can create a custom gift. Please let us know how we can help you.



*Ivy Pate*

President, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation



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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## SAVE THE DATE!



**7TH ANNUAL CLAY SHOOT**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

**1 In One Hundred Gun Club**  
**1228 FM 421**  
**Lumberton, TX 77657**

**To pre-register, call (409) 236-7598**



**6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Monday, October 16, 2017**

**Bayou Din Golf Course**  
**8537 Labelle Road**  
**Beaumont, TX 77705**

**To pre-register, call (409) 236-7598**