A life-changing cup of coffee

Kay Cox-McNeill recently compared her relationship with St. Vincent Evansville to the perfect romance novel or the perfect love story.

What began as a simple “get to know you” meeting over coffee has grown into a generous gift that has made an impact on babies and families in Evansville, across the United States and even all over the world!

We hope you enjoy the Kay/St. Vincent Evansville Love Story.

During a coffee conversation, Kay shared her philanthropic passion for helping women and children. So, Kay was invited to tour our St. Vincent Evansville Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to see if we could find opportunities for Kay to assist our Women’s and Children’s Services.

One month later, Kay toured the most advanced NICU in our region. It was a life-changing moment.

“I was so moved after touring the NICU,” said Kay. “I learned about the need for individual cameras that would allow families the instant access to see their babies 24/7. I knew then that I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives.”

After the tour, Kay decided the kind of difference she wanted to make.

Kay made a generous gift to fund new NICU Webcams, one for each isolette, or bed, in our NICU. Each camera features password protected privacy, security and instant access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

“I am so happy to see the comfort it has brought families during a most difficult time,” Kay added. “I had no idea the cameras would be used as much as they have been. The impact has been overwhelming.”

Kay’s gift is having a positive impact on families in almost every state and families in eight countries outside of the U.S. – United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands, Australia, Turkey, Iceland, Yemen and the Marshall Islands. That’s right, Yemen, Iceland and the Marshall Islands!

The number of log-ins since the NICU Webcams went live in November 2016 is over 37,500!

“Parents, grandparents and other family members need the comfort and ability to see their babies from anywhere in the world,” Kay said. “As a mother and grandmother, I’m so happy for the opportunity to make this possible. It’s one of the best things I have ever done.”

Kay’s transformational gift is the perfect match of her passion and one of the many funding needs in our healthcare ministry. Thank you, Kay, for your investment in caring for some of our most vulnerable patients and their families.

Daughter of Charity will be honored at 30th Annual Cornette Ball

The historic West Baden Springs Hotel will be transformed into “Le Cirque Classique” - aka the classical circus - for our 30th Annual Cornette Ball on October 21.

Sister Theresa Peck, a Daughter of Charity for over 60 years, will receive the prestigious Steward of St. Vincent de Paul Award at this year’s celebration. It has been 20 years since we have last bestowed St. Vincent Evansville’s highest honor on a Daughter of Charity.

Sister Theresa is a past Administrator of St. Mary’s Medical Center (now St. Vincent Evansville) from 1974-1978. She served as the President and CEO of St. Vincent Indianapolis from 1978-1986. She then moved to St. Louis to lead the Daughters of Charity as their President and then Executive Vice President, followed by a few more presidential health system stops in between, before returning to Evansville to serve as the Provincial Councilor and Councilor for Health Chair at the Daughters of Charity’s westside facility.

Sister Theresa’s father taught her the importance of living a life of “personal influence,” and she has been an influence on all those she has met, mentored and molded.

She resides in Evansville at the Mater Dei Provincialate and is a member of Mission and Ministry, Inc., in addition to serving as the chair of Seton Harvest Farm.

Cornette Ball Chairs Tom and Jennifer Bailey are anticipating another sold-out crowd this year. For more information, please contact Jessica Roos, Grants & Events Coordinator, at 812-485-5850 or jessica.roos@ascension.org. We hope you will join us for this memorable celebration of our heritage!
Ziemer Society inspiring new philanthropic efforts

When the time came to identify and recognize long-time St. Vincent Evansville supporters by naming a new giving society in their honor, Ted and Clare Ziemer were the ideal choice. This couple has generously devoted their gifts of time, talents and treasures for the past 30+ years to help advance our health ministry. In honor of their service, the Ted & Clare Ziemer Society officially unveiled on September 21, 2016. The society is social in nature, but hosts events throughout the year to generate awareness and support for philanthropic opportunities within St. Vincent Evansville and St. Vincent Warrick.

Individuals who contribute $250.00 or more are considered Founding Friends of the Ziemer Society. At this membership level, you may attend all Ziemer Society events for the year at no additional cost.

Membership donations and event proceeds support philanthropic projects throughout St. Vincent Southwest Indiana Region. The Society has already made a lasting impact. Society proceeds have helped purchase clothing and basic necessities for patients in the Pediatric Unit at St. Vincent Hospital for Women & Children. The Society’s latest philanthropic effort will benefit a sensory room within our Pediatric Feeding Program at St. Vincent Center for Children.

The Pediatric Feeding Program assists infants up to 18-year-olds who experience difficulty with feeding, including NICU babies, children with developmental delays, children with aversions to eating and more. Our Feeding Program uses a unique model (one of only four in the nation) to provide a collaborative approach of care by a team of specialists.

The sensory room is a key component of the program. Children who receive sensory input, such as swinging, jumping and bouncing, prior to feeding treatments are better able to focus and participate in therapy. The Society will fund items for the sensory room, including a climbing wall, an activity panel, a suspended swing system equipped for multiple types of swings for various ages and more.

A special thank you to Dr. Mark and Donna Logan for generously hosting and funding the Society’s event on May 18, which allowed all event proceeds to directly benefit the project.

The next Ziemer Society event will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the home of Rachel and Brian Spalding.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
You can honor Ted and Clare’s legacy and impact the lives of our patients by joining the Ziemer Society. To learn more, including how you can become a member, please contact Adam Trinkel, Major Gifts Coordinator, at 812-485-4730 or adam.trinkel@ascension.org.

Your forever gift is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. It’s not the amount of your gift that matters. It’s what happens later, once your bequest goes to work benefitting our most vulnerable patients and their families.

Here’s how you can get started today:

1. Learn more about our Mission and the ways you can Support our Healing Ministry by calling 812-485-4265.
2. Arrange a meeting with your financial advisor to make sure your plans will fulfill your philanthropic goals. With their help, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to St. Vincent Evansville Foundation as part of your estate plan.
3. Please let us know if you choose to include St. Vincent Evansville Foundation in your will, so we can celebrate your generosity.

QUESTIONS? Please contact St. Vincent Evansville Foundation at 812-485-4265.

Grateful Giving:
Recognizing the Spirit of Caring

Exceptional care leads to exceptional gratitude. Philip Stocke will be the first to tell you that he is grateful for St. Vincent Evansville.

“In 1991, my mother was a patient at St. Mary’s (now St. Vincent Evansville) for a few months. Every day, I was by her side and witnessed the remarkable care and compassion from your associates and physicians. When I became a patient years later, I received the same kindheartedness and excellent care. St. Vincent Evansville is a wonderful hospital. Your team of caregivers goes above and beyond in their call of duty. They are sincere in how they care for you. By contributing, I feel better and know that I am making a difference. I hope my gifts will inspire others to support your Mission and Ministry,” said Philip.

Through their generosity, grateful patients like Philip help to ensure that our clinical team continues to provide compassionate, quality care. Gifts from grateful patients support the greatest needs of St. Vincent – including educational opportunities for our nurses and new equipment to help us deliver the “Spirit of Caring” to everyone.

Are you a grateful patient? We’d love to hear from you. To learn more about how you can make a donation in appreciation of the care you received, please contact Adam Trinkel, Major Gifts Coordinator, at 812-485-4730 or adam.trinkel@ascension.org.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our 37th Annual Heritage Open Golf Tournament on June 12! The net proceeds exceeded $120,000 and will benefit our Care of the Poor Fund.

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