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2009

Dear Friends,

During 2009, Firelands Regional Medical Center continued to grow and distinguish itself in several important ways. We opened our new Erie County Counseling & Recovery Services building at 1925 Hayes Avenue; we opened our new Dialysis Center on the campus of The Bellevue Hospital; we were recognized as a top performing facility in the nation for many clinical services; we received a Thomson Top 100 Hospital designation for cardiovascular care; we were selected as a Top 100 Physical Rehabilitation Hospital by UDSMR; we were recognized as one of only 17 hospitals in Ohio and one of 235 in America to receive the prestigious Patient Safety Excellence Award from HealthGrades®; and our Women's Health and Wellness Center achieved the designation of a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology (ACR), making Firelands the only facility in the region to receive this distinctive designation.

More important than any award or new service is your fundamental care and well being. We believe that and we live that every day with each patient and family encounter. Our achievements let you know that you are receiving top quality care delivered by a team of talented physicians, employees and volunteers, together with the support of our board.

For years, the physicians in our community have enabled Firelands Regional Medical Center to be a beacon of hope and a safety net for the people in our community. Therefore, in this important time of recounting our achievements and reflecting on the past, we feel compelled to again personally express our sincere gratitude to the many physicians who make the services at Firelands possible. We encourage you to reach out to your physicians and other doctors like them in your community, to thank them for their dedication and commitment not only to your own personal health but also to the health of our entire community. Clearly we are honored and lucky to have the number and quality of physicians practicing in the five county area serviced by Firelands Regional Medical Center.

While there were significant achievements for Firelands Regional Medical Center in 2009, it was also a year of unprecedented economic challenges that engulfed our nation, our state, our community, and our families. Firelands responded to these financially challenging times



by maintaining a constancy of mission, prudent expense management, new program growth, existing program enhancements, and the constant commitment to pursue improvements and excellence in the services provided. The continued support of our many doctors, donors, and the moneys received from rendering care to those who chose to come to Firelands Regional Medical Center enabled us to continue offering essential programs to our community while caring for the most needy among us, those with limited or no insurance coverage.

While buildings, healing environments, and technology are fundamental to Firelands delivery of care, nothing produces results more than the group of individuals – physicians, clinical and support staff, volunteers, board members, and YOU, our donors – united by an understanding that kindness matters, teamwork triumphs, and each one of us can make a difference in this world. I thank you for your generous gifts which have improved the quality of life for persons living in and around Erie County, your family, neighbors and friends who are cared for by Firelands.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Stark, FACHE
President and CEO
Firelands Regional Health System



*One song can spark a moment,
one flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
one bird can herald spring.
One vote can change a nation,
one sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
one laugh will conquer gloom.
One step will start each journey,
one word will start a prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
one touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
one heart can know what's true.
One life can make a difference,
that difference starts with you.*

Author Unknown

2009 Highlights

Our Mission: The leading regional health center...

Firelands Heart Institute was once again recognized as one of the Thomson Top 100 Hospitals® in the nation for the treatment of heart attacks, heart failure, angioplasty and heart bypass surgery.



Designated as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology, making Firelands the only facility in the five-county area to receive this distinctive designation. The Firelands Women's Health and Wellness Center was the first in the area to offer digital mammography.



Ranked Top 5% nationally in Patient Safety.

Ranked Top 10% nationally for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

Ranked Top 5% nationally for vascular surgery, earning the HealthGrades® Vascular Surgery Excellence Award - Firelands is one of only 52 hospitals in the nation to be ranked in the top 5%; and is ranked as #1 in the State of Ohio.



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For two years straight, Firelands was ranked as a Top 100 Best Place to Work in Healthcare in the nation by Modern Healthcare.

Voted Best Place to Work for the 3rd year in a row by funcoast.com.

- Accredited by the Health Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP)
- Society of Chest Pain Centers Accreditation
- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) Certified
- Ohio Department of Mental Health - Certified
- College of American Pathologist (CAP) Accredited
- Received Quality Ratings in:
 - Back and Neck Surgery with Spinal Fusion
 - Hip Fracture
 - Carotid Surgery
 - Stroke Care
 - Bowel Obstruction
 - GI Bleed



University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center at Firelands Regional Medical Center brings the most state-of-the-art cancer services to our local community so that patients who reside in our area can stay close to home to receive advanced cancer care.

promoting physical, spiritual, and mental well-being for generations.

