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SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

GLENNON GUILD

Friends of the Glennon Guild

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Happy Summer, Guild Members and Friends!

Following up on our inaugural email newsletter, we are excited to showcase the ongoing initiatives of the Glennon Guild in support of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Our goal with this second edition, e-newsletter format, is to share the latest updates on our fundraising efforts, one committee at a time. As a group of passionate women, committed to making a difference, we are united by a common purpose: raising awareness and funds to support Cardinal Glennon and its mission of providing exceptional and accessible health care to children in need. Your dedication, compassion and generosity have already made a profound impact, and together, we continue to light the way for innumerable young patients and their families, which is the perfect segue to announce our new motto:

100 women, one mission, under one sun, brightening countless Cardinal Glennon lives.

As we wrap up our 2023-2024 year, we are not only celebrating our accomplishments, but also bragging a little bit. We are delighted to transition our 14 enthusiastic new members from Provisional to Active status and welcome 10 new women who are ready to share their time and extensive talents with our membership. The interest in the newly established Glennon Guild Junior Board has been overwhelming, with an impressive 54% increase in membership and a 55% increase in the number of participating high schools, extending the outreach of awareness for Cardinal Glennon further into the St. Louis Metro East as well as into downstate Missouri.



The inception of Guild social events to build community and engage members outside of committee work has been much welcomed, with events well attended and many new friendships formed. We expect the upcoming Pickleball Social to be popular and a lot of fun, in addition to raising money for the hospital.

We are grateful to Guild members who are transitioning from leadership positions, our Co-President, Laura Baylis and those stepping into new roles as Executive Board members, like Connie Sigmund and Pam Janisch. Jackie Paletta will step up into the vacated Co-President role as Karen Page's partner and Traci Ragsdale will now be our Vice President in charge of Membership.



Laura Baylis, Gretchen Schulte and Karen Page guests on The Glennon Factor Podcast

If you haven't tuned in yet to [The Glennon Factor podcast](#), why not?! The first season is six episodes of phenomenal examples of the everyday exceptional care provided by Cardinal Glennon! The second season will drop soon, so catch up and follow it, like it and share it. You might hear some familiar voices during the next season! Listen from wherever you get your podcasts or watch it on YouTube.

Looking forward to the beginning of our 2024-2025 year, we continue to express our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you. The collective efforts and shared love for the children of Cardinal Glennon make all our accomplishments possible. May this upcoming year continue to unite the Guild, inspire us, and bring joy to those who serve, as we collaborate to secure essential resources for the kids and families of Cardinal Glennon!

Warm regards,

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History and Mission of the Glennon Guild



Established in 1957, the Glennon Guild is a dynamic women's auxiliary with over 100 members devoted to supporting SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Committed to providing resources, volunteer services and advocacy, the Guild ensures the well-being of the hospital and its young patients.

CELEBRATING THE PAST

Gift Tags for Glennon

The Gift Tags for Glennon committee has been very busy creating and selling beautiful gift tags. Our gift tags celebrate life events, such as baby and bridal showers, birthdays, anniversaries, holidays — especially Christmas, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings and more. This year there were many new and unique designs, including our “Color Your Own Tag” kit which comes with crayons, gift tags and ribbons that the whole family can color.



Gift Tags for Glennon check presentation



The Glennon Guild and the newly formed Glennon Guild Junior Board members donated many hours creating the tags and volunteering at nine fall boutiques throughout the St. Louis area, including Chaminade College Preparatory School, DeSmet Jesuit High School, the Grecian Kitchen, the Kirkwood Greentree Festival, Mary Queen of Peace, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis University High School, Visitation Academy and Glennon Card Shoppes Boutique, which kicks off the sale of the Glennon Card.

The Guild presented a check for \$10,100 to the Foundation to use for the hospital's Child Life Department, whose mission is “to advocate for the emotional and educational needs of all the patients and their families.”

Outside of the various boutiques, gift tags may be purchased throughout the year at Blue Dahlia in Webster Groves, JAC Boutique in Town & Country, Rusted Chandelier in Kirkwood, The Woman's Exchange of St. Louis, There She Goes in Warson Woods, and The Toy Box gift shop at the hospital. A huge thank you to all our amazing Guild volunteers who ceaselessly continue throughout the year to cut, stamp, corner round, color and attach ribbons to our magnificent tags!



Guild members assemble gift tags

If you would like to help make tags, or host a tag creation party, please contact glennonguildteam@gmail.com.

SHARING THE CURRENT

Guild Resource Room

We have an official name and sign on our door. We are now the Guild Resource Room and have been in continuous existence in some form or another, since the Guild was founded in 1957! Formerly Sweet Babies/GiFT, the new name better reflects the work the Glennon Guild does to support children receiving services from the hospital.



The Guild Resource Room supports the hospital by providing baby and children's items to patients and their families. Family Navigators and Social Workers have open access to our Resource Room. Other departments, including Danis Pediatric Clinics, the Emergency Department, NICU, Foster Care, General Care, Complex Care, Oncology, Outpatient Services and others have access as well.



