



**Children's
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Helping Local Kids

Community Update

38th Annual Gala starring Daryl Hall and John Oates



The number-one selling duo in music history, Daryl Hall and John Oates, will be taking the stage at the 38th Annual CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation Gala on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

From the mid-'70s to the mid-'80s, the duo would score six #1 singles, including "Rich Girl" (also #1 R&B), "Kiss on My List," "Private Eyes," "I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)" (also #1 R&B), "Maneater" and "Out of Touch" from their six consecutive multi-platinum albums—'76's *Bigger Than Both of Us*, '80's *Voices*, '81's *Private Eyes*, '82's *H2O*, '83's *Rock N Soul, Part I* and '84's *Big Bam Boom*. The era would also produce an additional 5 Top 10 singles, "Sara Smile," "One on One," "You Make My Dreams," "Say It Isn't So" and "Method of Modern Love." Daryl also wrote the H&O single "Every Time You Go Away," which singer Paul Young scored a number-one hit with a cover of the song in 1985.

"We are thrilled to welcome Daryl Hall and John Oates to Beaumont. Their incredible success as musicians, as well as their many hit songs, make them relatable to a wide range of audiences. Each year, we strive to offer the Southeast Texas community a night

of unforgettable entertainment, and we believe that Daryl Hall and John Oates will help us do just that," said Ivy Pate, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation President.

Each year, the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation continues to raise the bar by offering world class entertainment, five-star cuisine, and elegant ambiance. Past Gala entertainers include Keith Urban, James Taylor, Reba McEntire, Don Henley, Aretha Franklin, and Harry Connick, Jr., just to name a few. The much anticipated and always exceptional Gala brings the community together to celebrate the CHRISTUS mission *to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ*.

The black tie benefit provides an opportunity for an intimate evening of entertainment starting with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. followed by a gourmet meal at 8, all leading to Daryl Hall and John Oates performance at 9:30. For more information about the foundation or to reserve your table for the event please visit www.christussoutheasttexasfoundation.org or call (409) 236-7555.

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Panda Bed Warmers for St. Elizabeth

The CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation is excited to announce that we have provided five Panda Bed Warmers for the Center for New Life at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth, thanks to the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation. These Panda Bed Warmers will help fulfill the ultimate goal of equipping each of the 19 labor and delivery rooms with an infant warmer, as they are required to be in each room for delivery. Until now, the Center for New Life only had four outdated warmers.

St. Elizabeth's Center for New Life is beginning to see an increase in patients due to the new CHRISTUS Women's Center, which sends patients to St. Elizabeth to deliver. This patient overflow is intensifying the already urgent need for additional warmers.

Newborns in respiratory distress must be immediately and expertly handled. The warmers are all-in-one stabilization equipment, complete with warming devices and resuscitation devices. Benefits of the warmers include innovative recessed heating, which keeps babies warm while keeping nurses cool; integrated in-bed scale, which makes weighing babies quick and easy; and equipment for resuscitation therapy. The warmers are compact, streamlined, easy to maneuver, and user friendly, which makes them ideal for a high risk and high stress delivery room resuscitation.

The warmers allow for immediate care for sick newborns with integrated resuscitation available and minimal setup for high-risk deliveries. The warmers also offer easy patient monitoring with integrated, full-color displays that help track the infant's temperature, weight, oxygen levels, and pulse rate. The compact size allows more



room for the nurse, the patient, and the family to interact with the infant.

The warmers are primarily used for two reasons: resuscitation and stimulation. Last year alone, 300 newborns at the Center for New Life needed resuscitation. The resuscitation devices are available to all of the 2,000+ deliveries each year at St. Elizabeth and provide lifesaving resuscitation therapy in times of emergency. Resuscitation devices include a blender to provide blended oxygen to the infant; a pulse oximeter, which measures the oxygen saturation of the infants; and a NeoPuff, which helps to control lung volume, a widely recognized standard in resuscitation devices for newborn resuscitation.

In order to adhere to the highest standards of care, we must provide a warmer in each labor and delivery room. These warmers are the safest place for nurses to provide resuscitation and warmth.

If a newborn's temperature drops, it may cause issues with respiration and blood sugar. If the infant is not able to receive immediate warming procedures, it increases the chances of the infant being admitted to

the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, increasing costs for the family, decreasing health outcomes for the infant, and interfering with family bonding. The warmers will increase the chance of the infant staying in the room if there is a minor emergency that can be remedied with the warmer.

CHRISTUS has newly implemented skin to skin contact post birth to make the transition from fetal to newborn life easier. For normal births, this skin to skin time is possible. But for many high-risk births and emergency births, skin to skin is not possible; and for these emergency births, the best option is the warmers, which provide all body temperature, blood glucose, heart rate, and resuscitation support. Our greatest thanks go to the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation for helping us remain highly prepared with state-of-the-art equipment in times of emergency.