The staff of the Firelands Erie County Counseling & Recovery Services celebrates the new Erie County building which opened at 1925 Hayes Avenue.



Firelands Wound Care Center added Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) for wound care management provided by physicians certified in HBOT.



Firelands opened The Michelle Wightman and Karrie Wieber Pediatric Unit in 2009, providing a state-of-the-art, self-enclosed unit for children ages birth through age 18 who need to be hospitalized.

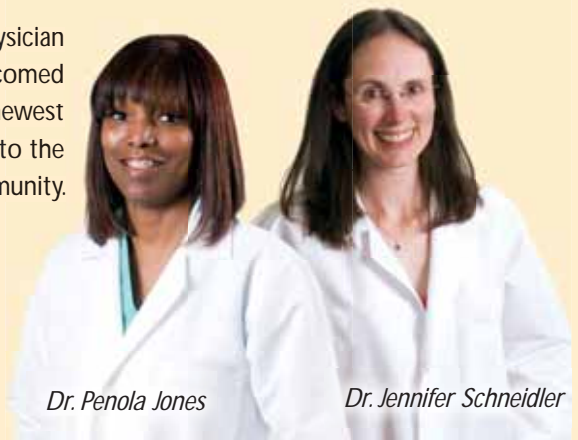
Firelands opened the area's only Diabetes Clinic, dedicated to treating diabetes and designed to offer health care providers options to assist in managing their patient's diabetes.



32 ICCU Nurses achieved Trauma Certification - 7 of those 32 are shown below.



Firelands Physician Group welcomed Erie County's newest OB/GYNs to the local community.



Dr. Penola Jones

Dr. Jennifer Schneider

Firelands Bellevue Dialysis Center and Counseling & Recovery Services on the campus of The Bellevue Hospital opened to provide a higher-standard of care for both dialysis and behavioral health patients.



*Pictured left to right:
Dr. Gwang Kim; Mark Fischer;
and Sarah Kleinfelter*



“ Firelands unquestionably did a great job in establishing this dialysis center. After one year of operation, this is a remarkable success for patients and their families. Use of this facility is growing rapidly.”

Dr. Gwang Kim

Through a partnership with The Chef's Garden, the Feel Better with Firelands Healthy Lifestyles Program offers website visitors an opportunity to order locally-grown sustainable vegetables.



Firelands Occupational Therapy Department initiated a driving program for the elderly and disabled.



Identified cost savings totaling over \$4 million in 2009 which included a comprehensive energy savings plan that reduced gas and electricity expenditures by 7.2 %.



- Satellite Physical Therapy and Laboratory services were expanded into the Huron and Norwalk communities.
- A Health & Wellness Library was launched on the Firelands website as a resource for health information.
- Over 1,000 pre-participation sports physicals were provided for students from Margareta, Port Clinton, Sandusky Central Catholic, Perkins, Sandusky and Huron Schools.
- Educational classes in accordance with the Ohio Department of Education were provided for 100 area coaches.

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Leadership

Meet Our Executive Team



Charles A. Stark,
President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Stark joined Firelands Regional Health System in January 2004, and is known to everyone as "Chuck." Under his leadership, the medical center has completed a \$146.9 million expansion and is completing \$19 million in renovations to existing facilities; received multiple national/regional recognitions for clinical excellence; a sustained improvement in physician satisfaction; many new programs started; and there has been a five year sustained improvement in employee satisfaction as measured by the Great Place to Work® survey. He has 24 years experience in healthcare senior management and leadership. Chuck is a cum laude graduate of Duke University and also earned his MHA from Duke University. Chuck is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Daniel J. Moncher,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Moncher joined the Firelands Regional Health System in 1997. His responsibilities include all aspects of financial, capital and debt management, financial strategic planning and analyses, information systems, revenue cycle, medical records, insurance claims management, medical education, corporate health, Physician Hospital Organization and managed care contracting. He has 21 years of healthcare experience, is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, a Certified Public Accountant (inactive), earned his Bachelor of Science in Business-Accountancy from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and his Master of Business Administration Degree from Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio.



