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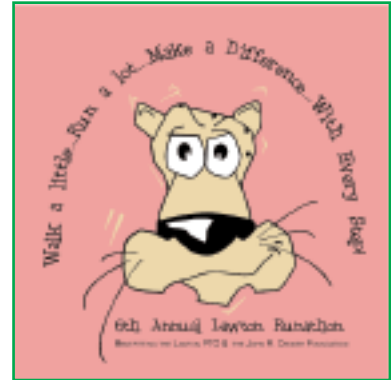
An Awareness Email list has been established to keep supporters of John's Foundation informed of local, state and national events regarding children with cancer, as well as Foundation information. If you would like to be added to this list offering awareness please email Paula at jcfoundation@johnrcrosby.org.

LAWTON RUNATHON Saturday September 29th, '07

Lawton School, 9am—3pm

The 6th annual Runathon will be on Saturday, September 29th. The event takes place at John's school, Lawton Elementary and the proceeds for the charity run/walk are split equally between the JRC Memorial Foundation and the Lawton PTO. A huge "Thank you" to all of those who helped organize and will work and participate at the event!

The pictures below show how much fun kids (and adults) helping kids can have. Last year over 300 participants took part! A total of \$13,394 was collected in donations.



The Lawton Leopard mascot decorates this year's shirt, which is available in Pink and Green.



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness. In recognition, a powerful "you tube" video has been put together by two parents. Please feel free to send this to your Members of Congress and to your local TV stations to raise awareness about Childhood Cancer.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGS4yE5v9rM>

DONATIONS

The following is a list of the top four recipients of donations made by the John R. Crosby Foundation to aid patients and their families at Mott Hospital and the UM Cancer Center.

New Mott Hospital 2006-2010 commitment—\$50,000

A Meditation Room named for John will be built on the Pediatric Cancer Floor.

The Adrenal Cancer Center 2005-2007—\$30,000

Support allows the launch of a new project looking at molecular targets for suppressing adrenal cancer.

Infusion Room at the Cancer Center—\$1,750

Palliative Care 2006—\$1,200

Money was raised through the 2005 Jazzercise event.

The Holiday Stocking Project, which gives holiday stockings to patients receiving chemotherapy donated \$550 from 2005-2006



MEGSWORK Patient Journals

20 Patient Medical Journals have been given out to area patients recently diagnosed with cancer.

These journals are stocked with gift certificates to area establishments for the patient and their families.

The Patient Journals are "An easy to use resource that relieves stress, prevents mistakes, and saves valuable time."

The Patient Medical Journal is an organizational tool that assists the patient, caregivers and medical staff in all aspects of the patient's care. The Journal is designed with sections for the important paperwork the patient receives. Each section includes instructions on how to organize paperwork, plus helpful hints and a calendar to record appointments.

Will help the patient and caregivers track and organize:

- * Appointments
- * Instructions
- * Medications
- * Staff Phone Numbers
- * Resources
- * And much more!

(See <http://www.megswork.com> for more information).



LETTERS

Each year, the foundation receives many responses of gratitude and encouragement. We wanted to share excerpts from several with you:

...With palliative care still being a relatively new concept in today's medical environment, we recognize that the number of patients who could benefit from our program is even far greater than the 400 patients and their families that we have been humbled to assist since our program began in November 2006. Your generous donations will help to enlighten the public, our patient population, and even our physicians and other care providers, of the various ways our program can provide this important service at such a very challenging time in our patients' lives, and the lives of those who love them...

Philip E. Rogers, MD

Program Director, Palliative Care Program and Medical Director, Adult Palliative Care Consultation Service

Kenneth Pituch, MD

Medical Director, Pediatric Palliative Care Consultation Service

...On behalf of the Palliative Care Program at the University of Michigan, I would like to thank you for choosing our program as a beneficiary of your 5th Annual Charity Benefit for the John R. Crosby Memorial Foundation. The \$1,200 donation to our program will go a long way in providing educational opportunities to further the goal of our palliative care program—helping patients and families facing a potentially life-limiting illness achieve the best quality of life possible, for as long as possible...

