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38th Annual CHRISTUS Gala a Success!

The 38th Annual CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation Gala was a smashing success. The meal was delectable, the décor was stunning, and, of course, the entertainment was stellar. Each year, philanthropic-minded businesses, organizations, and individuals gather for a night of finery all in the name of the CHRISTUS mission: to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

This year's gala was especially meaningful as we celebrated the perseverance and unity of the CHRISTUS Health Community during Hurricane Harvey. We recognized CHRISTUS employees staying steadfast in their duties as healers during one of the worst natural disasters our community has seen in decades.

We also recognized the evening's honorees: The Beaumont Enterprise and The Hearst Foundations. The Beaumont Enterprise – a household name in our area – has been supporting the CHRISTUS Gala since its inception 38 years ago. The Hearst Foundations have given a total of \$250,000 to the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation. These generous grants enabled us to renovate the CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and purchase lifesaving equipment for the Center for New Life and the Emergency Department.

The evening culminated in a show-stopping performance by Daryl Hall and John Oates. They wowed the crowd with popular hits such as "Rich Girl," "You Make My Dreams," and countless others.

We want to say a big "thank you" to all the community members that make our gala such a success, and we look forward to seeing you all next year!



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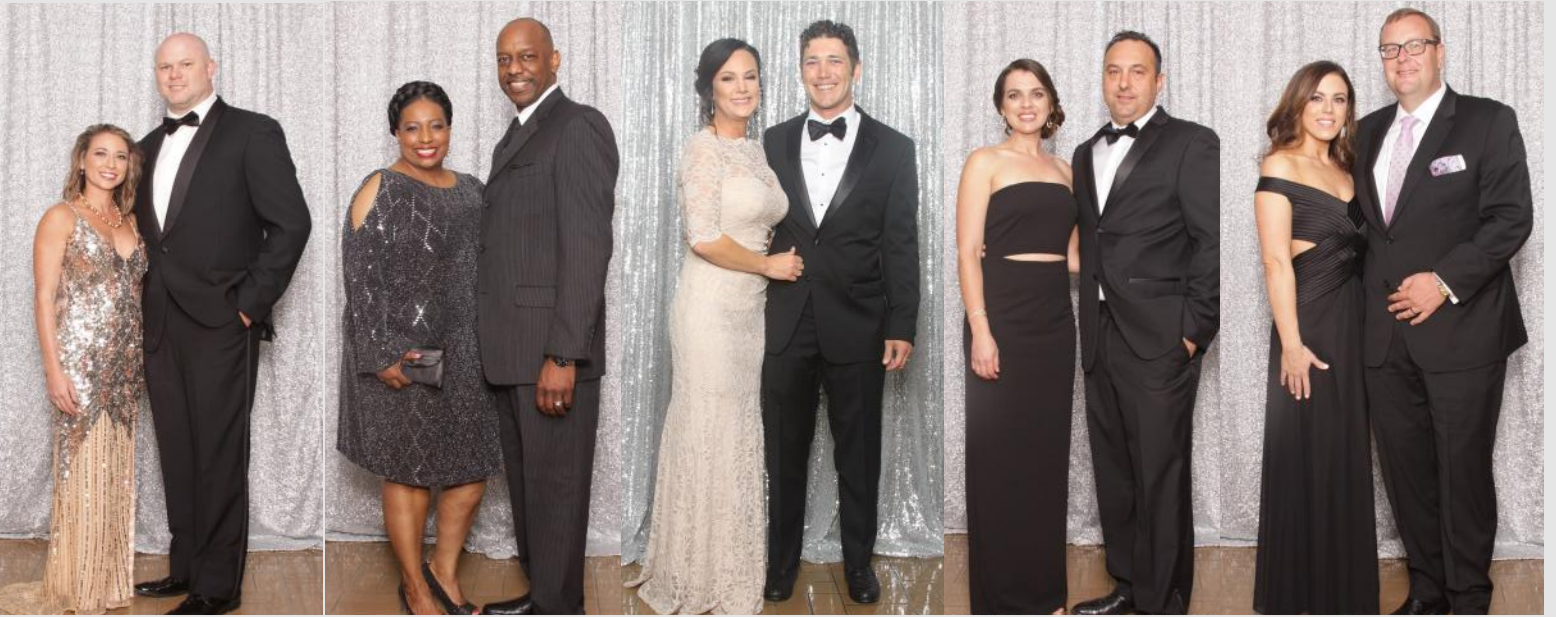
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Prayer Room Dedication at St. Elizabeth

On Monday, March 26, the beginning of Holy Week, a dedication was held for the newly renovated Prayer Room, located on the third floor of the Outpatient Pavilion.