Tamara L. Jackson,
Senior Vice President, Operations
& Chief Nursing Officer

Mrs. Jackson joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in 1981 as a licensed practical nurse. She is responsible for direction and operation of all major nursing functions and related patient care programs including: all inpatient care units, education, perfusion services, cardiopulmonary services, diabetic services, respiratory care, sleep lab, pharmacy, case management, home health, dialysis center, emergency services, Women's Health and Wellness Center, surgical services, radiology/imaging, wound care center, infection control, quality, School of Nursing and laboratory services. She has 29 years of healthcare experience and holds certification with the American Nurses Credentialing Center and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Mrs. Jackson obtained her registered nurse diploma in 1984, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bowling Green State University, Medical University of Ohio, Bowling Green, Ohio; a Master of Science from the Medical University of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio; and has completed course work toward a Master of Business Administration.



Ryan R. Chandler,
Vice President, Operations

Mr. Chandler joined Firelands Regional Medical Center as Assistant Vice President of Operations in 2006 and was promoted to Vice President of Operations in 2009. He is responsible for nutritional services, patient access, environmental services, materials department, cancer center, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, registration, central scheduling, clinical engineering, plant operations and safety and security. Mr. Chandler has 7 years of healthcare experience and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Management and a Master of Healthcare Administration, both from Louisiana State University.



Connie R. Lamb,
Vice-President, Marketing & Public Relations

Mrs. Lamb joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in 2007, bringing over 25 years of marketing experience to the position. Over 16 of those years have been specifically in healthcare marketing. Her healthcare marketing experience encompasses the areas of strategic planning, strategic marketing and advertising campaigns, public relations campaigns, consumer relationship marketing, marketing research and statistical analysis, e-marketing and outreach services. Her areas of responsibilities at Firelands Regional Medical Center include the administration of the system's marketing, advertising and public relations functions, as well as oversight of the development, volunteer and community outreach departments and gift shops. Mrs. Lamb is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, and earned her Masters and undergraduate degrees in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University.



Patricia S. Martin,
Vice President, Quality and Patient Satisfaction

Mrs. Martin joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in 1978. Her responsibilities include the planning, implementation, and management of organization-wide activities to assess and improve quality and patient satisfaction. Mrs. Martin oversees the medical center's constant survey readiness, infection surveillance and control, patient safety, professional peer review, concurrent quality processes, patient satisfaction and advocacy, risk management, the interfaces and benchmarking with private and public external databases for quality processes and outcomes, trauma and stroke certification, and planned change. Mrs. Martin holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Organization Development, each from Bowling Green State University and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Robert M. Moore,
Vice President, Legal & General Counsel

Mr. Moore joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in 2005. Previously, he was a partner with the law firm of Muehlhauser & Moore in Sandusky where he provided 16 years of legal service to the Firelands System. Mr. Moore is licensed to practice in all Ohio courts and in the U. S. Federal Court. Mr. Moore graduated cum laude from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Toledo in 1984.



Marsha O. Mruk,
**Vice President, Firelands Counseling
& Recovery Services**

Mrs. Mruk joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in 1985. She is responsible for the administration of the full range of mental health, alcohol and drug services and a 34-bed inpatient psychiatric unit. Under her leadership, Mrs. Mruk has developed the Behavioral Health program to provide services in ten locations across seven counties including Erie, Ottawa, Huron, Seneca, Sandusky, Wyandot and Lorain Counties. Her duties also include program and business development, grant writing, fiscal management, and interfacing with hospital management, community, and government agencies. Mrs. Mruk has 30 years of experience in Behavioral Health. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from California State College and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Beverly J. Schrickel,
Vice President, Operations

Mrs. Schrickel joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in 1979 as an RN, Charge Nurse of the Medical/Surgical Unit and Relief Supervisor. She is responsible for the direction and operation of nursing functions and related patient care activities for the following areas: psych, medical/surgical units, inpatient (oncology), progressive care, critical care, nursing supervisors, OB/Peds and physical rehab units. She has 31 years of healthcare experience and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. She received her RN Diploma in Nursing from Toledo Mercy School of Nursing, Toledo, Ohio, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Bowling Green State University, Firelands Campus, Huron, Ohio and her Master of Science in Healthcare Administration from New England College.



James A. Sennish,
Vice President, Human Resources

Mr. Sennish joined Firelands Regional Medical Center in February, 2006 bringing over 28 years of Human Resource Management experience to the position. His responsibilities at Firelands include the administration of human resources for the Medical Center. Mr. Sennish directs all human resource activities including recruitment, retention, education, benefits, compensation, employee relations, and HRIS, as well as human resource regulatory and governmental compliance. He has successfully lead the Firelands team to receive six Best Employer/Best Place to Work recognitions. Mr. Sennish has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Bowling Green State University.