Maureen Goode Giacomazza, MA, RN

*Clinical Nurse Specialist
Pediatric Palliative Care Program*

...The generous funding provided by your organization allowed us to secure dedicated staff time to this (Bereavement) program. Dr. Eileen Mollen was supported as the clinical lead for the pediatric bereavement program for March, 2005 through June, 2006. Your financial support allowed her to not only facilitate the support group; she also developed a manual for the program that focused on the program's goals. This in turn allowed us to develop second ongoing support group to further meet the needs of our parents. The combination of these 2 groups has been very well received. They remain one program under the collaborative leadership of Susan Wintermeyer-Pingel, MS, RN and Dr. Mollen...

Karen Hammelef, RN, MS, CS

Director, Patient Support Services

...These gentle deeds encircle our families in profound ways. With each compassionate gift and caring expression, the families are strengthened by the quiet friendship of the Foundation and reminded that others care from afar. These gifts heal the spirit in ways that medicines cannot. In your goodness and understanding outreach, the gentle gifts of both John and Walt are carried forth. Throughout the days, we carry their qualities and examples in our hearts....

Sheila Morris, BS, CCLS

*Child and Family Life Program
The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Some amazing facts about Mott Hospital!

- Approximately 12,000 inpatient children benefitted from donations in the last year.
- Approximately 258,000 outpatient visits were made by children and infants to U of M clinics.
- There are 140 patient beds for children in Mott which are almost always filled, including 31 pediatric intensive care rooms and 40 neonatal intensive care beds for ill or premature babies.
- There were more than 8,400 surgeries performed in Mott's 8 operating rooms last year.
- So far 500,000 blue wristbands have been sold. Proceeds go towards building the new Mott Hospital.
- Did you know Mott Hospital has a school room and 2 teachers?
- Child and Life is able to provide parties for each holiday thanks to donations.
- Child and Family Life Services does not bill for its' services and relies on financial support to fund these programs.



The Giving Library

The Giving Library began in March of 2001 in honor of Janet Todd Grewe. Janet, a teacher, especially enjoyed teaching children how to read because she understood that this knowledge had the power to change every child's life for the better.

The Giving Library is designed to support children and their families by providing diversions from the stress of hospitalization and by providing comfort to the patients at Mott via escaping into the world of books. It also strives to promote literacy by reading aloud to children and through independent reading. Together volunteers and children select books of interest. Volunteers are also available to read to children as needed.

Thanks Cub and Girl Scouts!

A big thanks to the Cub Scouts from Pack 28 at King School for putting together Birthday Bags for Mott patients! In addition, Girl Scout Troop 771 from Saline Michigan graciously created and donated several dozen fleece blankets for the Cancer Center and Mott. Thank you to the girls and leaders for lovingly creating those much needed and loved necessities.



Cub Scouts Jason Ji, Patrick McKee and Quentin Milette

Gingerbread House

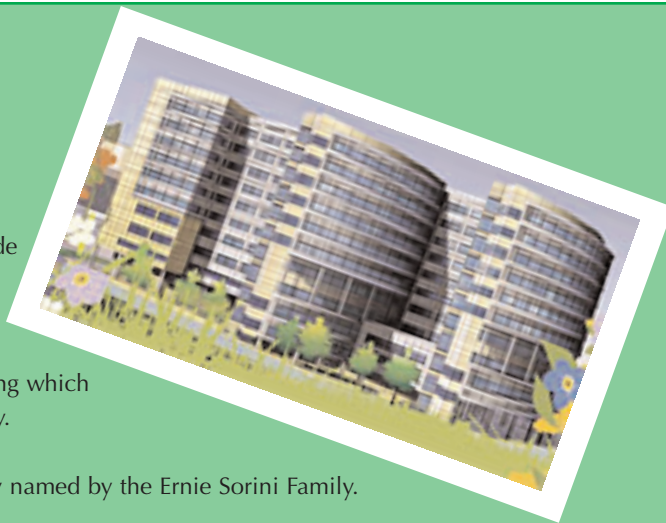


In 2006 friends got together to create "John's House", a Gingerbread House which was put up for auction as a fund raiser for the Wild Swan Theatre. The John Crosby Foundation Gingerbread House is pictured above!