A Crucifix, special ordered from Italy, now sets atop a stone modeled after the Golgotha, a site immediately outside Jerusalem's walls where Jesus was crucified. On either side of the Crucifix are stained glass windows, which were left behind in the Phelan Mansion and kept in good condition by the nuns. The stained glass windows have been restored, mounted, and up lit.

This beautiful work was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Mark Kubala, a devoted Catholic, a long-time neurosurgeon with Golden Triangle Neurocare, a dedicated supporter of the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation, and most recently a published author (*The Execution of Jesus the Christ*).

Dr. Kubala made a generous donation to the Foundation to purchase the crucifix, as he wanted the Prayer Room to be more representative of a Catholic facility.

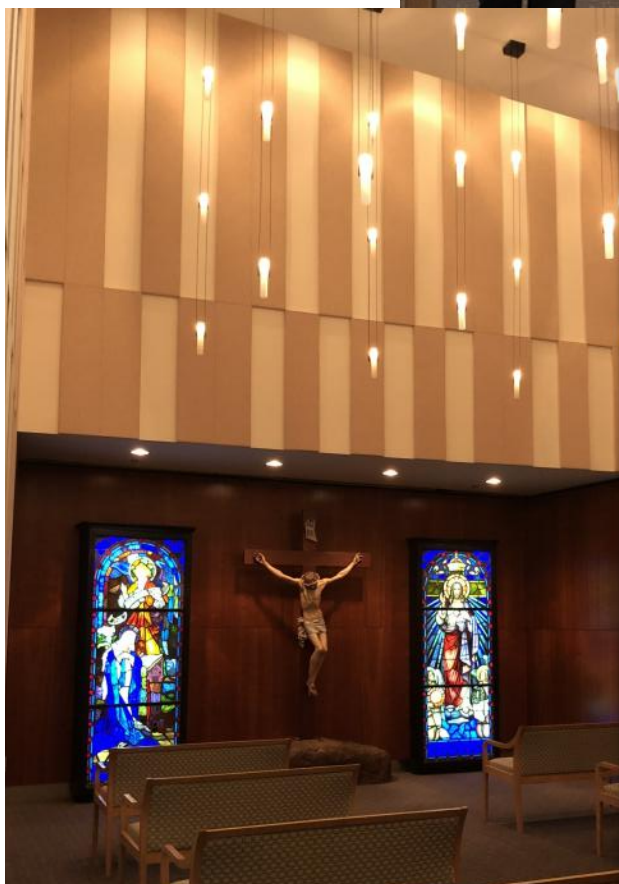
Mary Williams, granddaughter of John Henry "Harry" and Johannah Phelan, spoke of the importance of the Catholic faith to her grandparents, the emphasis placed on faith during her upbringing, and stories of her childhood.

Bishop Guillory gave the dedication and Tommy Frank, Foundation Board Chairman, gave a special reading. The event culminated with words from Dr.

Kubala.

"We are so grateful that patients have a beautiful, peaceful place available to pray for loved ones undergoing treatment in the hospital," said Foundation President Ivy Pate. "Thank you, Dr. Kubala, for your immense generosity. Your dedication to this project is awe-inspiring."

The Prayer Room is open to people of all faiths and denominations. It is a place of peace and calm where all patients, families, and staff are welcome.



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Defibrillators Awarded for Emergency Department

The CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation proudly announces a \$125,000 grant from The Hearst Foundations. This grant will cover the purchase of seven new defibrillators for the Emergency Department at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth (St. Elizabeth).

The new defibrillators are the only model available that are specifically designed to treat children as well as adults. In addition, the portability of these defibrillators offers a major benefit to our medical staff, as many of the patients they treat must be transported internally throughout the hospital.

The new fleet of defibrillators will enhance St. Elizabeth's work towards achieving a higher-level designation for the Emergency Department.

The Hearst Foundations are national

philanthropic resources for organizations and institutions working in the fields of Education, Health, Culture and Social Service. The Hearst Foundations' goal is to ensure that people of all backgrounds have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives.

The CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation was honored to host a recent site visit by George Irish, Eastern Director for The Hearst Foundations. Ivy Pate, Director of CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation, gave Mr. Irish a tour of St. Elizabeth, showing him where the new defibrillators will be housed in the Emergency Department. Mr. Irish also toured the newly renovated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The visit to the NICU was especially meaningful for Mr. Irish as The Hearst Foundations have given past grants to St. Elizabeth for NICU equipment as well.

To date, The Hearst Foundations have given CHRISTUS \$250,000 in grants.

"We are so proud to once again be a recipient of The Hearst Foundations' generosity. Thanks to The Hearst Foundations, the St. Elizabeth Emergency Department will offer the newest and most advanced technology in resuscitation care," said Ivy Pate.