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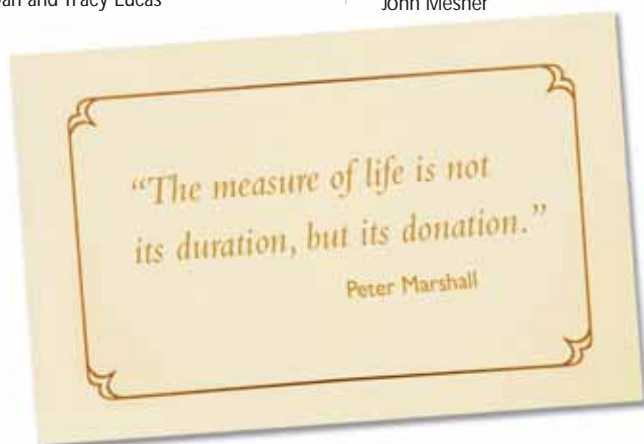
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Jamie Wright
Larry and Tonia Wymer
Cindy Wysocki
Holly Yetter
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Jennifer Yoakum
Jen Yochem
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Tom and Hannah Lendrum

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Louise W. Moon
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Dr. Don Young by
Jean Miller

*"Memory is a way of holding onto
the things you love, the things you are,
the things you never want to lose."*

*From the television show
The Wonder Years*

Financial Statement

Our Income

This financial statement reflects the 2009 operating results for Firelands Regional Medical Center.

Firelands Regional Medical Center generated revenue from
54,974 patient days of service provided to 10,815 patients..... \$212,937,469

For supporting services and care rendered for
Ambulatory, Emergency Department, Home Health and
other Outpatient Services we generated..... \$220,458,874

These services produced total revenue of..... \$433,396,343

Less

We had to deduct this amount from hospital charges
because third party payers do not cover the full cost
of care..... \$(240,700,760)

We also underwrote the cost of care in this amount
for persons without the ability to pay for their
hospital services..... \$(12,957,148)

Therefore, available revenue from patient services was..... \$179,738,435

In addition, we had other revenue from operations,
donations, cafeteria charges, etc. totaling..... \$ 11,325,778