The New MOTT

The new Mott Children's and Women's Hospital will include the following exciting features:

- 12 story inpatient building, with all single (private) rooms and a nine story outpatient building which will connect existing Mott to the new Mott facility.
- A new pediatric emergency department—recently named by the Ernie Sorini Family.
- Maximum number of intensive care beds.
- Main level family resource center, patient business functions, conference rooms, patient education, social work, patient relations, chapel, universal waiting area.
- A basement garage to hold all patient equipment, modeled after the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital in New York, where equipment will be cleaned, maintained, stored and delivered to units as needed, reducing the need for storage space on the units themselves
- Buildings will be predominately glass—including a dynamic front door which will be very inviting
- * Buildings will provide for a higher level of security, with a decrease in the number of entries and all entries will be staffed 24/7.



View the new hospital with a virtual tour online:

type www.med.umich.edu/mott/groundbreaking then click on VIRTUAL TOUR

GoBlue PICU

The GoBlue PICU Project is a multi-disciplinary educational series focusing on the following :

JANUARY—Respiratory
MARCH—Sedation Practices
OCTOBER—Traumatic Brain Injuries

MOTT IN TOP 30!

Mott Hospital ranks in the top 30 pediatric hospitals in the country according to the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) for more details, check out health.usnews.com/pediatrics

Evan Mayday Film

"Evan Mayday's Good Death" is a highly emotional, educational, life-affirming documentary of how one team and one family handled the end of Evan's life. It is now available on DVD and has won the received an "Award of Distinction" from Videographer Awards. To order please use the following link:

<http://www.med.umich.edu/nursing/EndOfLife/mayday.htm>

Did you know?

The Division of Critical Care Medicine has 1600 admissions per year to their 16 bed intensive care unit, with an occupancy rate between 90 and 100%.

In addition, the PICU is rated 6th among 33 similar institutions



Palliative Care Video

The Pediatric Palliative Care Consultation Service is busy filming the pediatric palliative care video and will have a rough draft ready by October. Dr. Ken Pituch, the medical director of the pediatric palliative care program, will be using video footage of our second film at a National Pediatric Palliative Care Conference in Akron, Ohio in October.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS



Max & Erma's days will be October 10th and 11th, 2007

in their newly renovated restaurant! For more information, check out our website. In 2006 the Max & Erma's fundraiser netted \$804.



SILPADA JEWELRY FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to Angela Ryan, Silpada Jewelry representative who held a fundraising jewelry party on September 20th, 2007. 30% of the profits were donated to the John R. Crosby Foundation.



A big thanks to Angelo's for all the food they donated for various brunches provided on the Pediatric Cancer Floor throughout 2007.

*A vendor show will be held in **November**. All proceeds will go to the foundation. Check our website nearer the date.*

In March and April 2007, our Jazzercise fundraiser received many generous donations. Items such as character pillowcases, DVD's, handheld games, crafts and games were used to supply the Mott and the Pediatric Infusion Room and fill birthday bags for children.



MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve the memory of John Crosby by supporting children with cancer and their families by various charitable means. To provide comfort, educational and emotional support for families that have children with cancer. To continue to identify the best research opportunities that promise the most hope in curing childhood cancers and advance scientific research.



ABOUT JOHN...

John Robert Crosby was a unique little boy. He had a smile and a laugh that everyone remembered. He was kind, unselfish, considerate and compliant. He was a good friend, and a GREAT brother to his older brother, Walter and his younger brother, Henry. He never wanted to do anything wrong or have anyone be mad at him. He was his own person from the moment he entered this world in the middle of a huge snowstorm. John's favorite color was green, changing from having gray be his favorite color for many years. He always chose vanilla ice cream. He loved birthdays, especially his own. When he turned 8 he expanded his thinking. John tried chocolate ice cream, fell in love with the little girl next door, Lissa, and when diagnosed with cancer, showed his family and friends what it meant to be brave and courageous. He loved his family, school activities, and had the best sense of humor. In his 8 1/2 short years here on earth, he taught all who know him more than we could have ever imagined. He will FOREVER be missed. —From the Wall of Courage at the PICU at Mott.