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Register for our 7th Annual Clay Shoot

The 7th Annual Shootin' for a Miracle Clay Shoot will take place at the One in One Hundred Gun Club in Lumberton, Texas on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Sporting Clays has been cherished by those who play the game for years. The Clay Shoot offers a chance for people to try something new or enjoy a little more of something they already know and love. There are two flight times for the event and pre-registration is required. Get your door prize tickets when you arrive, and check the display table to see what you won. Purchase raffle tickets throughout the day and try your luck at one of the major prizes. Proceeds benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Southeast Texas and CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation. Register on our website today and get ready to show off your marksmanship!



Lumberton FCCLA Students Give Back

Delaney Harmon and Annie Schwendiman are members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) at Lumberton High School. As part of a school project, they chose to raise money for premature babies at their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth. Throughout December, Harmon and Schwendiman made and sold cookie and bread mixes in mason jars. Each jar included a recipe gift tag and all dry ingredients required. The jars were sold at school and various places in the community, including CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth.

After the sale ended, Harmon and Schwendiman made a trip back to St. Elizabeth Hospital to present their donation to Children's Miracle

Network Hospitals. Ivy Pate, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation President, and Melissa Conley, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Program Manager, were thrilled to accept their donation of \$600! The money raised will go toward helping babies in St. Elizabeth's NICU receive lifesaving medical care.



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Entertainment for Waiting Room

At CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth, the Emergency Department alone sees 8,500 pediatric patients a year. Currently, the waiting room caters to adults without any toys or entertainment for children. The Emergency Department wants to better serve the pediatric population and their families by offering a form of entertainment in the waiting room that will distract, calm, and educate. Thanks to a grant from Child's Play, the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation is now able to provide that entertainment.

Two Touch2Play Pro touchscreen game systems will be installed in the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Emergency Department waiting room this spring.



Many times, Emergency Department wait times can be long and anxiety filled. The Touch2Play systems will help offer comfort and normalcy in an unfamiliar environment. Each



game system has the capability of accessing only the websites that the staff deems safe and appropriate. It is the perfect gaming system for all ages, from toddler to teen, offering 40 family-related games with none of the violence sometimes associated with video games.

Community Sends Valentines to Pediatric Patients



Valentine's Day is a time to feel special – a time to feel loved. But each year, children in the hospital are forced to spend it away from their friends and fun classroom festivities due to injury or illness. This February, we asked our community to help us make sure the flu and other illnesses didn't keep kids in the hospital from experiencing the excitement of receiving valentines.

"Spread some love this Valentine's Day by sending a special valentine to a pediatric patient at your local Children's Miracle Network Hospital, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth. Fill out the form online, select your favorite card, and we will deliver your card to a patient. It's fast, free and sure to brighten a child's day!"

On Valentine's Day, we had an abundance of valentines to deliver to

our pediatric patients. Thanks to our community (and beyond), our youngest patients felt loved as they each received dozens of valentines and well wishes. Your special messages brought smiles to the faces of children who missed class parties and fun with friends because they were in the hospital on Valentine's Day. Thank you for helping make miracles happen for kids in Southeast Texas!



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Baby Honor Wall

The birth of a baby is a phenomenal milestone! To commemorate this milestone, the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation has created the Baby Honor Wall, a one of a kind tribute in the Center for New Life at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth. This wall provides an opportunity for family and friends to celebrate the lives of their children by having the child's name and date of birth engraved on a glass tribute tile. The tiles are prominently placed on the Baby Honor Wall across from the elevators where patients and visitors can enjoy them as they travel to and from the Center for New Life.

Honoring a child is a wonderful way to celebrate life and help others. Your tax deductible donation will be used to support vital updates in the Center for New Life at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth.



For more information on how to honor a child dear to you, please visit our website or call (409) 236-7555.

Leave a Legacy with the Tree of Life

Throughout the ages - to many modern and past societies, and many religions - trees have stood as symbols of life.

CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth is committed to life and the healing of mind, body, and soul. As a symbol of our commitment, we have created a unique memorial for our cancer patients, the Tree of Life. Made possible through generous contributions, this project provides an opportunity for family and friends to express their respect, compassion, and love for those with cancer. Groups, organizations, or individuals may also contribute to honor, highlight, commemorate, or memorialize events or people who have been a significant part of their lives. Your gift will be a lasting tribute for a special person or meaningful event.

Donations made to the Tree of Life assist us in purchasing specialized medical equipment needed in the treatment of cancer to ensure that high-quality cancer care remains close to home. Each element on the Tree of Life represents a different level of contribution:



Leaf – \$1,000

Apple – \$5,000

Stone – \$25,000

Together we will continue to provide the care our community needs and deserves. Your message will be engraved according to your wishes. Contributions may be pledged over a five year period. Through your gift, the growth of our Tree of Life will make it possible for you to have a significant and meaningful part in one of man's noblest endeavors – relieving human suffering.

Mailed donations should be made payable to: CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation, 2830 Calder St., Beaumont, TX 77702. For additional information, please visit our website or call (409) 236-7555.