Thus, our total available revenue from operations was..... \$191,064,213

Our Expenses

Salaries, wages and employee benefits \$95,324,650

Supplies, purchased services and general expenses \$73,505,133

State of Ohio imposed Franchise Fee \$ 500,000

Depreciation Expense..... \$15,464,306

Interest expense..... \$ 6,217,581

All of these operating expenses totaled \$191,011,670

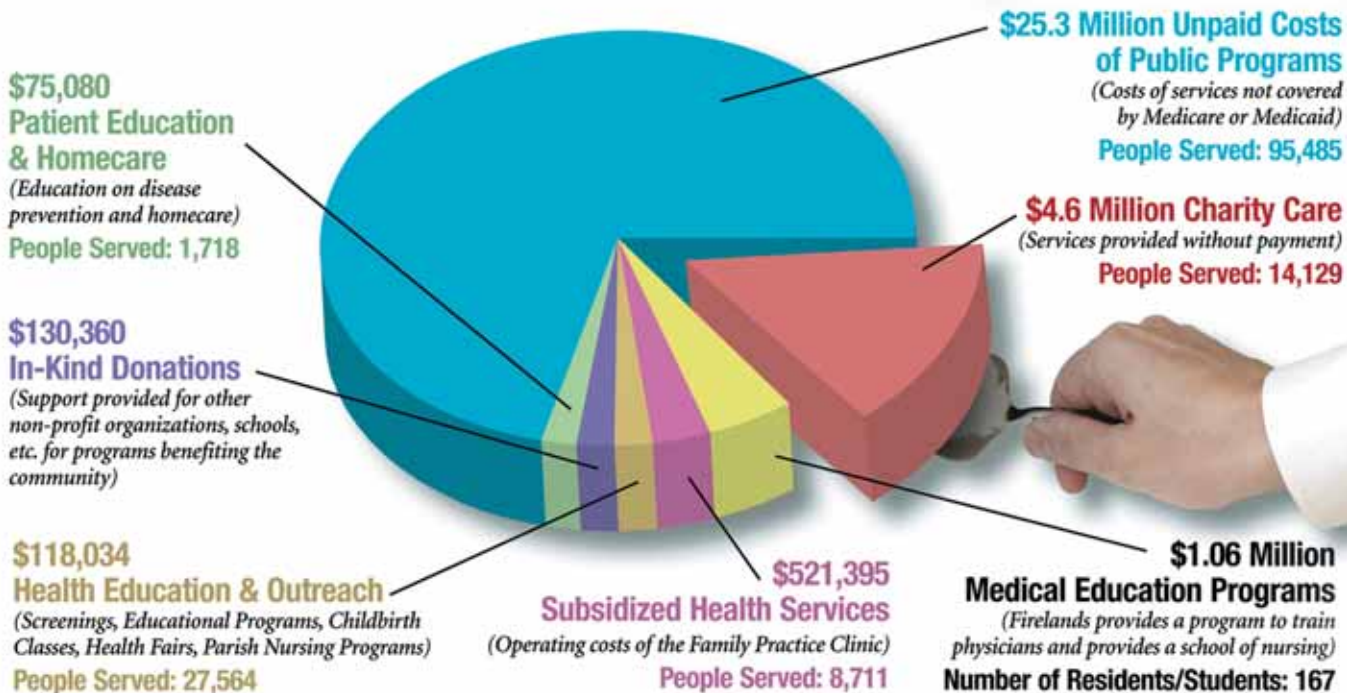
Our Results

Net income after expenses from operations \$52,543

Statistical Highlights

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Admissions..... | 10,815 |
| Deliveries..... | 681 |
| Patient Days of Service | |
| Adult and Pediatric..... | 53,576 |
| Nursery..... | 1,398 |
| Total Patient Days of Service..... | 54,974 |
| Average Length of Stay (days)..... | 5.1 |
| Ambulatory Service Visits | |
| Emergency Department..... | 48,130 |
| Outpatient Visits..... | 195,822 |
| Surgical Cases | |
| Operating Room Minutes..... | 633,867 |
| Surgery Cases..... | 10,002 |
| Medical Staff..... | 304 |
| Employees..... | 912 |
| Medical Residents, Interns and Students..... | 50 |
| Volunteer Hours..... | 29,600 |
| Uncompensated Care..... | \$31,780,870 |

2009 Community Benefit



Over \$31 Million with 147,774 People Served

(Representing 16.6% of Total Hospital Expenses, and an increase of 5% over previous year)

Firelands Regional Medical Center covered an additional \$2.74 Million in Bad Debt Expenses (actual cost) for which no monies were received for services rendered. Over 7% of the care Firelands provided in 2009 was provided to individuals who did not have insurance to pay for the care.

As a not-for-profit hospital, Firelands Regional Medical Center is exempt from paying various federal, state, and local taxes because of its status as a charitable organization. This status means that Firelands provides free or discounted care to those in need, subsidizes the cost of treating patients covered by government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and offers community services for which it receives little or no reimbursement. The amount of Community Benefit Firelands provided in 2009 was nearly 3 times more than what Firelands would have paid in tax obligations in 2009 (\$11.2 Million).

Fundraising

Fundraising programs and events in 2009 focused on the Firelands Regional Medical Center Cancer Program Fund and the Mammogram Fund.

In honor of Mother's Day and National Nurses Week, *Petals for Prevention* Flower Sale was held at both the Main and South Campus of Firelands Regional Medical Center. Bouquets of roses, tulips, and tulips with irises were sold to help benefit the Mammogram Fund of the Foundation for Firelands. The Mammogram fund provides mammograms to those who are uninsured or underinsured.

In July, Lyman Harbor was site for the *Deadliest Deckhands Charity Concert* benefiting the Cancer Program Fund. Travis Lofland from the fishing vessel *The Wizard* and Russ Newberry from the fishing vessel *Time Bandit* attended. Both interacted with the crowd signing autographs and posing for pictures. Both Travis and Russ can be seen on the Discovery Channel's hit television show, *The Deadliest Catch*. A 50/50 raffle was held in addition to a separate raffle where attendees were entered for a chance to go on a charter fishing trip with the deckhands. While Travis and Russ were in the Sandusky area, they toured Firelands where they graciously offered encouragement to patients. As a result of this family-friendly event, over \$4,200 was raised for the Cancer Program Fund.