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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.



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Mardi Gras: The Money Behind the Mask

On Thursday, March 29, board members from Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas, Laura Childress and Lisa New, presented Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Hospitals in Southeast Texas with a check for \$2,270.

Each year, CMN recruits volunteers from CHRISTUS hospitals and the community to help run Mardi Gras by serving drinks, taking tickets, selling souvenirs and more. When weekend is over, volunteer hours from the 16 non-profit organizations behind Mardi Gras are added up and Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas makes a donation to each organization based on their hours.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Southeast Texas is proud to be one of the 16 member non-profit organizations benefiting from Mardi Gras of Southeast Texas and we are beyond grateful for our CHRISTUS associates and community members who volunteer on our behalf!



Autism Awareness: Sensory Event at Beaumont Children's Museum

On Saturday, April 7, the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Health System kicked off Autism Awareness Month by sponsoring Autism Awareness Day: A Sensory Event hosted by the Beaumont Children's Museum and The Arc of Greater Beaumont. Community members were invited to experience the excitement of the children's museum while learning about autism.

The first hour of the event was reserved for families with children on the autism spectrum, which allowed them time to get familiar with the museum in a low sensory environment with fewer people around. The museum also provided a Quiet Room that was open all day for children who became overstimulated to have a place to relax.

When the museum opened to the public, children were able to participate in activities such as making fossils, creating custom sensory bottles, and playing with sensory toys and a tactile wall. Families were also given the opportunity to play with service dogs, meet First Responders, and learn what CHRISTUS hospitals do to make ER visits for individuals on the autism spectrum less traumatic.



Ashley Bares, Certified Child Life Specialist at CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth, shared how the healthcare professionals at St. Elizabeth strive to make children on the autism spectrum more comfortable during hospital visits.

"When registering at the Emergency Room, parents of children on the autism spectrum can ask for an ASAP (Autism Spectrum Awareness Plan) or SNAP (Special Needs Awareness Plan) form," explains Bares. "These forms help us better understand the challenges some patients face when they come to the Emergency Room so that we can do our best to make them comfortable. We can offer sunglasses for light sensitivity, fidget toys to keep their hands busy, and a weighted lap pad for those who find comfort in deep touch pressure."

CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth is proud to provide awareness and support for our autism community and we hope to make hospital visits comfortable and stress-free for everyone who comes through our doors.

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7th Annual Shootin' for a Miracle Clay Shoot

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who participated! With your help, we raised over \$30,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Foundation.



Division I Highest Overall Team – P-3 Petroleum



Division II First Place – YMBL



Division III First Place – Zachry Group Team 1

Final Team Scores

P-3 Petroleum	369
Echo Group	355
Floyd's Cajun Seafood	342
The Humanitarians	335
Jefferson Electric	318
Arceneaux Wilson & Cole, LLC	317
ISC Constructors, LLC	317
YMBL	299
Individuals	296
Maxim Crane Works	265
HB Mechanical	255
Golden Pass LNG Team 2	251
Valero	247
Golden Pass LNG Team 1	246
Zachry Group Team 1	238
Zachry Group Team 2	224
ITS	216
Suez Water Technologies & Solutions Team 2	216
Hospital Housekeeping Systems	195
State of Readiness Arms, LLC	172
Suez Water Technologies & Solutions Team 1	83



Volunteers: Valero Cook Team

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Understanding Planned Gifts and Their Benefits

Planned giving is a way for you to integrate your personal, financial and estate planning by making lifetime or testamentary charitable gifts. Below are some common types of planned gifts and their benefits.

BEQUEST

A bequest is a gift made through your will or trust. A bequest is the simplest type of planned gift for you to make and one of the easiest to implement.

BENEFITS: You may desire to support charity but are unable to make gifts during your lifetime. For example, you may have property that is needed during life to cover your living expenses or health care costs.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)

You make a gift of cash or property to us and we agree to make fixed payments for one or two lives.

BENEFITS: You want to make a gift to our organization and receive fixed income for the future. This plan works well with your gift of cash or appreciated stock that is providing little or no income.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT)

You transfer your cash or property to fund a trust that makes payments for your lifetime or a number of years and then passes what remains to our organization.

BENEFITS: You own appreciated property that produces little or no income and would like to sell without paying capital gains tax. You may be desiring income for retirement.

FAMILY LEAD TRUST

You transfer your cash or property to a trust that makes payments to our organization for a number of years and then passes the trust property to your family with no additional tax.

BENEFITS: You want to pass specific property to your family without paying a lot of gift estate tax.

LIFE ESTATE RESERVED

You transfer your personal residence or farm to us and retain the right to use the property for your lifetime.

BENEFITS: You want to remain living in your home and desire a current income tax deduction.

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