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Toys for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

About a week before Christmas, Patti Bobbitt and her son, Cory, delivered over 500 TY Beanie Babies to CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Hospital. Patti's mother, Willie, joyfully collected Beanie Babies for several years. When Willie moved to an assisted living community, she wanted to make sure they continued to bring joy to others. The Bobbitts decided to use the Beanie Babies to help sick and injured kids in their hometown by donating them to their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. "We are overjoyed to receive this donation," said Melissa Conley, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Program Manager. "These Beanie Babies will bring joy and a sense of comfort to every kid who gets one. I can't thank the Bobbitts enough for thinking of their local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals when making this generous donation."



On January 4, Andrea Sterling, a member of Harvest for Lost Souls Church, brought joy to sick and injured kids in Southeast Texas by delivering over 400 plush toys for the kids at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Hospital. The boxes were filled with characters like Olaf from Frozen and Destiny from Finding Dory. During Hurricane Harvey, Somebody Cares America donated an abundance of resources to Harvest for Lost Souls Church, and Sterling made it her mission to make sure these resources continue to help the community. These plush animals are being given to pediatric patients at St. Elizabeth to help them cope with the stress of being in the hospital. "It makes our hearts glad to know so many children will be comforted," said Sterling.

It's never fun being stuck in the hospital during the holidays with nothing to do – especially if you're a kid. On December 20, kids at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth hospital were blessed with Christmas gifts donated by Promptu Immediate Care. Jodi Clark, Regional Practice Manager at Promptu Immediate Care, hosted a Toy Drive where employees and guests donated toys for kids in the hospital. At the end of the Toy Drive, Clark took the toys her local Children's Miracle Network Hospital to be delivered to pediatric patients admitted during the holidays. "I'm so glad these toys will help," said Clark with an armful of toys. "Promptu is always happy to help kids in our community!" Thank you, Promptu Immediate Care, for your generous donation and continuous support.



Brandy Ousley, the mother of one of our pediatric patients, was recently reminded of the importance of donating toys to her local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. When her toddler, Callyn, stayed at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth, they spent some time in the playroom and found that there weren't many toys for preschool kids. "Because so many children have access to our toys, they get loved, played with, and worn out faster than they would in a home," said Ashley Bares, Certified Child Life Specialist. "We are constantly seeking donations to replenish our resources as tired toys get removed from the playroom." Ousley shared her story with friends and family and together they donated toys for preschool-age children. The toys they donated are all plastic and will be used in the playroom by toddlers just like hers. "I know how moms feel when their kids are in the hospital without anything to do," said Ousley. "Even if Callyn doesn't get to play with these toys, they will be available for other kids to enjoy."

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20th Annual Christmas Tree Contest



The 20th Annual Christmas Tree Contest at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth was a huge hit this year! With 14 trees in the contest, St. Elizabeth associates, patients, and visiting families had an array of trees to choose from when casting their vote for Crowd Favorite. Local guest judges, Elizabeth Blackstock, Cumulus Radio Market Manager, and Lance Edwards, Channel 12 News Sports Director, had their work

cut out for them as they determined the winners for Most Creative, Most Beautiful, Grand Prize, and Most Embracing of the CHRISTUS Spirit. We are so thankful for all of the hospital departments that came together in the spirit of the holidays to help raise funds for their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital.



St. Mary Wreath Raffle

Associates at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Mary got into the Christmas spirit with their Annual Wreath Raffle organized by Kay Barclay, Executive Assistant at St. Mary. They donated gift baskets and beautifully decorated wreaths to be raffled throughout the second week of December. They raised over \$1,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals! To view more photos and see the winners, visit our Facebook page.

Congratulations, Sheila Richardson and Wanda Frank, for winning the Frozen Sleighs donated by Walmart!



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Lamar University Dance Marathon



Cardinals for the Kids

Lamar University Dance Marathon (LUDM) hosted their first event at the end of 2017. The evening wrapped up Lamar University's homecoming week by celebrating the students who helped raise money for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals throughout the year.

Participants created personal fundraising pages on LUDM's website at the beginning of the year and asked friends and family members to donate. After visiting CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth last fall, Lamar University Dance Marathon's executive members made it their goal to raise enough money to revive St. Elizabeth's pediatric playroom with new toys and furniture. LUDM wanted the children staying in the hospital to have a fresh space where they could play and feel like kids instead of patients.

At the Lamar University Dance Marathon event, students were met with an event T-shirt at the door and spent the evening dancing to celebrate their success. Chick-fil-A provided dinner and there were plenty of door prizes to be won from Nothing Bundt Cakes packages to an Apple Watch. The Ryan White Award for the Top Fundraising Team went to Alpha Tau Omega for bringing in over \$1,300! One of their team members, Christian Dick, went above and beyond by raising over \$800 – more than doubling most other students' totals. At the end of the evening, LUDM students took the stage to announce the final amount they would be donating to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals for St. Elizabeth's pediatric playroom. The Lamar University students were thrilled to reveal a grand total of \$4,730!

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