In September, the Foundation for Firelands held its first *Fashion Week, Sandusky Style*. This unique event for over 200 women, held at Plum Brook Country Club in Sandusky, included dinner, silent and live auction, and a fashion show to raise money to provide life-saving mammogram services. A portion of the ticket price benefited The Foundation for Firelands Mammogram Fund. *Fashion Week, Sandusky Style*, raised an astounding \$35,000.

*Fashion Week,
Sandusky Style*



*Dr. Vicenta
Gaspar-Yoo,
Physiatrist,
modeled for
Fashion Week,
Sandusky Style*



*Dr. Amy Reese, Medical
Oncologist, modeled for
Fashion Week, Sandusky Style*

*Members of the
Teen Leadership
Corp strike the
"deadliest" pose
with Travis Lofland
and Russ Newberry*

Pearls 'N Pretties for Prevention was held in October on both the Main and South Campuses of Firelands Regional Medical Center. Genuine freshwater pearl bracelets, gift note cards, sugar scrubs, candles and calendars were sold to raise funds for the Mammogram Fund. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the sale was also a great time to educate visitors and employees on this important topic.

The 2009 Annual Appeal of The Foundation for Firelands raised funds and awareness for the Cancer Program Fund. The Appeal offered donors a variety of ways to benefit the Cancer Program Fund and the programs and services of the University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center at Firelands Regional Medical Center.

Donors were given the opportunity to attend the foundation-sponsored concert of The Pointer Sisters, starring Ruth, Anita and Sadako Pointer, at the Sandusky State Theatre. A portion of the ticket was contributed to the Foundation for Firelands 2009 Annual Appeal, resulting in a donation to the Cancer Program Fund.

Girls Night Out and *Bras for a Cause* is a charity event that took place at Kalahari Resort Convention Center. Approximately 1200 people attended the event, making it a huge success. The proceeds benefited Cancer Services, Fisher-Titus Mammography Fund, Firelands Regional Medical Center Cancer Program Fund, and North Coast Cancer Foundation. The event encouraged participants to show their support by decorating a bra in whatever fashion they desired. The winner of the Bras for a Cause was chosen by popular vote, each vote \$1. This year's event raised an amazing \$35,000.

We thank all of those who sponsored, participated and donated their time to make all of the events successful. The proceeds from the 2009 Foundation for Firelands Annual Appeal will be used towards purchasing equipment to enhance patient and family care, implement additional programs and support groups, and provide quality diagnostic and therapeutic cancer care.



*Deadliest Catch
Charity Concert*



*The Pointer
Sisters*



*Bill Springer, Board
Vice Chair, enjoyed visiting
with the Pointer Sisters
at the concert*



“The patient interaction, the friendliness and quick response of this care team has made being hospitalized a great experience. In this day and age, that’s something!”

Robert Proy
Firelands Regional Medical Center
Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Patient
*(Shown with Dr. Christopher Parnell, Physical
Medicine & Rehabilitation and Physical
Therapist Brian Hall)*



Volunteer Team Members

There are few things more powerful than the feeling generated from giving back. Whether it's a gift of time, talent or treasure, giving to a worthwhile cause is an opportunity to do good for others and for the community.

The volunteers at Firelands Regional Medical Center give back their time and skills for many reasons, but most come to help others and contribute to the overall betterment of our community. Our volunteers enjoy being part of the Firelands team dedicated to providing the highest-quality healthcare to its patients and their families. Our volunteers serve in departments throughout the hospital in a variety of areas ranging from patient care services to office duties. Firelands has Volunteer Programs for students in high school and adults ages 18 and over.

In 2009, the following volunteers provided 30,101 hours of service:



Firelands Regional Medical Center Volunteers Billie Pifer and Nancy Gruver assemble patient packets.