Each year allocated Guild funds and various collections provide essentials such as diapers, clothing, sleepers, babies' and childrens' needs, pack 'n plays, strollers and personal care items to hundreds of financially challenged Cardinal Glennon families, serving 920 families during 2023. Enhancing our support are two incredible charitable organizations, **Sweet Babies** and **GiFT**, which was founded and is run by Guild member and NICU nurse, Jennifer Krassingier.

Our Guild Resource Room committee ensures the area is stocked and organized at all times. We salute them for their continued and unending dedication to this

important Glennon Guild mission. If you would like to join the committee and/or donate, please contact glennonguildteam@gmail.com.

Glennon Guild Junior Board

Following a very successful inaugural year, the Glennon Guild Junior Board (GGJB) is just beginning a greater outreach for and awareness of Cardinal Glennon, its patients and families. We are extremely proud of our original members who served the needs of the hospital while honing leadership and philanthropic skills. Through their activities and collections, the members modeled and nurtured beautiful examples of love and giving at their respective high schools.



During the spring months, the Junior Board members collected more than 400 books and 218 activity kits for patients to enjoy during the time they are hospitalized. These items are a much-needed diversion for children who sometimes face weeks or even months of hospital confinement. The \$2000 in cash they raised was given to the Child Life department to fund their extensive needs.



This group of awe-inspiring teenagers is being encouraged to take on leadership roles and to brainstorm new ideas to support their mission of serving, promoting and supporting the needs of Cardinal Glennon families. One student initiated an

individual fundraising effort to sell homemade “Pocket Crosses”, which netted more than \$2,100 for the hospital.

As they conclude their first year of service, we are extremely proud of them. They impress us with their generosity, creativity and diligence, so much so that we established “The Young Philanthropist Award”, which recognizes outstanding service to the organization. To be considered for the award, an Executive or Ambassador must be in good standing; show impactful leadership and participation in GGJB activities or initiate a pre-approved impactful personal project benefitting the hospital. Candidates are nominated by a Glennon Guild committee member and approved by the GGJB committee.



Ava Fritz speaking at GGJB meeting

We are pleased to announce the 2024 winner of the GGJB Young Philanthropist Award is Ava Fritz from Cor Jesu Academy whose “Pocket Crosses” raised funds for the Child Life Department.

For this upcoming school year’s group, we received impressive and inspiring applications from more than 200 students and 17 different schools. We look forward to building on last year’s accomplishments and raising more awareness for the patients and families of Cardinal Glennon as the program evolves and continues to grow. Moving forward the Junior Board will take over the annual winter coat drive, started by the Guild, so the Guild may focus on other needs.

A CALL TO ACTION

Guild Resource Room

If you are interested in donating over the summer months, the Resource Room is always in need of the following items:

- New or gently used (and laundered) play clothes (put together into outfits please) in sizes up to 8; especially needed in sizes 4T to 8
- New toddler/children-size tennis shoes
- Diaper ointment
- Baby wash and shampoo
- Dr. Brown’s bottles

To donate, please email GlennonGuildTeam@gmail.com for drop off location.

Links to Amazon wish lists:

[Feminine Hygiene Collection](#)

[Restock the Book Cart](#)

2024 Executive Committee

LEADERSHIP

Co-Presidents: Karen Page and Jackie Paletta

Vice President: Traci Ragsdale

Recording Secretary: Susie Montebello

Corresponding Secretary: Connie Sigmund

Treasurer: Kim Sullivan

Assistant and Dues Treasurer: Nancy Mooney

Historians: Elizabeth Brennan and Jan Donovan

Advisors (Active Past Presidents): Laura Baylis, Ginny Hartman, Julie Holland, Joanne Noyes, Constance Reis, Gretchen Schulte, Sue Soucy, Meg Terry

2024-2025 EVENTS AND COMMITTEES

Deck the Halls Holiday Homes Tour: Angela Forte and Linda Komlos

Feminine Hygiene Products Drive: Julie Sharp

Glennon Card: Tricia Davies, Lori Hartman, Julie Meersman, Beth Pelch, Mary Ellen Stephens

Glennon Card Shoppes Boutique: Judy Dude and Kim Gorman

Glennon Guild Junior Board: Laura Baylis, Jan Donovan and Kim Minana

Guild Resource Room: Ann Brunngraber, Jennifer Krassinger, Linda Maloney and Monica Meara

- **Collections:** Clare Salmon and Erika Wegman

Gift Tags: Nancy Mooney, Joanne Noyes, and Gina Ryan

Hospitality:

- **Daytime:** Marilyn Berry, Barb Finnegan, Liz Marshall, Jane Megown
- **Evening:** Jane Abele, Margaret Spooner, Jean Wilhelm, Mary Lynn Wilhelm

Restock the Book Cart: Mary Scalzo



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