Heather Amezquita
 Trudie Anderson
 Betsy Baerenklau
 Gary Baerenklau
 James Balduff
 Sherryl Balduff
 Elizabeth Banda
 Waneida Barney
 Joyce Basske
 Don Beckman
 Marilyn Beckman
 Theresa Behrends
 Caitlin Bement
 Jane Bettcher
 Amy Bower
 Ruth Brandle
 Charles Briehl
 Germaine Browder
 Mary Ann Brown
 Morgan Bruner
 Jerry Buontempo
 Lois Camp
 Ann Cassidy
 Patricia Cassidy
 Leanna Chesser
 Beverly Christy
 William Christy
 Ingrid Coiffard
 Jim Cremean
 Marjorie Cremean
 Janet Croom
 Ann Daniel
 Charlton DaSharon
 Sibyl Dendinger
 Armell DeRiso
 Colette DeRiso
 Noelle DeRiso
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 Roger Dodd
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 Pauline Edens

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 Jerry Ehrhardt
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 John Fultz
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 Jack Girard
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 Donna Greulich
 Elizabeth Growel
 Nancy Gruver
 Jean Gundlach
 Annie Hahn
 Becky Hall
 Melinda Hammersmith
 Drew Hanley
 Marilyn Hansen
 Ritchey Hansen
 Emmy Hart
 Rol Hart
 Pam Hartung-Kellem
 Joseph Hawkins
 Virginia Herhold
 Elder Heylard
 Patty Higgins
 Tanesha Hinton
 Michael Hoffman
 Helen Holl
 Leona Holzmilller
 Joanne Hosey
 Judith Hoskin
 William Hoskin
 Patricia Howard
 Gwen Hufnagle
 Robert Icsman
 Mattie Irby
 Gladys Janssen
 Walt Johnson
 Ellen Jones

Mary Justi
 Sophie Kanuer
 Darlene Keating
 Helen Keilman
 Grace Keller
 Sharon Kendall
 Donna Kieffer
 Robert Kieffer
 Janice Klenk
 Bridget Lajti
 Mark Lamar
 Shirley Langdon
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 Mary Ann Lublow
 Karen Mann
 Rosemary Mantey
 Shirley Mapus
 Dane Mark
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 Bev Matthews
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 Charles Odums
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 Mabel Opper
 Thomas Orihel
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 Cindy Plue

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 Linda Riggle
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 Dorothy Ruffer
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 Persephanie Sanabria
 Davis Satterlee
 Elder Saunders
 Marty Sawicki
 Eleanor Scheid
 Lucille Schenk
 Ethan Schild
 Marcia Schutt
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 Ellen Troike
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 Donna Van Auken
 Nancy Viviano
 Rosemary Walland
 Joan Walter
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 Ruth West
 Tina Whidden
 Sue Williams
 Gloria Winkel
 Tanya York
 Flo Young



Find a Cure and Get It Done

We all know or have heard of someone who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Research continues to help us understand the disease, but a cure has not yet been identified. Those individuals who promote breast cancer awareness keep our hope alive for finding a cure.

Melissa Fetter and her co-workers of Scarlett O'Hair's Salon and Spa are advocates for finding a cure. The Salon decided two years ago they wanted to do something to promote breast cancer awareness because many customers and staff have been affected in some way. They wanted to show their support to all who have been affected by this disease, and while collaborating, decided to raise money for University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center at Firelands Regional Medical Center to benefit local patients and clinical research trials. Money was raised by selling raffle tickets for a basket containing a hair dryer, straightener, and various hair styling products. Everything in the basket was pink, and Melissa acknowledged this was due to the fact that breast cancer is significant within the hair styling industry.

The raffle ran October 1st through October 31st, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Women's Health and Wellness Center

An Inside Look

The Women's Health and Wellness Center at Firelands Regional Medical Center has been designated as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, and is the only breast imaging center to receive this distinction in our community. The Women's Health and Wellness Center assures its patients the highest-quality in imaging, qualified personnel, equipment, and quality assurance programs. These technologies include Digital Mammography, Stereotactic Breast Biopsy, Breast Biopsy, Breast Ultrasound, and Ultrasound-guided Breast Biopsy.

The Firelands Women's Health and Wellness Center offers a self-referral program, and assists in providing mammograms through the Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project and The Foundation for Firelands Mammogram Fund.

The Foundation for Firelands Mammogram Fund offers financial assistance for mammography services to all individuals who do not qualify for the Ohio Breast and Cervical Project, and meet the Medical Center's financial assistance guidelines. The Ohio Breast and Cervical Project is a statewide breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic program, offered to eligible women and includes pelvic exams, Pap tests, clinical breast exams, mammograms, and diagnostic testing.

Studies show that one in eight women will develop breast cancer during their lifetime. Early detection of breast cancer is critical to improve outcomes. Self-breast exams are recommended once a month, beginning as early as the age of 20, in addition to receiving an annual exam by your primary health care provider.

Women 35 years of age and older without a personal history of breast cancer may self-refer and have access to the digital mammography services which have proven to be the single most beneficial tool in detecting early stages of breast cancer. In addition to being effective, digital mammography is quick and easy.

When the time comes, you have a choice of where to go for your breast imaging services. Tell your physician you choose Firelands Women's Health and Wellness Center:
703 Tyler Street, Suite 152
Sandusky, OH 44870
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Firelands Regional Medical Center - Auxiliary

Recognizing the Extraordinary Members of Our Auxiliary

The mission statement of the Firelands Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is to “promote public interest in Firelands Regional Medical Center and assist its patients through fund-raising programs. The money raised by the Auxiliary will be donated to Firelands Regional Medical Center for the purchase of equipment and other items as deemed necessary for the facility.”

Over the past 10 years the Auxiliary has donated over \$1 million to Firelands Regional Medical Center. The generous donations have greatly benefited the hospital, allowing for new equipment, furniture and accessories to be added throughout the facility. When the Auxiliary was first organized, it was comprised of members from the three Sandusky Hospitals (Sandusky Memorial, Good Samaritan and Providence) who later merged into one strong partnership now known as the Firelands Auxiliary. Through their hard work and dedication, those combined

members donated their fundraising efforts to purchase hospital equipment that has helped meet the healthcare needs of our community.

Prior to the merger of the hospitals into what is now Firelands Regional Medical Center, the three hospital auxiliaries worked together to host creative fundraisers and events, splitting the profits three ways between them. The “Hospital Follies”, a popular annual event held at the State Theatre, had local individuals (many of whom were members of the Medical Center’s Board of Directors) who would perform amusing skits while dressed in theatrical costume. The annual Lamplighter Ball, held at the historic Cedar Point Ballroom, also proved to be just as popular and considered a great success.

Several of the Auxiliary’s contributions to the Medical Center include the first televisions in the hospital, three patient transportation vans, pediatric services equipment, physical and occupational therapy equipment, digestive health and cardiac services equipment, wheelchairs, and CPR manikins for the School of Nursing, along with many other monetary donations commemorating lifetime honorary Auxiliary members.

Another longtime tradition of the Auxiliary is the



Joan Walter, the 2009 Firelands Auxiliary President, works the Buckeye Chocolate Auxiliary Fundraiser in the lobby of the Firelands East Tower to benefit patient care needs.

Auxiliary Members

decorating of the hospital during the holiday season. Decorations consist of beautiful arrangements, trees, wreaths and ornaments, some of which have been handmade by members throughout the years. A small, dedicated craft group (made up of Auxiliary members) creates tray favors, "Care Bears", and abdominal pillows, by hand, for patients and children helping to brighten their visit. The Auxiliary also provides fresh flowers and a smoke detector to each new mother who delivers their baby at Firelands Regional Medical Center.

The Auxiliary is tireless in their fundraising efforts. Annual sales included book, candy, and jewelry sales in addition to staffing the Gift Shops with volunteers. Every dollar raised is a dollar put towards our hospital facilities and equipment. In 2008, the Auxiliary contributed \$60,744 to the Physical and Occupational Therapy and Pediatric Clinics along with a \$97,300 donation in 2009 towards the new Pediatric Unit. In 2010 the hospital became second in the state to provide Digestive Health and Cardiac services using new high definition Manometry equipment thanks to funding by the Auxiliary.

Each member of the Auxiliary is a dedicated and thoughtful individual who strives to help provide our Medical Center with the best and most current healthcare equipment and education available. Members genuinely care about the well-being of patients, and are eager to help make a difference any way that's needed. The time each Auxiliary member spends volunteering, whether it is in the Gift Shop or other areas of service, truly benefits Firelands Regional Medical Center and its patients. Members are men and women from all walks of life who participate in Auxiliary activities, attend meetings with speakers, or simply lend their support through annual membership dues. Auxiliary members are encouraged to volunteer on a schedule that accommodates their busy lives.

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Steve Ayres
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Nancy Bahnsen
Sherryl Balduff
Joyce Barnes
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Sandie Beal
Arlyn Bensch
Marilyn Bossetti
Ruth Brandle
Joan Brown
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Mae Butler
Mary Caponi
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